



Supplementary Events

(Effective from 1 January 2026)

Additional Information and Member Q&A

1. Additional Information

1. Overview

The AgShows NSW Supplementary Events Policy has been formally endorsed by the ASC Board and takes effect from **1 January 2026**.

The policy provides a consistent and transparent framework for the approval, oversight, management and insurance of **supplementary events** conducted by Member Societies outside their Annual Show, when those events are conducted under a Member Society's banner.

The policy is designed to balance flexibility for Member Societies with appropriate governance, risk management, insurance compliance and coordination across the show calendar.

2. What is a Supplementary Event?

A **supplementary event** is any event conducted by a Member Society outside its Annual Show.

Types of Supplementary Events

Supplementary events include, but are not limited to:

- **Show Horse Events** (for RAS performance purposes)
 - **Other Horse Events**, including: pony club events, novelty events, gymkhanas, showjumping, dressage, campdraft, team penning, clinics etc.
 - **Livestock Competition Events**, including: sheep, cattle, goats, pigs, dogs etc.
 - **General Events**, including: markets, art shows, field days, swap meets, car boot sales

3. Supplementary Show Horse Events (RAS Performance Purposes)

From **1 January 2026**, Member Societies may conduct:

- **One (1) Supplementary Show Horse Event per calendar year for RAS performance purposes, in addition to their Annual Show.**

Important Clarification

The following events **are not classified as Supplementary Show Horse Events for RAS performance purposes** and are **not subject to the one-event limit**: pony club events, novelty events, gymkhanas, showjumping, dressage, campdraft, team penning, clinics and other equestrian activities not assessed for RAS performance

These events may continue to be conducted, subject to normal approval and insurance requirements.

4. Why the Policy Has Been Introduced

The Supplementary Events Policy supports:

- risk management and insurance compliance
- appropriate Group and AgShows NSW oversight
- clarity around supplementary Show Horse events for RAS performance purposes
- event quality, integrity and conduct standards
- consistency and coordination across neighbouring shows
- avoidance of scheduling conflicts

5. Transition Arrangements (2026)

The Board recognises that many Member Societies had already planned or approved supplementary events for 2026 prior to the policy being finalised.

Accordingly, **2026 will operate as a transition year.**

Previously Approved Events

- Supplementary Show Horse Events **approved prior to 1 January 2026** may proceed as approved.
- These events will be recognised for **RAS performance purposes.**

Exemptions During the Transition Year

- During 2026, Member Societies may apply for an exemption where there are **compelling circumstances.**
- Requests will be assessed **case-by-case** in accordance with the policy.

Full Compliance

- Full compliance with the policy will apply from **1 January 2027.**

2. Member Q&A

Q: When does the Supplementary Events Policy apply?

A: The policy commenced on **1 January 2026**.

Q: Is Group approval required for supplementary events other than Show Horse Events?

A: No. Group approval is **not required** for supplementary events other than Show Horse Events.

However:

- All supplementary events **must be listed on the AgShows NSW website**.
- The decision to post **general supplementary events** rests with the individual Member Society.
- **All supplementary events must be included in the Annual Insurance Declaration figures** to ensure appropriate insurance coverage.

Q: What is the correct procedure for setting supplementary Show Horse events?

A: Member Societies **must have their Group approve** their supplementary Show Horse events.

Q: How can we ensure the RAS will consider our supplementary Show Horse event?

A: The event must:

- be listed on the **AgShows NSW website**, and
- be included in the **Date List Book**.

Q: How many supplementary Show Horse events are allowed?

A: Member Societies may conduct **one (1) Supplementary Show Horse Event per calendar year** for RAS performance purposes, in addition to their Annual Show.

Q: Which events does this limit apply to?

A: The limit applies **only** to Show Horse events conducted for **RAS performance purposes**.

- It **does not apply** to other equestrian events such as: including: pony club events, novelty events, gymkhanas, showjumping, dressage, campdraft, team penning, clinics etc.

These may continue subject to normal approval and insurance requirements.

Q: What about supplementary Show Horse events already approved for 2026?

A: Any supplementary Show Horse events approved **prior to 1 January 2026** may proceed as approved and will be recognised for RAS performance purposes.

Q: Are there transition arrangements?

A: Yes. 2026 is a transition year.

- Limited exemptions may be granted where there are compelling circumstances.
- Requests are assessed on a **case-by-case basis**.
- Full compliance is expected from **1 January 2027**.

Q: Do supplementary events need to be declared for insurance?

A: Yes. All supplementary events must be declared:

- in your **Annual Insurance Declaration**, or
- notified to **AgShows NSW** if planned later in the year.

This is essential to ensure appropriate insurance coverage.

Q: Where can we get help or further advice?

A:The full Supplementary Events Policy is available on the **AgShows NSW website**.

For assistance, please contact the **AgShows NSW Office**.