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## 2026 GATTON HEAVY HORSE COMPETITION

***“QLD Championships”***

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

JUDGE: Michael Saunders (WA)

### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Event 1: Specimen:** Make a Plain Stamp Front Shoe out of 18 ½ inches of 1 ¼” x ½” flat bar stock.

Toe clipped, punched for 6 x E10 nails as per specimen.

Width: 8 ¾ inches

Length to outside heel: 8 ¼ inches

Shoe one foot with a ¾ Fullered Toe Clipped Shoe using flat bar stock and nails to suit.

**RASPING ALLOWED.**

Time: 70 minutes.

**Event 2: Specimen:** Make a ¾ Fullered Hind Shoe from two 9-inch pieces of 1 ¼” x ½” flat bar stock welded. Toe clipped, punched for 6 x E10 nails as per specimen.

Width: 8 inches.

Length to outside heel: 8 ½ inches.

Shoe one foot with a ¾ Fullered Toe Clipped Shoe using flat bar stock and nails to suit.

**RASPING ALLOWED.**

Time: 70 mins

### Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Event 3: Specimen:** Make a Double Calkin Shoe out of 19 inches of 1 ¼” x ½” flat bar stock. Toe clipped, punched for 6 x E10 nails as per specimen.

Width: 7 ¾ inches

Length to outside heel: 8 ¼ inches

Shoe one foot with a ¾ Fullered Toe Clipped Shoe using flat bar stock and nails to suit.

**RASPING ALLOWED.**

Time: 80 minutes.

**Event 4: Specimen:** Make a shoe using 1 ¼” x ½” flat bar stock to match the Judges’ Specimen.

Shoe one foot with a ¾ Fullered Toe Clipped Shoe using flat bar stock and nails to suit.

**RASPING ALLOWED.**

Time: 70 minutes.

**Blacksmithing Component:** Make a pair of Shoe Pullers from 18 inches of 1 ¼” x 3/8”. Overall length 15 ½ inches with 3 inches between the jaws as per specimen. Shoe Pullers will need to be made during the 4 classes and will be judged after the last event concludes. **(COMPETITORS TO SUPPLY OWN RIVET). RASPING ALLOWED.** To be judged by Michael Saunders.

### **Points Breakdown:**

- 20 pts Blacksmith Component
- 20 pts Specimen Component
- 40 pts Shoeing Component

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- This event will be capped at 12 teams to compete only.
- The competition will be run over two days and is for three-man teams.
- Teams can be made up of individuals from any State or Country.
- Trophies for 1st to 3rd place. Prizemoney 1st to 5th place (depending on entries)
- Draw will be emailed out one week prior to commencement of event.
- ***QLD competitors must be P.F.B.A.Q members to compete.***
- ***Interstate competitors must complete AON indemnity form and pay \$20 weekend membership fee which includes insurance prior to the event. The insurance provided to you is Public Liability Insurance only – not Personal Accident Insurance.***
  
- **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2026.**

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

Room Motels Gatton 33 Lake Apex Drive Gatton, (07) 5462 1111.  
Gatton View Hotel/Motel, 111 Railway St, Gatton (07) 5462 1072.  
Gatton Motel, 74 Railway Street, Gatton (07) 5462 1333  
Hatton Vale Motel, Warrego Highway, Hatton Vale. (07) 5465 6611  
Gatton Caravan Park, Warrego Highway, Gatton (07) 5462 1198  
Camping is allowed on the showgrounds with full amenities available for a small fee.  
**Accommodation needs to be booked as early as possible.**

### **EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED:**

Coke Forge  
O'Dwyer workshop anvil set on bench with a fixed vice  
Sledgehammer

### **COMPETITION RULES:**

The following are rules for the duration of the competition. Clarification of these rules should be sought prior to commencement of the competition. Failure to comply with competition rules may result in disqualification.

1. The competition is a team event comprising three people (fireman/striker, shoemaker and floor person).
2. Each member is permitted to perform any of the above tasks.
3. Only one hoof to be worked on at any one time.
4. The team can be made up of competitors from any country, state or territory and must remain as a team throughout the competition.
5. Any involvement of non-team members during the competition is not permitted.
6. Competitors are to supply and be responsible for their own hand tools.
7. Time limits will be **strictly adhered to**. On competition of time allowed, the shoes must be placed on the anvil and all work on the horse shall cease.
8. Event must be completed to score.
9. Competitors shall not enter another team's work area.
10. If in the event of equipment breakdown, the competitor is to signal the steward. Time will then be stopped for that team and restarted again when the problem has resolved. (This does not include hand tools).
11. Any technique seen to be detrimental to the horse's well-being will not be permitted as determined by judging officials.
12. **Anybody inside the competition arena or cut-off saw area must wear safety glasses. This is compulsory. No excuses will be accepted.** It is the competitor's responsibility to bring safety glasses

to the competition.

13. **Competitors are to organize their own horse holders for the competition.**
14. Non-competitors are not to enter the competition area unless instructed by a steward.
15. Hot rasping will be allowed unless otherwise stated.
16. Swaging tools are not permitted.
17. Flatters are permitted (a flatter is described as any tool with a flat working surface that is used between the hammer and the object being worked).
18. Competitors may do a rough cut if they have a horse with an excessively long foot after conferring with a steward and doing the rough cut in the presence of the steward.
19. Feet – sandpaper allowed.
20. No foreign substances allowed on foot or shoe.
21. The judge's decision is final.
22. Anyone found under the influence of alcohol prior to competing will be disqualified.
23. A Disputes Committee will be formed and shall consist of three elected non-competing members of the P.F.B.A.Q. Competitors submitting an objection must do so in writing no later than one (1) hour after the event in which the alleged offence took place. Failure to do so will result in the objection being dismissed. A \$50.00 deposit must accompany the written objection, this deposit will be returned to the competitor should the objection be sustained by the Disputes Committee.

**BLUEPRINTS – 2026 GATTON HEAVY HORSE COMPETITION**  
**OLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

***Event 1 – Plain Stamped Front Shoe***



*Event 2 – ¾ Fullered Hind Shoe*



*Event 3 – Double Calkin*



*Event 4 – Shoe Pullers*

Blacksmithing Component



18 inches of 1 1/4" x 3/8"  
Total Length: 15 1/2"  
3 inches between the jaws

# **2026 GATTON HEAVY HORSE COMPETITION – QLD Championships**

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## **ENTRY FORM**

**ENTRIES CLOSE: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**

Entry Fee: \$200.00 per team member

- **No late entries accepted. Proof of payment must be attached to entry.**
- **Competitors must be a PFBAQ or AFBA affiliated member to compete at this event.**
- **For insurance purposes Non-PFBAQ members must complete the attached waiver form and pay \$20 for 2 day membership.**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Bank Details - Account Name:</b>	
<b>BSB:</b>	<b>Account Number:</b>
<b>Please note: this is for prize money purposes.</b>	
<b>TEAM MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<b>Total (add \$20 if you are not a current PFBAQ member)</b>	

### **Proof of payment attached**

Please make cheque payable to: Professional Farriers & Blacksmiths Assoc of Qld  
Or direct deposit: Suncorp. BSB: 484-799 Account: 00 000 3691 Reference: Surname Gatton

**Entries to be sent to PFBAQ Secretary:**  
Lara McDonald, PO Box 1366, WOODFORD QLD 4514  
Text: 0421 787 821  
Email: [pfbaq.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:pfbaq.secretary@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Competitors are to organize their own horse holders for the competition.



## Release and Waiver of Liability Horse Sports are a Dangerous Activity

Supplier of recreational service:

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in horse sport activities, I, the undersigned, understand, acknowledge and accept that:

Horse sports are a dangerous recreational activity and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt.

There is significant risk that serious **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from horse sport activities and in particular this activity.

I/We confirm the Recreational Service Supplier has explained this document to me/us and I/we am/are aware of the implications, intent and effect of agreeing to signing the document. I/We furthermore confirm I/we am/are aware of the obvious risks associated with activities involving horses and I/we knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the Recreational Service Supplier (hereafter referred to as the "Releasees") or others and I voluntarily PARTICIPATE at my OWN RISK and assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I may suffer that arises from my participation in horse related activities.

I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind altering drugs before and during the activity and I take full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage associated with their consumption. I agree not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by law before or during this activity.

I agree to follow the directions given to me and that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction can result in the **CANCELLATION** of participation in the activity and my immediate removal from any horse **NO MATTER** where that may occur. I understand that any such non-compliance may result in injury, death and/or permanent disability and I agree to indemnify the Releasees against all claims made by any person as a result of my failure to comply.

I agree to wear a helmet at all times whilst riding and agree that I am solely responsible for ensuring that I wear a suitable helmet at all times and take sole responsibility for my actions.

I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND AGREE NOT TO SUE the Recreational Service Supplier, their officers, officials, volunteers, coaches, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the activities (all of whom are referred to as "Releasees") WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of riding experience: \_\_\_\_\_

### Agreement to exclude, restrict or modify your rights:

I agree that the liability of the above named Recreational Service Supplier for any personal injury that may result from the supply of the recreational services that may be suffered by me (or a person for whom or on whose behalf I am acquiring the services) is completely and unconditionally —

(a) excluded;

I/we have had sufficient opportunity to read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement or where required, explained to me/us, fully understand its terms, understand that I/we have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without inducement, undue pressure or influence of any kind.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Participant \_\_\_\_\_