

# JUNIOR CATTLE SCHEDULE 2026

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**ALL JUNIOR ENTRIES CLOSE** – Midnight 13 February 2026

No late entries accepted

Entries must be submitted through the RNCAS competition website <https://entries.rncas.org.au/Account/ExhibitorLogin>

Correspondence and enquiries to – Cattle Administrator – [cattle@rncas.org.au](mailto:cattle@rncas.org.au) Please include contact phone number and exhibitor name as per entry in all correspondence

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

### ENTRY FEES 2026

20% discount will apply to RNCAS members. To qualify for the discounted entry fees, exhibitor's membership of the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society must be paid prior to completing application for entries. A refund of the discount will not be made if entries are completed before membership is paid.

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| School Paraders                 | \$5.00           |
| Junior Paraders                 | \$5.00           |
| Junior Judging                  | \$5.00           |
| Meat Judging                    | Nil              |
| Inter-Schools Auctioneer        | Nil              |
| Group Finals                    | Nil              |
| Alan Dunk Memorial Open Parader | \$5.00           |
| Young Farmer Challenge          | \$10.00 per team |

Please Note: RNCAS will be closed from 22 December 2025 through to 5 January 2026.

### SCHOOL PARADERS

Applications for entry shall be completed by the relevant schools. The school must be exhibiting steers or stud animals at the RNCAS. Competitors shall be representing a school which has an entry in the RNCAS cattle show.

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Class 700</b> | <b>Primary School</b> |
| <b>Class 701</b> | <b>12 to 14 years</b> |
| <b>Class 702</b> | <b>15-16 years</b>    |
| <b>Class 703</b> | <b>17-18 years</b>    |

### JUNIOR PARADERS

Open to competitors 18 and under who are competing at the RNCAS but not with a school.

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Class 704</b> | <b>12 years and under</b> |
| <b>Class 705</b> | <b>13-18 years</b>        |

### JUNIOR JUDGING

Open to all competitors under 25. This competition will be run concurrently with the Group 7 Final.

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Class 706</b> | <b>Under 12 years</b>    |
| <b>Class 707</b> | <b>12 – 14 years</b>     |
| <b>Class 708</b> | <b>15 &amp; 16 years</b> |
| <b>Class 709</b> | <b>17 &amp; 18 years</b> |
| <b>Class 710</b> | <b>19 – 25 years</b>     |

### MEAT JUDGING

Applications for entry will be to school students for the 2026 Show and shall be completed by the relevant schools. This will be conducted off site and will necessitate travelling by bus to an off-site location.

In 2026 numbers are restricted to 4 students from each school.

The competition will involve retail cut identification, primal identification and a class of primal judging.

**Class 711**



### INTER-SCHOOLS AUCTIONEERS

Applications for entry will be completed by the relevant schools. A maximum of two students per school. Competition will be held as a mock auction.

General Structure of Competition

- Heat selling 2 pens of lambs at the show (approx. 2 min per competitor)
- Final selling 1 sheep (approx. 1.5 min per competitor)

**Class 712**      **Novice**

**Class 713**      **Advanced**

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## CHAMPION SCHOOL – SPONSORED BY RIVERINA STOCKFEED

Points will be awarded to all school competitors across the competitions held on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Paraders Group Final is not included in the Champion School Competition.



## GROUP 7 FINALS -

Competitors can compete in multiple Group Finals unless already qualified for that particular competition. If already qualified, they are eligible to enter for practice only but must inform the organisers before competition begins.

They must be residing in either NSW or the ACT; or be in regular paid employment in NSW or the ACT; or be in full-time education in NSW or the ACT at the time of first competing in any competition year. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RESIDE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE GROUP CONDUCTING THE FINAL.

To enter the Group Finals separate individual entries are required.

### A. PARADERS - F002 QUALIFIER

#### **Class 714**

Open to all competitors over 13 years and under 19 on 1st May, 2026.

Finalists to progress to Class F002 at the Royal Easter Show 2026 and will be chosen on the following scale:

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 to 10 entries  | 3 to compete in finals  |
| 11 to 20 entries | 6 to compete in finals  |
| 21 to 30 entries | 9 to compete in finals  |
| over 30 entries  | 10 to compete in finals |

Competitors must lead a Steer or Junior Heifer (not over 20 months).

Competitors in all Paraders' Competitions shall wear a white dust coat with no logo.

Hats are optional whilst parading before a Judge, however caps are not permitted.

## B. JUNIOR JUDGING – GROUP 7 QUALIFIER

#### **Class 715**

Open to all competitors over 15 and under 25 on 1st May, 2026.

## ALAN DUNK MEMORIAL OPEN PARADERS

#### **Class 716 12 Years & Under**

#### **Class 717 13 to 18 years**

#### **Class 718 19 Years and Over**

A huge thank you to Mrs Pauline Dunk for her sponsorship of the Alan Dunk Memorial Open Paraders competition. Together Alan and Pauline had Tumblegum Galloways and exhibited Grand Champion Galloways at Canberra Royal on several occasions, they enjoyed the company of other exhibitors. Alan passed away October 2020, those that knew Alan remember a man that liked to have a chat and always there to lend a hand.

## BRED/PURCHASED AND OWNED

#### **Class 719**

The owner and or breeder of the exhibit is under 25 years of age and the animal must be registered with the appropriate society under the youth member's name.

Proof of registration and ownership must accompany the application for entry. An entire copy (both sides if applicable) of the registration certificate must be provided.

## RNCAS YOUNG FARMER CHALLENGE

#### **Class 720**

The Royal Canberra Show is holding an Australian Young Farmer Challenge, in a fast-paced, agricultural skills-based competition where teams of young men and women battle it out to take home the champion title and a share in the prizes. The team must consist of FOUR (4) members, including both males and females (min 1 of each sex) between the ages of 18 and 35.

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## TIMETABLE

**Thursday 12 February 2026**  
**All Junior Entries Close. No entries will be accepted after this date.**

**Tuesday 17 February 2026**  
From 10am Schools and Steers Arrive

**Wednesday 18 February 2026**  
9am Teachers Meeting  
11am School Paraders  
1pm Junior Paraders  
2.00pm Hoof & Hook Steer/Heifer Weighing  
3.00pm Non-Kill Steer/Heifer Weighing  
3.30pm Meat Judging  
4pm Educational Talk  
5pm Inter- School Auctioneer  
10am to 5pm (AMPC) Interactive Virtual Reality Sessions

**Thursday 19 February 2026**  
8.00am Junior Judging – Visuals  
9.45am Steer Judging Hoof  
11am Steer Judging Led  
12.30pm Junior Judging – Orals  
2.30pm School Parade – Champion School  
3pm Steers Leave  
4pm F002 Group Final - Paraders  
5.30 pm Jackpot Class

**Friday 20 February 2026**  
Stud Judging

**Saturday 21 February 2026**  
8am Stud Judging  
1pm Grand Parade  
3pm Champion of Champions

**Sunday 22 February 2026**  
9am Alan Dunk Memorial Open Paraders  
11am Bred / Purchased and Owned  
1pm Young Farmers Challenge

Any questions concerning the Junior Show should be directed to Annette Fairall 0418 298 162 or Daryl Holder 0417 263 460.

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