



The Afghan Hound Club of NSW presents:

2026 Afghan Hound Junior Handling Competition

Dare to Present Royalty – A Breed Beyond Compare

No Afghan Hound? No Problem — We'll Supply the Royalty

Date: **Saturday, 28th March 2026**

Judge: **Brigette Bryson**

Special Guest Presenter: **Wendye Slatyer**

Venue: **The Bill Spillstead Complex for Canine Affairs**
44 Luddenham RD, Orchard Hills – **Ring 2**

Start: **Not before 1 pm.** To be held at the conclusion of the **Afghan Hound National & Afghan Hound Breed Specialty Shows**, which commence at 10 am. Please see the schedule on The Afghan Hound Club of NSW's [Facebook](#) page or [OZ Entries](#)).

PRIZES

1st Place: **Sash and \$80 Cash Card**

2nd Place: **Sash and \$50 Cash Card**

3rd Place: **Sash and \$30 Cash Card**

All entries receive a gift from **Smashing Cakes – Australasian Chocolatier of the Year 2025**.

ELIGIBILITY

Handlers must be aged between **11 and 18 years** on the day of the competition.

Dogs must be Afghan Hounds entered in the National or Breed Specialty Show.

All entrants must have previous junior handler or conformation handling experience.

ENTRIES

To enter, please contact **Kat Bailey** via email [**kat.bailey@det.nsw.edu.au**](mailto:kat.bailey@det.nsw.edu.au) by **8:00 pm** on **Friday, 20th March 2026**.

Afghan Hounds will be provided for any junior handler who notifies Kat Bailey by 8:00 pm on Friday, 20th March 2026.

PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION:

- To encourage junior participation in purebred dog showing
- Provide practical experience handling Afghan Hounds
- Promote sportsmanship and ringcraft
- To offer constructive feedback from an award-winning breed specialist and hound group judge.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging is based solely on the handler's performance, including ring procedure, control of the dog, presentation skills and sportsmanship.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- This competition is **NOT** a Dogs NSW / ANKC-sanctioned Junior Handlers Competition, so no points will be awarded toward any ANKC or Dogs NSW Junior Handler point score systems.
- This is a stand-alone event conducted solely by The Afghan Hound Club of NSW.
- Any changes to the competition as listed above are at the discretion of the organiser.

SPONSORS:

Gifts and prizes sponsored by **Smashing Cakes – Australasian Chocolatier of the Year 2025**.

Sashes sponsored by **Natalie Robbins**.