



GATE 2 PLATE CHALLENGE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Elders will finance the Entry costs, minus \$500 deposit, payable upon entry, at no cost to Gate 2 Plate Challenge Entrants.

DATAMARS





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CATTLE

- Each team will contain only steers. No heifers will be accepted into the 2026 Gate 2 Plate Challenge. A team will consist of a minimum of three (3) steers, up to a maximum of four (4) steers. Points from the three (3) best performing steers will be combined to identify the overall winning team.

Competitors retain ownership of the cattle throughout the Gate 2 Plate Challenge and receive proceeds for all animals entered, after processing through the supply chain.

- It is the owners' responsibility to select cattle at an appropriate entry weight, condition, and age to ensure they will meet the processors specifications. To assist with your selections the suggested entry weight is 340 - 380 kg. The processor specifications are:

| HGP FREE MSA YEARLING CATTLE SPECIFICATION GRID | |
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| Type | British and European Breeds and their crosses |
| Carcass Weight (dressed) | 210-310kg |
| Fat | 4-17mm |
| Dentition | 0-2 teeth |
| Cattle must be HGP (hormone growth promotant) FREE | |

- **The cattle entered may be either Owner Bred or Non-Owner Bred.**
- The cattle you enter must:
 - Be able to show full lifetime traceability
 - Not currently or at any time have had HGP's (hormone growth promotants) implanted.
 - Have had both testicles completely removed. Stags will not be accepted.
 - Have no unhealed wounds resulting from castration and show no excessive signs of secondary characteristics because of being late cut.
 - Be either polled or dehorned with no regrowth that has sharp edges or is more than 10cm. Animals that have been dehorned must be healed at the time of induction.

All challenge animals will be assessed by 5 independent industry scrutineers, at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards. Any animal deemed to be of questionable suitability, will be withdrawn from the challenge. The decision will be made on a majority basis and their decision will be final.

- Pink Eye Infections – Animals presented for the challenge should be free of pink eye infection. A minor case of pink eye is acceptable provided that it has been treated and acceptance confirmed with Gate 2 Plate Challenge committee prior to delivery to the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards. All animals must be deemed fit to travel.
- If any animal in the challenge requires, on Veterinary advice, antibiotic, or other treatment to ensure its welfare throughout the duration of the competition, the cost of those treatments will be removed from the final value of the carcass paid to the owner. In extenuating circumstances, appropriate treatment may include euthanasia. Deceased animals may be subject to post-mortem assessment, upon veterinary discretion.
- Throughout the challenge if, on Veterinary advice, an animal must be removed from the competition for any reason, it is the responsibility of the owner to collect the animal and remove it from the feedlot as soon as possible.
- If at feedlot entry, on Feedlot Managers advice, any animal is judged to be not fit for feedlot finishing that animal will be withdrawn from the challenge. It is the responsibility of the owner to collect the animal and remove it from the saleyards or feedlot, as soon as possible.
- If at the point of final weighing, on Stock Agents' advice, any animal is not deemed fit for slaughter, that animal will be withdrawn from the challenge. It is the responsibility of the owner to collect the animal and remove it from the feedlot as soon as possible.



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LOGISTICS

- Animals must arrive at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards at the following times.
Cattle arriving out of these time zones will NOT be accepted.

| DATE | CATTLE MUST ARRIVE BETWEEN |
|--|----------------------------|
| Wednesday 7 th January 2026 | 8am and 5pm |
| Thursday 8 th January 2026 | 6am and 10am |

- The owner is responsible for the organisation and cost of transporting the animals to the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards.
- All cattle movements on the NLIS database will be completed by saleyard staff. Cattle will be transferred onto the saleyard PIC and then onto the Gate 2 Plate Challenge PIC on transfer to the feedlot.

On arrival at the saleyards, cattle must:

- Fulfil all the usual requirements and regulations of cattle arriving at Mount Barker Regional Saleyards.
 - ~ Cattle **must have** a functional NLIS tag.
 - ~ Owner Bred cattle **must be** accompanied by a correctly completed National Vendor Declaration (NVD, Version 0720).
 - ~ Non-Owner Bred cattle **must be** accompanied by a correctly completed National Vendor Declaration (NVD, Version 0720) or a Saleyards Buyer Reconciliation.
 - ~ Cattle **must** abide by all fit to load requirements and regulations.
 - ~ Cattle also **must have** management ear tags provided by Gate 2 Plate Challenge.
 - ~ Cattle **must** be able to show lifetime traceability.

Animals not fulfilling these requirements will be unable to commence the challenge. A yard fee, per day, will be charged to the owner until the animal is removed from the saleyards.

- The NVD must be completed with the following information:
 - ~ **Consigned to** Gate 2 Plate Challenge Inc.
 - ~ **Consigned to PIC** WAFL0062
 - ~ **Consigned to Address** 646 Parker Brook Road, Albany, WA, 6330
 - ~ **Destination** Mount Barker Regional Saleyards
 - ~ **Destination PIC** WJSY0002
 - ~ **Destination Address** 32416 Albany Highway, Mount Barker, WA, 6324

Incorrectly completed NVD's will incur a points penalty for that team. For more information on NVD's and how to complete correctly go to <https://www.integritysystems.com.au/on-farm-assurance/national-vendor-declaration-nvd/nvd-0720-changes/>

- Be in an appropriate state of health to commence and complete the competition as judged by an onsite veterinary officer. Owners of animals which, on veterinary advice, are not deemed fit to commence or complete the duration of the challenge will be notified. It will be the responsibility of the owner to remove the animal from the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards as soon as possible. A yard fee per day will be charged for these animals.
- Be tagged with the management ear tags provided by the Gate 2 Plate Challenge before arrival at the saleyards, one in each ear. (The tags will be posted to you after entries close). Cattle that are not correctly tagged with the challenge tags on arrival at the saleyards will have points deducted.

All other management tags must be removed from the animals' ears.



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LOGISTICS CONTINUED

- Cattle will remain at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards on hay/silage and water for up to five days after which they will be trucked to Willyung Farms Feedlot to begin the grain finishing period.
- The cattle will be on feed for approximately 90 days. Please note that whilst it is our intention to keep to the days on feed stated above, they may be subject to slight changes to work in with feedlot, transport and processor logistics.
- The ration will be approved by an accredited nutritionist as being suitable for growing and preparing cattle to meet the destination market specifications.

TREATMENTS

All cattle will receive the following treatments on arrival at Willyung Farms Feedlot: Dectomax V Injectable (Zoetis), Rhinoguard (Zoetis), Bovishield MH-1 (Zoetis), Websters 5:1 Vaccine with B12 (Virbac), Multimin Evolution (Virbac), Fly Treatment (Nutrien). It is the owners' responsibility to administer any other vaccinations which they think are necessary to assist in maintaining the full health of their animals whilst on the feedlot. Cattle that require treatment for health issues in the feedlot quickly become unprofitable through reduced rate of gain as well as the cost of treatment. Note that points for the feedlot section are based on profitability.

No competitors are to arrive unannounced at Willyung Farms Feedlot. Cattle can be viewed at the field day. Competitors arriving unannounced at the feedlot will have points deducted and will be removed from the competition.

ENTRIES

Entries close: 5pm, Monday, 10th November 2025

Deposit Entry Fee: \$500 – Paid by Vendor with Entry Form, per team

The remaining entry fee of \$2,468.00 inc GST, per team of 4, and \$1,803.00 inc GST, per team of 3, will be deducted from the proceeds of the cattle after processing. The Entry Fee is non-refundable and covers costs associated with grain finishing cattle in a normal commercial situation and includes feedlot costs, transport, management tags and induction medications, and 2 x Dinner Tickets per entry.

Elders will finance \$2,468.00 inc GST, per team of 4, and \$1,803.00 inc GST, per team of 3, being the remaining entry fee, at no cost to challenge entrants. This will then be deducted from proceeds paid to challenge entrants, after the cattle have been processed.

If the entrant is not already a client of Elders, a Trading Account Application Form must be completed, and bank account details provided for payments to be made.

It is an agreed upon condition of entry that Elders will deduct \$2,468.00 inc GST, per team of 4, and \$1,803.00 inc GST, per team of 3, from proceeds once cattle are processed, being the remainder of the entry fee.

Payment can be made via Direct Deposit to

Gate 2 Plate Challenge Inc

BSB: 633 000 ACC: 174 755 413

Please use your business name as the reference

Make cheques payable to **Gate 2 Plate Challenge Inc**



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ENTRIES CONTINUED

Entries will only be accepted by

Email entries@gate2platechallenge.com.au

Post Gate 2 Plate Challenge
PO Box 1193
ALBANY WA 6331

Website  Scan the QR code or go to www.gate2platechallenge.com.au

PLEASE NOTE

- **No entries will be accepted without payment.**
- **No refunds will be given for your first entry, under any circumstances. In the event that the challenge is full, and your 2nd entry cannot be accepted, your full deposit will be refunded.**
- No faxed entries will be accepted.
- Your entry will be deemed invalid and not accepted if it is not signed.
- Places in the Gate 2 Plate Challenge are limited. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
- A minimum number of entries is required for the Gate 2 Plate Challenge to proceed. You will be informed within 2 weeks after the entries closing date, if the challenge will not be proceeding based on insufficient entries.

PAYMENTS

1. The value of the carcasses paid will be based on commercial pricing at the time of processing.
2. Payments to participants for the value of carcasses will be processed by Elders.
3. Elders will deduct \$2,468.00 inc GST, per team of 4, and \$1,803.00 inc GST, per team of 3, from cattle proceeds, being the remainder of the entry fee, before payment to vendor.
4. Participants must ensure they provide the correct bank details. It is the participant's responsibility to notify Elders immediately if their bank account details change between submitting the entry form and receiving the payment.
5. If you are not a client of Elders the relevant paperwork will be forwarded to you.
6. The amount received by participants will be the value of the processed cattle at the end of the competition minus:
 - Costs of any additional treatments (e.g., antibiotics) deemed necessary, on veterinary advice, to maintain the welfare of the animals during the competition.
 - Cost of the Gate 2 Plate Challenge booklet which contains the detailed feedback information about animal performance.
 - Agent Commission
 - Transport Insurance
 - Abattoir Costs
 - Levies
 - Any other associated costs

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Gate 2 Plate Challenge committee consists of volunteers who give up their time to organise the challenge and associated events. It is a rule of entry that competitors always treat committee members and volunteers with respect and in a courteous and polite manner. Competitors who fail to do this will be disqualified from the Challenge.



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DISCLAIMER

- Gate 2 Plate Challenge Inc., Willyung Farms Feedlot, the Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Challenge Committee, associated employees and volunteers will use all reasonable care and skill to ensure the animals health and safety, however Gate 2 Plate Challenge Inc., Willyung Farms feedlot, the Gate 2 Plate Challenge Committee, associated employees and volunteers accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to any animal, person or property as a result of entering into this challenge and all entrants acknowledge that entry is at their own risk, cost and exposure.
- The Gate 2 Plate Challenge Committee has the right to decline any entry into this challenge and reject any entry for any reason whatsoever and the Committees decision in this respect shall be final. No discussions or correspondence will be entered into with the Gate 2 Plate Challenge Committee regarding reasons for any declines or rejections.
- The challenge organisers reserve unto itself the right at any time, without being liable for any loss or damage which may be sustained to alter, postpone the date of the challenge, or cancel the same or to change the venue of the challenge.

GUIDE TO STEER SUITABILITY



A & B Showing secondary characteristics head/crest C is showing NO secondary characteristics.

All cattle will be inspected by 5 independent industry scrutineers at penning on the Open Day at Mt Barker Regional Saleyards. Any animal deemed unsuitable for a weaner steer sale will be withdrawn from the competition. This will be a majority ruling.



A & B displaying a extended sheath and display of the Old Fella C is showing none of these attributes.

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