

New Zealand Horse of the Year 2012

SHOWING SECTION

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Run under Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (RAS) Rules
2. **** Please read entry rules and conditions carefully ****
3. All entries must be on Horse of the Year Entry form.
4. **All entries must be accompanied by a 'Certificate of Capability' for each class that requires qualification. Certificate of Capability can be downloaded from www.hoy.co.nz or ras.org.nz.**
5. **Any entry sent in before the closing date that does not have the necessary 'Certificate of Capability' form sent to the Showing Convenor will not be processed. Do not enter a class that you have not yet qualified for.**
6. HOY 2012 Qualifying Shows are those that are paid up and affiliated with the Royal Agriculture Society of New Zealand, as listed on their website on the A & P Show page: www.ras.org.nz
7. All entries qualifying after closing date, a late entry will be considered. **Note:** If a late entry is accepted, the entrant will start first in title classes. Entries will NOT be accepted if they do not have a Certificate of Capability form supplied. If a rider/mount qualifies for an event after the closing date for entry, only then are they able to apply to have a Late Entry considered. All late entries must be accompanied by a Certificate of Capability
8. A Supreme Champion of the Show does NOT count as a qualifier for events. Only a 1st, a Champion or Reserve Champion count. Please refer to Qualification for each event as to what you need to enter.
9. **Any competitor, owner, producer or showing team that has been issued with a 'Yellow Card' during the current (2011/2012) showing season must declare this upon their entry form and attach a covering letter with explanation. The organising committee will review all entries and has the right to refuse any entry.**
10. All entries must be in the name of the owner/rider/handler that will be competing at the show.
11. The age of all riders is as at 1st January 2012.
12. All competitors entering the NZ HOY Showing Section must be a New Zealand resident for six months immediately preceding the first day of the date of NZ HOY 2012 competition or must be a New Zealand citizen.
13. A competitor (rider or handler) may not compete on more than two horses/ponies in a ridden (except Lead Rein Pony & First Ridden Pony . see below) or led title class. All horses/ponies MUST be shown on the track . a substitute rider/handler may be used on the track prior to show the paces and again in the conformation overview if the nominated rider is entered on two mounts.
14. In Lead Rein Pony and First Ridden Pony title events the rider may not compete on more than one pony . no exceptions.
15. The Show Committee will endeavour to run to the start times as listed in the programme but reserve the right to amend times because of circumstances beyond their control. A competitor must be prepared to enter the ring at the stated time for the section they are competing in.
16. All matters relating to protests or disciplinary action will be referred to Protest Panel. The general conditions of the Horse of the Year (HOY) also cover the showing section.
17. Protests must be lodged, at the office of the Showing Secretary, within 15 minutes of the completion of the class together with a deposit of \$150.00
18. The Senior Steward in charge may, at his/her discretion, transfer an entry to its appropriate class where it is found to be incorrectly entered. Both the Showing Secretary's office and Horse of the Year office must be advised.
19. ESNZ membership cards must be carried at all times. Competitors not carrying their membership card during events will forfeit any prize won if they leave the ring to get their card. Riders must be ESNZ registered. Horses do not require this.

20. For age group classes in led In Hand Pony, competitors must attach a photocopy of registration, veterinary certificate or other means to verify the age of pony to the entry form.
21. A horse/pony may only compete at the Horse of the Year 2012 in the section that he/she is nominated to compete in at the beginning of the 2011/2012 show season.
22. A substitution of a horse/pony will be permitted on the condition that the horse/pony being substituted takes no further part in the show. A substituted horse/pony must be owned by the same owner. Veterinarian certificates will not be required. Substitutions must be made 4.30pm the day before the class begins.
23. All exhibits in ridden classes must be fillies, mares or geldings 3yrs and over. No stallions to be ridden in the showing section.
24. Breastplate number holders are **compulsory** for all classes and the competitor is responsible for making the number. Working hunters are **exempt** for safety reasons from wearing a breastplate number holder. Competitors in Working Hunter events must wear an armband number holder with their number. Competitors in Working Hunter events must provide their own armband number and armband number holder which is to be worn on their right arm. Competitor number must be correct in each event or face elimination from that event.
25. If a horse/pony misbehaves to the extent that it unduly disturbs other competitors, it must leave the arena if requested to do so by the steward or judge.
26. All horses or ponies must be in the Collecting Ring before title classes commence.
27. Only ponies that have RAS Novice status may be ridden by adults in Debutante classes.
28. No electronic devices to be worn in the ring or holding area. No verbal instruction to competitors during competition is allowed other than by a HOY Official.
29. No tongue-ties or artificial transparent head restraints to be used in any ridden classes.
30. No bandages or boots to be worn in the ring.
31. All exhibitors with the exception of foals & yearlings must be presented in a bitted bridle. The bit must be in its manufactured condition.
32. All horses/ponies shown in hand must have a suitable halter or bridle with a fastened throat lash. Entire males 2 years and over must be controlled by a bit.
33. All Lapels/Badges are banned from being worn on the rider/handler or mount that identify the riders/handlers name, stud, showing team, or previous awards won.
34. Competitors riding a Pony must be in Childs attire in flat and jumping events. no long boots, chaps or gaiters.
35. Riders under 17yrs must wear a safety riding helmet with the harness attached to the shell of the helmet at more than two points at ALL TIMES when mounted on the show grounds. All riders (regardless of age) competing in Debutante showing titles must wear a safety riding helmet with the harness attached to the shell of the helmet at more than two points.
36. Only Show Officials and Judges are allowed in the Restricted Area surrounding the Officials Tent. Please do not be offended if asked to leave this area. Any showing queries are to be done through the Showing Office beside the Officials Tent. Trophies and prizes are to be dropped off at the Showing Office beside the Officials Tent.
37. Fraternalisation between showing competitors and showing judges is not acceptable during NZ HOY 2012 show week, on or outside the showgrounds.
38. Please refer Rule 2 again
39. The HOY Showing Convenor and Show Director reserve the right to amend any rulings if necessary.