



# 2015 New Zealand Horse of the Year

## SHOWING SECTION QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

- **ALL** horses and ponies, except foals, and riders entering in the 2015 NZ Horse of the Year Showing section **MUST** have competed at a minimum of three (3) RAS qualifying shows prior to 1 March 2015 (Proof of these 3 shows must be on the Certificate of Qualification Form (COQ)).
- To count as a qualification, your Champion, 2 x Reserve Champions or two First Prize Awards **MUST** be for the same class/title that you are entering at HOY. Eg: A rider win does not qualify the horse/pony, and vice versa.
- A 'Supreme Champion of the Show' does NOT count as a qualifier for events. Only 2 x 1sts, a Champion or 2 x Reserve Champions count as 2015 NZ HOY Qualifiers. Please refer to 'Qualification' for each event as to what you need in order to enter.
- 2014 NZ HOY Showing Section was not a Qualifying Show – it was a Championship Show.

**NOTE:** This Qualification Information is pertaining to the following RAS sections only– excludes Pinto, Welsh, Side Saddle etc. sections. For other HOY sections Qualification information, please contact the Society concerned.

### HEIGHT CERTIFICATES

- The New Zealand Horse of the Year Show recognises only the Royal Agriculture Society of New Zealand (RAS) current Annual or Life Height Certificates or Horse/Pony Identification(ID) forms - Now called the RAS Certificate.
- **All ridden and led adult show horses 3 years & over, and all ponies competing at the 2015 NZ Horse of the Year Show MUST have a current RAS Certificate for the 2014/2015 Show Season.** (*Young Stock hacks do not require them*)
- RAS Certificates **must be carried at all times by the rider/handler and be presented upon request** to an official. Competitors not carrying their RAS Certificates will forfeit any prize won if they leave the ring to get it.

### WORKING HUNTER RIDERS

\*Riders do not need performance qualification for these classes, but must have competed at three RAS qualifying shows in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015. (*These classes are in lieu of warm up classes for Working Hunter Title classes*)

- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

### WORKING HUNTER – HORSE

\* Working Hunter Horse of the Year, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm

\* Working Hunter Horse over 163cm

- A Rising Star may compete in an open title event if they have the necessary qualifications.
- One baulk, run off or fall will result in Elimination and the competitor must leave the arena.
- **QUALIFICATION:** To have won TWO First prizes in Working Hunter, or ONE Champion Working Hunter, or TWO Reserve Champions in Open Working Hunter classes; or TWO Wins in Open Round the Ring jumping events, or a combination of ONE Open Working Hunter class & ONE Open Round the Ring jumping class at qualifying shows in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- Novice wins in Working Hunter or Round the Ring Jumping do NOT count as qualifiers. A Champion Hunter (Round the Ring) counts as ONE Open Round the Ring win. A Reserve Champion Hunter (Round the Ring) does not count as a qualifier.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## WORKING HUNTER PONY

\* 138cm and under

\* Over 138cm & not exceeding 148cm

- A Rising Star may compete in open title events if they have the necessary qualifications.
- One baulk, run off or fall will result in Elimination and the competitor must leave the arena.
- **QUALIFICATION:** To have won TWO First prizes in Working Hunter, or ONE Champion Working Hunter, or TWO Reserve Champions in Open Working Hunter classes, or TWO Wins in Open Round the Ring jumping events, or a combination of ONE Open Working Hunter class & ONE Open Round the Ring jumping class at qualifying shows in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015 NZ HOY Showing section competition.
- Novice wins in Working Hunter or Round the Ring Jumping do NOT count as qualifiers. A Champion Hunter (Round the Ring) counts as ONE Open Round the Ring win. A Reserve Champion Hunter (Round the Ring) does not count as a qualifier.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## IN HAND PONY

**\*Broodmares, Stallions, and Foals do not need qualification for these classes**

Ponies not to exceed 148cm at maturity.

- **QUALIFICATION:** In the title event, **Yearling, 2yr and 3yr old Ponies, Dry Mares and Geldings**, to have won TWO First prizes, or ONE Champion or TWO Reserve Champions in an In Hand Pony section at a 2015 NZ HOY qualifying show.  
Must have competed in the In Hand section at a minimum of THREE RAS qualifying shows prior to 1 March 2015.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## IN HAND HORSE

- Horses over 148cm
- In Hand Showing Horse of the Year: Open to Show Hacks, Saddle Hunters & Show Riding Horses types.
- **QUALIFICATION:** Horses to have won TWO First prizes, or ONE Champion or TWO Reserve Champions in an In Hand Horse section at a 2014 NZ HOY qualifying show.  
Must have competed in the In Hand Horse section at a minimum of THREE RAS qualifying shows prior to 1 March 2015 NZ.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## LEAD REIN

***(Please note: For the 2016 show, age of riders will be as per RAS Rule 57 2(c) – see also Regulations and Conditions of Entry)***

- Age as at 1 January 2015
- Riders 4 to 7 years inclusive.
- In Lead Rein Pony events, the rider may not compete on more than one pony – no exceptions.
- Lead Rein Riders may not compete in any other showing events/sections at the 2015 NZ HOY.
- Lead Rein Riders may not compete in other disciplines at the 2015 NZ HOY.
- Ponies to be led by an adult with leading rein attached to the cavesson noseband of a plain snaffle bridle.
- Spurs are not permitted.
- A whip with a flapper 4cm long and 2cm wide, total length 68cm or a small cane may be carried.
- Competitors who have competed in First Ridden or the Open ring may not compete in Leading Rein classes.
- Ponies 128cm and under
- Leading Rein Rider of the Year - Rider & mount must be entered in Leading Rein Pony of the Year.
- **QUALIFICATION:** For the Suitability & Conformation Title Class the pony is to have won an Open Champion or two Open Reserve Champions, or two Open First Prizes in the Leading Rein section at a qualifying show in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015. For the Paced & Mannered class, the pony is to have qualified with P & M wins as above; for the Lead Rein Rider Title, the Rider is to have qualified with rider wins as above, in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## FIRST RIDDEN

*(Please note: For the 2016 show age of riders will be as per RAS Rule 57 1(d) – see also Regulations and Conditions of Entry)*

- Age as at 1 January 2015
- Riders 9 years and under. Riders are not eligible to compete in Leading Rein Pony classes.
- In First Ridden Pony events, the rider may not compete on more than one pony – no exceptions.
- First Ridden Rider of the Year - Rider & mount must be entered in First Ridden Pony of the Year.
- All ponies to be 138cm and under.
- First Ridden Riders may not compete in any other showing events/sections at the 2015 NZ HOY.
- First Ridden Riders may not compete in other disciplines at the 2015 NZ HOY.
- All ponies to walk and trot in company and will be asked to canter in an individual workout.
- Riders that have competed in the equivalent of an Open Pony section may not compete in First Ridden classes with the exception of a show that does not provide a First Ridden section then it is permissible for the pony and rider to compete in the Open Section at that show only, a maximum of two times only.
- Must be single rein only and no spurs.
- A whip with a flapper 4cm long and 2cm wide, total length 68cm or a small cane may be carried.
- Competitors may not compete in open showing classes including the Wonder Memorial.
- **QUALIFICATION:** For the Suitability & Conformation Title Class the pony is to have won an Open Champion or two Open Reserve Champions, or two Open First Prizes in the Leading Rein section at a qualifying show in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015. For the Paced & Mannered class, the pony is to have qualified with P & M wins as above; for the First Ridden Rider Title, the Rider is to have qualified with rider wins, as above, in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## RISING STAR – HORSE / PONY (previously known as ‘Debutante’ section)

- In the event of a horse competing at a qualifying show that does not have the horse’s nominated section, and they gain a qualification in the section on offer, this qualification will count for the 2015 NZ HOY Show.
- A Rising Star is classified as a horse or pony not to have won an Open Champion, or two Open Reserve Champions before HOY 2014 Showing Section competition in any ridden section excluding Lead Rein Pony and First Ridden Pony.
- A Rising Star may not compete more than twice in the Rising Star section at the NZ HOY Show. This also includes those who have competed in the Debutante section at previous NZ HOY’s.
- Previous winners of HOY Rising Star sections are not eligible to compete again as a Rising Star at the 2015 NZ HOY Show.
- A Rising Star may compete in open title events if they have the necessary qualifications.
- Adults may ride Rising Star ponies that have Novice Status at time of competition.
- **All riders (of any age) in a Rising Star event must wear a safety riding helmet with the retaining harness secured to the shell of the helmet at more than two points, and the chin strap properly adjusted and fastened.**
- **QUALIFICATION:** To have won ONE Champion or TWO Reserve Champions in Novice or Open conformation classes in their respective sections at qualifying shows in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry**

## PACED AND MANNERED – HORSE / PONY

- A Rising Star may compete in open title events if they have the necessary qualifications.
- **QUALIFICATION:** To have won TWO Open Paced & Mannered classes, or Two Open Paced classes and Two Open Mannered classes, at a NZ HOY qualifying show in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- In the event of a horse competing at a qualifying show that does not have the horse’s nominated section, and they gain a qualification in an Open Paced & Mannered class on offer on show day, this qualification will count for the 2015 NZ HOY Show.
- Paced & Mannered sections in Unity or Equitation events do not count as qualifiers.
- Restricted wins (eg: Novice Paced & Mannered) do NOT count. The win must be from an Open Paced & Mannered class - Height and type wins allowed.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## **OPEN SHOW PONY, SADDLE HUNTER PONY**

- A Rising Star may compete in open title events if they have the necessary qualifications.
- In the event of a pony competing at a qualifying show that does not have the pony's nominated section, and they gain a qualification in the section on offer, this qualification will count for the 2015 NZ HOY show.
- No cross entry allowed - a pony may only compete in one section – Show Pony or Saddle Hunter Pony.
- **QUALIFICATION:** To have won ONE Open Champion or TWO Open Reserve Champions in conformation classes at qualifying shows in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## **OPEN SHOW HACK, PARK HACK, SADDLE HUNTER, SHOW RIDING HORSE**

- A Rising Star may compete in open title events if they have the necessary qualifications.
- In the event of a horse competing at a qualifying show that does not have the horse's nominated section, and they gain a qualification in the section on offer, this qualification will count for the 2015 NZ HOY show.
- A Show Riding Horse **MUST** have competed in a Show Riding Horse section at a HOY qualifying show in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- No cross entry allowed - horse may only compete in one section - Park Hack, Show Hack, Show Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter.
- **QUALIFICATION:** To have won ONE Open Champion or TWO Open Reserve Champions in open conformation classes at qualifying shows
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## **JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, YOUTH or GIRL RIDER, AND SENIOR SHOWING RIDER**

*(Please note: for the 2016 show, age of riders will be as per RAS Rule Book – see also Regulations and Conditions of Entry)*

- Junior Rider 12 years & under - Mount not exceeding 148cm
- Intermediate Rider 13 - 16 years, mount not exceeding 148cm
- Youth Rider, 15 and under 21 years, mount over 148cm
- Senior Rider 21 years & over
- Age as 1 January 2015.
- Mount must be entered in the Showing Section (ridden) at 2015 NZ HOY.
- **QUALIFICATION:** To have won TWO Open Rider Classes or ONE Champion Rider, or TWO Reserve Champion Rider awards at qualifying shows. (wins in any open rider class will qualify for Youth or Girl rider).
- Must have competed in the Riding class section at a minimum of THREE RAS qualifying shows in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- Restricted wins (EG: Novice Rider etc) do NOT count. The win must be from an Open Rider (flat) event - age group wins allowed as are wins in Open Rider classes held within a section (EG: Show Pony, Saddle Hunter Pony, Show Hack, Saddle Hunter Horse etc).
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## **NZ BRED PONY - PBSNZ**

- Eligibility – Ponies must be fully registered with the **Pony Breeders Society of NZ (Inc)** that is, to have permanent registration number, to be stated on entry and to be foaled in New Zealand.
- Ponies from imported parentage are eligible as long as they were born in NZ and registered with the Pony Breeders Society of New Zealand
- These classes are open to any type of pony registered with PBSNZ
- Registration number must be stated with entry.
- Adult Riders may **NOT** ride novice ponies.

## **NZ RIDING PONY SOCIETY**

- Registration number must be stated with entry.
- Eligibility – Ponies must be fully registered with the NZ Riding Pony Society
- Ponies may only enter either NZ Riding Pony Society Registered Show Pony or Saddle Hunter (not both).
- Adult Riders may **NOT** ride novice ponies.

## **WONDER MEMORIAL – EQUITATION TURNOUT**

- To be run under the same rules as the Gee Whizz Equitation Turnout
- Open to competitors 16 years and under – Mount 148cm & under.
- Riders competing in Leading Rein and First Ridden classes are **NOT** eligible to enter the Wonder Memorial.
- Riders must be in child's attire.
- Costume: Formal.
- Conformation & Soundness 50 points, Paces & Manners 50 points, Riding Ability 50 points, Saddlery 30 points, Costume 30 points, Overall Appeal 20 points; TOTAL 200 points.
- **NO PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATION NECESSARY**, but must have competed at three RAS qualifying shows in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**

## **GEE WHIZ MEMORIAL – EQUITATION TURNOUT**

- Competitors to be 17 years or over – Mount over 148cm
- Riders opting to compete in a safety riding helmet (with the harness attached to the shell of the helmet at more than two points) instead of wearing a bowler hat and lanyard in the Gee Whiz will be judged on 'equal terms' in the Costume and Overall Appeal sections. NB: Safety riding helmet to match riding coat in colour (black), be velvet covered with flesh coloured harness.
- Costume: Formal.
- Conformation & Soundness 50 points, Paces & Manners 50 points, Riding Ability 50 points, Saddlery 30 points, Costume 30 points, Overall Appeal 20 points; TOTAL 200 points.
- **NO PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATION NECESSARY**, but must have competed at three RAS qualifying shows in the twelve months prior to 1 March 2015.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification must accompany entry.**