



FARMLANDS HORSE OF THE YEAR

17TH - 22ND MARCH 2015

Note: The following information is subject to change. For official schedules and conditions please visit our website www.hoy.co.nz. Electronic Entry may be done through www.equestriantentries.co.nz or official forms may be downloaded from the HOY website. Please ensure that you read both the General and Section Conditions carefully before submitting entries. Entries open 1st December. **PLEASE NOTE NEW REGISTRATION AND PRIZE MONEY/REFUND PROCEDURE.**

SHOWING SECTION

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Regulations and Conditions of Entry are based on four principles:

1. It is the sole responsibility of the person responsible for the entry to ensure all of the qualifying information is included with the entry at the time of entry.
2. Any failure or omission by the person responsible for the entry will not be the responsibility of the Showing Section organising committee nor will it constitute an emergency on their part.
3. There will be no bending, suspending, or compromising of the rules of entry or competition.
4. It is the responsibility of the Rider / Handler / Person Responsible to know the rules of the class or event in which they are competing.

Note that:

5. This section is run under the Rules of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (RAS).
6. The qualifying period for HOY in the 2014/2015 RAS Show season commenced on 22 March 2014 and concludes on 1st March 2015. **Any qualification achieved after this date and before the end of this Show season will transfer to the following Show season (2015/2016).**

Entry

- E 1. All entries must be on a 2015 Farmlands Horse of the Year Entry Form.
- E 2. All entries must be in the name of the owner/rider/handler that will be competing at the show.
- E 3. All entries must be accompanied by a 2015 'Certificate of Qualification' (COQ) form for each class that requires qualification. The Certificate of Qualification form can be downloaded from www.hoy.co.nz or www.ras.org.nz.
- Entries for age group classes in Led In Hand Pony, must include a photocopy with the entry form of, registration, a veterinary certificate or other means of verifying the age of the pony.
- Exhibits and competitors with incomplete entry documentation will not be permitted to start.
- E 4. Late Entries will not be accepted.
- E 5. The Showing Committee has the right to refuse any entry.
- E 6. For insurance purposes and for those riders not otherwise registered with ESNZ, HOY Show registrations are available. Horses are not required to be registered with ESNZ.

Qualification

- Q 1.** HOY 2014 Qualifying Shows are those that are affiliated with and have met all financial obligations to the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand. Those Shows are listed at the Show/Event page of the RAS website: www.ras.org.nz
- Q 2.** All riders, horses/ponies (except foals) entering in the 2015 Farmlands Horse of the Year Showing section must have competed in the showing section at a minimum of three (3) RAS qualifying Shows in the 12 months prior to the 1st March 2015. Qualification & proof of these 3 Shows must be documented on the 2015 COQ form.
- A 'Supreme Champion of the Show' does NOT count as a qualifier. Refer to 'Qualification' for each event for entry criteria in the "Showing Section Qualification Information".
- Q 3.** A horse/pony may only compete in the section in which it has been nominated to compete at the beginning of the 2014/2015 Show season, ie: first RAS affiliated Show it competed in after 1st August 2014.

Criteria

- CR 1.** The age of all riders is as at 1st January 2015. *(Notice is given now that for the 2016 show, the age of riders will be as stipulated in the RAS Rules – see Rulebook for different age groups.)*
- CR 2.** All competitors must be a New Zealand citizen or a New Zealand resident for at least six months immediately preceding the first day (16 March 2015) of the 2015 Farmlands HOY competition.
- CR 3.** With the exception of Lead Rein Pony & First Ridden Pony or a In Hand Title class, a rider or handler competitor may not compete on more than two horses/ponies in a ridden class. In Lead Rein Pony and First Ridden Pony Title classes, the rider may not compete on more than one pony.
- All horses/ponies must be shown on the circle/track.
- A substitute rider/handler may be used on the circle to show the paces, prior to the workout, and again in the conformation overview if the nominated rider/handler is entered on two mounts. The Ringmaster must be advised of the substitute before the class commences. Failure to advise the Ringmaster will result in disqualification.
- CR 4.** A substitution of a horse/pony will be permitted for a rider class only, and on the condition that the horse/pony being substituted takes no further part in the show. Veterinarian certificates will not be required. Substitutions must be made no later than 4.30pm of the day before the class begins
- CR 5.** Only ponies that have RAS Novice status may be ridden by adults in Rising Star classes.
- CR 6.** All exhibits in ridden classes must be 3yrs and over.
- CR 7.** Stallions may be ridden and shown if identified and managed, as provided in the RAS Equestrian rules.
- CR 8.** Pony competitors must compete on a pony in the Rider Title Classes.

Competition

- CO 1.** The general conditions of the Farmlands Horse of the Year show (HOY) also apply to the Showing

- section.
- CO 2.** The Showing Committee will endeavour to run to the start times as listed in the programme but reserve the right to amend times. A competitor must be prepared to enter the ring at the stated time for the section they are competing in. No class will start before the stated time unless advertised well in advance.
- CO 3.** Protests / Complaints must be lodged in writing and on the Protest Form at the office of the Showing section, within 15 minutes of the completion of the class or incident. A deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) must be paid with each protest. All matters relating to protests or disciplinary action will be referred to the Showing Section Judicial Committee.
- Protests / Complaints will be managed as described in the RAS Complaints Process, Level One Shows <http://www.ras.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/RAS-Complaints-Process.pdf>.
- Decisions of the Showing Section Judicial Committee may be appealed to the HOY Appeal Committee.
The decision of the HOY Appeal Committee will be final.
- CO 4.** Once a Protest / Complaint is lodged, the conditions of confidentiality apply.
- The Chairman of the RAS HOY Showing Committee or their duly appointed delegate may issue a yellow warning card instead of fines or other penalties to the Person Responsible for abuse of animals or inappropriate behaviour as defined in the RAS Yellow Card System.
<http://www.ras.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/RAS-Yellow-Card.pdf>
- CO 5.** Breastplate number holders are compulsory for all classes, except working hunters, and the competitor is responsible for making the number. Only large black numbers on a white background are acceptable. No other colour combinations or formats are acceptable.
- Working hunters are exempt from wearing a breastplate number holder, for safety reasons. However, competitors in Working Hunter classes must wear an armband number holder displaying their number. Competitors in Working Hunter classes must provide their own armband holder and number which is to be worn on the left arm. The number will be black on a white background. In all classes the competitor number must be correct for that class or the competitor will be eliminated from the class.
- CO 6.**
- If the judges, steward, or Ringmaster determines that a horse/pony and/or rider/handler is misbehaving to the extent that they unduly disturb other competitors and/or horses/ponies, they will request that the horse/pony and/or rider/handler leave the ring and retire.
- CO 7.**
- All horses or ponies must be in the Collecting Ring before Title classes commence.
- CO 8.**
- No electronic devices are to be worn in the holding area or ring. No verbal instruction to, or discussion with competitors during competition is allowed except from a HOY Showing section Official.
- CO 9.**
- No tongue-ties or artificial transparent head restraints are to be used in any ridden or In Hand classes.
- CO 10.**
- No bandages or boots are to be worn in the ring.
- CO 11.**
- All horses/ponies with the exception of foals & yearlings must be presented in a bitted bridle. The bit must be in its original manufactured condition.
- CO 12.**
- All horses/ponies shown In Hand must have a suitable halter or bridle with a fastened throat lash. Entire males over 6 months of age must be controlled by a bit, and all colts or stallions regardless of age must display the "S" stallion badge on the halter or bridle at all times.
- CO 13.**

CO 14. Any Lapels/Badges or similar that identify names, stud, showing team, or previous awards won, are banned from being worn on the rider/handler or horse/pony.

CO 15. Competitors riding a Pony must be in child's attire – no long boots, chaps or gaiters.

CO 16. Riders under 17yrs, when mounted on the show grounds, must wear a safety riding helmet with the harness attached to the shell of the helmet at more than two points at all times.

CO 17. All riders (regardless of age) competing in Rising Star showing titles must wear a safety riding helmet with the harness attached to the shell of the helmet at more than two points.

CO 18. No scores will be published or made available to competitors in the Showing Section, except for the Gee Whizz and Wonder Memorial Equitation classes.

Horses/riders are not allowed in competition and/or collecting rings prior to and/or after competition.

Competition and/or collecting rings are closed for grazing or working your horse/pony at any time outside of showing hours.

General

G 1.

Warm-up Areas, Collecting Rings and Competition Rings are for competitors only. Designated riders only may warm-up horses /ponies.

G 2.

Prams, pushchairs, scooters, skateboards, bicycles or the like are forbidden in these areas.

G 3.

Fraternisation between showing competitors, their connections and showing judges is not permitted during Farmlands HOY 2015 Show week, on or outside the show grounds. Breach of this condition may result in summary elimination/dismissal.

G 4.

Only Show Officials, Judges and Invited Guests are allowed in the Restricted Area surrounding the Officials' Marquee.

G 5.

All Showing queries are to be made through the Ringside Showing Office beside the Officials' Marquee.

G 6.

Ringside Showing Office Hours: 7.45am to 10.30am, and 4.00pm to 5.00pm daily. Competitors are not to visit the Ringside Showing (Scoring) office at any other time.

G 7.

Trophies and Prizes are to be dropped off at the Ringside Showing Office beside the Officials Marquee no later than the morning of Monday 16 March 2015.

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Separate facilities are provided for photographers and press so as not to compromise the Judges' and Officials' restricted area. This will be available for interviews with competitors and their connections.

The HOY Showing Committee, Ringmaster and RAS HOY Showing Committee Chairman reserve the right to amend any rulings as necessary.