



New Zealand Horse of the Year 2018

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 A&P Society New Zealand (RAS). Equestrian Rulebook – www.ras.org.nz / equestrian section / rulebook page.
6. The qualifying period for HOY in the 2017/2018 RAS Show season commenced on **22 February 2017 and concludes on 22nd February 2018**. Any qualification achieved after this date and before the end of the 2016/2017 Show season will transfer to HOY 2018.

ENTRY

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E 1.	All entries must be on a 2018 Horse of the Year Entry Form.
E 2.	All entries must be in the name of the owner and also the rider/handler that will be competing at the show.
E 3.	All entries must have a 2018 '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 .
E 4.	Late Entries will not be accepted. Entries close 1 February 2018.
E 5.	The Showing Committee has the right to refuse any entry.

QUALIFICATION

Q 1.	HOY 2018 Show Attendance Qualification can be gained at all RAS affiliated Shows/Events who are listed on the RAS website – www.ras.org.nz – Equestrian section – HOY Page
Q 2.	HOY 2018 Show Placement Qualification can be gained only at affiliated RAS Shows/Events that are running a HOY qualifying schedule – the list of qualifying shows can be found at www.ras.org.nz – Equestrian section – HOY Page
Q 3.	<p>All riders, horses/ponies (except foals) entering in the 2018 NZ Horse of the Year Showing section must have competed in the showing section at a minimum of three (3) RAS affiliated Shows/Events in the 12 months prior to the 22 February 2018. Proof of Show Attendance Qualification at these 3 Shows must be documented on the 2018 COQ form.</p> <p>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”.</p> <p>Note – no attendance or qualification is required for classes 307 & 310.</p> <p>Note – due to 2017 weather conditions, the qualification placing gained within the 2017/2018 show season for the Working Hunter Horse & Pony classes can be carried through to 2018, however attendance at 3 shows in the 2017/2018 show season with the horse/pony intending to compete at HOY, is still required.</p>
Q 4.	A horse/pony may only compete in the section in which it has been nominated to compete in – see Rule CDE 1.
Q 5.	Qualification Forms must be received by RAS Head Office no later than 5pm on 22 February 2018 . Any forms received after this time/date will be returned and entries cancelled.
Q 6.	Any Certificate of Qualification Form received that is seen to have been partially or wholly falsified for any reason, may result in disciplinary action being taken by the RAS to the person submitting the form and/or exhibit/competitor

CRITERIA

CR 1.	The age of all riders is as at 1st August 2017. See Rule CDE 11 - Rider/Handler’s age and eligibility is determined as per the 1 August i.e. Riders/handlers who are of age for any division/section on the 1 August complete the show year/ season in that division/section.
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 (13 March 2018) of the 2018 NZ HOY competition.
CR 3.	One horse/pony per rider/handler across all sections.
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 on the day before the class begins

CR 5.	Exhibits under three (3) years of age are not permitted in any ridden or driven (harness) class no matter what the rules of any affiliated Breed Society or Kindred Society may prescribe.
CR 6.	<p>It is compulsory for all stallions and colts, except foals, to wear two (2) official 'S' identification badges, one attached to each side of their bridle, at all Shows/Events at all times. The rider/handler must also wear two RAS official (2) armbands (one on each arm) when in the ring. 'S' badges to be purchased from RAS Head Office or ESNZ; armbands from RAS Head Office.</p> <p>Handlers and Riders of stallions/colts must wear an approved Hi Viz vest at Shows/Events when outside the showing ring. Vests can be purchased from RAS Head Office.</p> <p>.</p>
CR 7.	Pony competitors must compete on a pony in the Rider Title Classes.
CR 8.	<p>RISING STAR HORSE/PONY CLASSES –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Rising Star Exhibit is a horse/pony that was a Novice as at August 1st 2017, excluding a Lead Rein Pony or a First Ridden Combination Pony. - A Rising Star is not to have competed in the Rising Star section at HOY Show more than twice. - A Rising Star is one that has not won a Rising Star Title at any previous HOY Show. - A Rising Star may compete in open title classes if they have the necessary qualifications. - Adults may ride Rising Star ponies that have Novice Status at the time of Competition.
COMPETITION	
CO 1.	The general conditions of the 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 30 minutes of the completion of the class or incident. A deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100) must be paid with each protest. All matters relating to protests or disciplinary action will be referred to the Showing Section Judicial Committee.
CO 4.	<p>Protests / Complaints will be managed as described in the RAS Resolution Process, Level One Shows – ras.org.nz / About RAS / Rules, Regulations, Polices.</p> <p>Decisions of the Showing Section Judicial Committee may be appealed to the HOY Appeal Committee.</p> <p>The decision of the HOY Appeal Committee will be final.</p> <p>Once a Protest / Complaint is lodged, the conditions of confidentiality apply.</p>
CO 5.	The Chairperson 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. ras.org.nz / About RAS / Rules, Regulations, Polices.
CO 6.	<p>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.</p> <p>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 <u>left</u> 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.</p>
CO 7.	If the Judges, Steward, or Ringmaster(s) 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 8.	If a horse/pony leaves the ring for any reason, they are immediately disqualified from that class.
CO 9.	All horses or ponies must be in the Collecting Ring before Title classes commence.
CO 10.	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 11.	No tongue-ties or artificial transparent head restraints are to be used in any ridden or led classes.
CO 12.	No bandages or boots are to be worn in the ring.
CO 13.	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 14.	All Led horses/ponies 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 two "S" stallion badges on either side of their halter or bridle at all times.
CO 15.	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 when in the Showing Ring.
CO 16.	Competitors riding a Pony must be in child's attire – no long boots, chaps or gaiters.
CO 17.	<p>In all cases current WorkSafe NZ rules prevail.</p> <p>All riders, including harness drivers, competing at RAS affiliated A&P Shows/Events must wear protective headgear, which includes a retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. Such headgear must be worn with the chinstrap properly adjusted and fastened when in the arena or ring, the practice area collecting rings or anywhere else within a Showgrounds. Hats/helmets must conform with one of the current approved safety standards. These standards may be subject to change but the latest list can be found at</p>

	<p>http://www.ras.org.nz – equestrian. RAS will advise any changes via their website and Facebook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All helmets must show a regulation ‘RED’ tag.
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. Rankings will be published on the Noticeboard.
CO 19.	<p>Horses/riders are not allowed in competition and/or collecting rings prior to and/or after competition.</p> <p>Competition and/or collecting rings are closed for grazing or working your horse/pony at any time outside of showing hours.</p> <p>Warm-up Areas, Collecting Rings and Competition Rings are for competitors only. Designated riders only may warm-up horses /ponies.</p> <p>Prams, pushchairs, scooters, skateboards, bicycles or the like are forbidden in Warm-up Areas, Collecting Rings and Competition Rings.</p>
GENERAL	
G 1.	Fraternisation between showing competitors, their connections and showing judges is not permitted during NZ HOY 2018 Show week, on or outside the show grounds. Breach of this condition may result in summary elimination/dismissal.
G 2.	Only Show Officials, Judges and Invited Guests are allowed in the Restricted Area surrounding the Officials’ Marquee.
G 3.	All Showing queries are to be made through the Ringside Showing Office, not the scoring Office. Ringside Showing Office is sited adjacent to road beside Arena One.
G 4.	Ringside Showing Office Hours: 8.00am to 9.30am, and 4.00pm to 5.00pm daily. Competitors are not to visit the Ringside Scoring Office at any time
G 5.	Trophies and Prizes are to be dropped off at the Ringside Showing Office adjacent to road beside Arena One no later than 10am on Tuesday 13 March 2018 . A \$100 bond is to be paid if wishing to hold the trophy for 12 months – refundable once trophy has been returned.
G 6.	The HOY Showing Committee Chairperson, Ringmaster(s) and RAS HOY Showing Committee reserve the right to amend any rulings as necessary.