



Land Rover Horse of the Year 2019

RAS 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 and attendance information is emailed to debbie@ras.org.nz by the 22 February 2019.
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) and Equestrian Rulebook – www.ras.org.nz / equestrian section / rulebook page.
6. The qualifying period for Land Rover Horse of the Year in the 2018/2019 RAS Show season commenced on **23 February 2018 and concludes on 22nd February 2019**. Any qualification achieved after this date and before the end of the 2018/2019 Show season will transfer to Land Rover Horse of the Year 2020.

ENTRY	
E 1.	All entries must be completed through the Land Rover Horse of the Year Service Provider – Equestrian Entries
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 2019 ‘Certificate of Qualification & Attendance’ (COQA) form for each class that requires qualification and/or attendance. The Certificate of Qualification & Attendance 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 2019.
E 5.	The Showing Committee has the right to refuse any entry.

QUALIFICATION & ATTENDANCE

Q 1.	Land Rover Horse of the Year 2019 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 – www.hoy.kiwi
Q 2.	Land Rover Horse of the Year 2019 Show Placement Qualification can be gained only at affiliated RAS Shows/Events that are running a Land Rover Horse of the Year qualifying schedule – the list of qualifying shows can be found at www.ras.org.nz – Equestrian section – www.hoy.kiwi – this is the official list despite what may be stated in a Show Schedule or Catalogue. Refer to this list at all times.
Q 3.	<p>All riders, horses/ponies (led stock (note further exceptions below), NZ Riding Pony & Pony Breeder’s classes) entering in the 2019 Land Rover Horse of the Year Showing section must have competed in the showing section at a minimum of four (4) RAS affiliated Shows/Events in the 12 months prior to the 22 February 2019. The 4 Shows must be documented on the 2019 COQA form.</p> <p>Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. RAS led stock classes – no qualification required but 3 show attendance is required with the exception of foals, Brood Mares & Stallions b. NZRP & PBS classes do not require qualification or attendance <p>A ‘Supreme Champion of the Show’ does NOT count as a qualifier. Refer to ‘Qualification’ for each event for entry criteria in the “RAS Showing Section Qualification & Attendance Information”.</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 & Attendance Forms must be received at the following email debbie@ras.org.nz no later than 22 February 2019 . Any forms received after this time/date will be returned and entries cancelled.
Q 6.	Any Certificate of Qualification & Attendance 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 2018. 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 (12 March 2019) of the 2019 Land Rover Horse of the Year.
CR 3.	One horse/pony per rider/handler per class.
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.	If you wish to change or substitute a rider, the change must be lodged no later than 4.30pm on the day before the class begins (exemptions may be given if a rider has had an illness, accident or injury after that timeframe stated). If a rider is changed without approval, the horse will be eliminated.
CR 6.	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 7.	<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>
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, 2018, excluding a Lead Rein Pony or a First Ridden Pony. - A Rising Star is not to have competed in the Rising Star section at Horse of the Year Show more than twice. - A Rising Star is one that has not won a Rising Star Title at any previous Horse of the Year Show. - A Rising Star may compete in open title classes if they have the necessary qualifications. - Novice Pony Exhibits (except Novice Pony Stallions) may be ridden by a rider of any age, in novice pony classes only. - Novice pony stallions must be ridden by a rider, 14 years and over.
CR.9	<p>GEE WHIZ MEMORIAL EQUITATION TURNOUT CLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competitors to be 17 years or over - Mount - over 148cm. - Costume: Formal.
CR.10	<p>WONDER MEMORIAL EQUITATION TURNOUT CLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open to competitors 16 years and under - Mount - 148cm & under. - Riders competing in Lead Rein and First Ridden classes are NOT eligible to enter the Wonder Memorial. - Riders must be in child's attire. - Costume: Formal.
CR. 11	<p>JUNIOR & SENIOR SHOW RIDER - 11 years & under, 12 – 14 years, 15 & 16 years, YOUTH or GIRL, and SENIOR RIDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Age of Rider is as at 1 August 2018. - Junior Rider 11 years & under. - Junior Rider 12, 13 and 14 years. - Junior Rider, 15 and 16 years. - Youth or Girl Rider, 17 years and under 21 years. - Gentleman Rider, 21yrs & over or Lady Rider, 21 yrs. & over or Rider, 21 yrs. & over. - Restricted wins (e.g. 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 (e.g.: Show Pony, Saddle Hunter Pony, Show Hack, Saddle Hunter Horse etc.).

<p>CR. 12</p>	<p>OPEN - SHOW PONY, SADDLE HUNTER PONY CLASSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Pony may only be entered in the Open Show Pony Section <u>or</u> Open Saddle Hunter Pony Section – not both. - Qualification can only be gained in the section at affiliated Shows/Events that they entered in – i.e. competed in the Open Show Pony section – Show pony section qualification / competed in the Open Saddle Hunter Pony section – saddle hunter pony qualification.
<p>CR. 13</p>	<p>PACED AND MANNERED HORSE / PONY CLASSES (NOT LEAD REIN OR FIRST RIDDEN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paced & Mannered sections in Unity or Equitation events do not count as qualifiers. - Restricted wins (e.g. Novice Paced & Mannered) do NOT count. The wins must be from Open Paced and Mannered, Open Paced, or Open Mannered classes.
<p>Cr. 14</p>	<p>LEAD REIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Age of Rider is as at 1 August 2018. Riders under eight (8) years of age with a minimum age of four (4) years. - Ponies 128cm and under - Lead Rein Riders may not compete in any other showing classes/sections at the 2019 Land Rover Horse of the Year, including the Wonder Memorial class. Lead Rein Riders may not compete in other disciplines at the 2019 Land Rover Horse of the Year. - The lead must be attached to the cavesson of a simple snaffle bridle – refer to Appendix B of the RAS Rulebook. - The attendant/leader, must be 14 years or over, and hold the rein with their left hand so that the right hand is free to assist the rider if necessary. - Spurs are not allowed. - A cane or a whip not exceeding 68cm in length, which includes a flap 2cm wide by 4cm long, may be carried by riders in the Lead Rein Section. - Running or bearing reins or similar tackle are not allowed. - Riders who have competed in the First Ridden, Novice and Open Pony Sections are no longer eligible to compete in the Lead Rein section.
<p>CR. 15</p>	<p>FIRST RIDDEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Age of Rider is as at 1 August 2018. Riders under ten (10) years of age. - Ponies to not exceed 138cm. - First Ridden Riders may not compete in any other showing classes/sections at the 2019 Land Rover Horse of the Year, including the Wonder Memorial class. - First Ridden Riders may not compete in other disciplines at the 2019 Land Rover Horse of the Year. - First Ridden Riders are not eligible to compete in Lead Rein Pony classes. - All ponies to walk and trot in company and will be asked to canter in an individual workout. - A Rider who has moved from the First Ridden into the Open Rings forfeits the right to compete again in any First Ridden Events i.e. Riders that have competed in an Open Pony section at an affiliated Show/Event, may not compete in First Ridden classes even though that show did not provide a First Ridden section. - No spurs to be worn. - A cane or whip not exceeding 68cm in length, which includes a flap 2cm wide by 4cm long may be carried.

CR. 16	<p>OPEN SHOW - HACK, PARK HACK, SADDLE HUNTER, RIDING HORSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Horse may only be entered in the Open Hack Section or Park Hack Section or Saddle Hunter Section or Riding Horse Section. - Qualification Gained can only be from the section at affiliated Shows/Events that they entered in – i.e. competed in the Show, Hack section – Hack section qualification; competed in the Park Hack section – Park Hack qualification; competed in the Saddle Hunter section – Saddle Hunter qualification; competed in the Riding Horse section – Riding Horse qualification.
CR. 17	<p>RAS LIVAMOL SERIES – HORSES ONLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Horse must be registered with RAS NZ and advise registration number on entry.
COMPETITION	
CO 1.	The general conditions of the Land Rover Horse of the Year 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 class they are competing in. No class will start before the stated time unless advertised well in advance. Classes will not be held up waiting for competitors. Competitors will be given one call to enter the competition ring – failure to present after the first call will result in elimination. No second call will be given.
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 – www.ras.org.nz / About RAS / Rules, Regulations, Polices.</p> <p>Decisions of the Showing Section Judicial Committee may be appealed to the Land Rover Horse of the Year Appeal Committee. The decision of the Land Rover Horse of the Year 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 Land Rover Horse of the Year 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. www.ras.org.nz / About RAS / Rules, Regulations, Polices.
CO 6.	Breastplate number holders are compulsory for all classes, except working hunters and hunter jumping, 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 and Hunter Jumpers are exempt from wearing a breastplate number holder, for safety reasons. However, competitors in Working Hunter & Hunter Jumping classes must wear an armband number holder displaying their number. Competitors in Working Hunter & Hunter Jumping 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.
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 Land Rover Horse of the Year 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.	In all cases current WorkSafe NZ rules prevail. All riders, including harness drivers/with the exclusion of heavy horse (Clydesdale) working classes, 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 or the grounds of an affiliated Event. 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 http://www.ras.org.nz – equestrian. RAS will advise any changes via their website and Facebook. All hats/helmets that conform as per above must be identified by the current tag system implemented by NZPCA, ESNZ and RAS.

CO.18	Working Hunter/Hunter Jumping classes – one baulk, run off or fall will result in elimination from the class
CO 19.	All scores for all classes in the Showing Section will be published. ANY abuse or bad behaviour regarding scores will not be tolerated. Be aware of the RAS Social Media Policy – http://www.ras.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/RAS-Social-Media-Policy-2.pdf
CO 20.	<p>Rings 1 & 2 will be open to competitors competing that day, from 7am – 8am each morning subject to ground conditions. During this time the chief ring steward will monitor horses/ponies and riders – back numbers must be worn, and height cards carried for identification if requested. Times may be limited depending on “traffic”. No ring familiarization will be given at any other time of the day.</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 and one groom or support person only. Designated riders only may warm-up horses /ponies.</p> <p>Prams, pushchairs, portable seating of any kind, 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 2019 Land Rover Horse of the Year 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 9.0am, and 3.00pm to 4.00pm daily. Competitors are not to visit the Ringside Scoring Office at any time
G 5.	Trophies and Prizes polished and cleaned, are to be dropped off at or couriered (tracked) to 349 Riverbed Road, RD 3, Napier 4183, no later than 1 February 2019. 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 Land Rover Horse of the Year Showing Committee Chairperson, Ringmaster(s) and RAS Land Rover Horse of the Year Showing Committee reserve the right to amend any rulings as necessary.