



SHOWHUNTER NZ EQUITATION SERIES CONDITIONS 2015-2016

General Conditions:

1. Goals

- 1.1 Increase the participation in the events involved in the series described below and in the discipline.
- 1.2 Promote the discipline
- 1.3 Promote excellence in equitation and all other technical aspects of the discipline.
- 1.4 Provide a competitive structure which assists in the development of younger and/or less experienced riders, encourages the continued participation of older and/or more experienced riders, and also the further development of rider experience.

2. Principals

- 2.1 The term “series” refers to a number of competitions held successively, at different events leading to a final competition or to qualify horses/ponies and or combinations for a final event or competition.
- 2.2 A series cannot commence before 1st August and must conclude at the final event (“Final”) as defined in 2.4 below.
- 2.3 The series may be restricted to horses or ponies and/or different categories of competitors. These qualifications will be specified in the particular conditions for each series.
- 2.4 A “Final” event for each series will be held at the New Zealand Series Final Show.
- 2.5 The Show Dates Card will be the Official Calendar.
To be included in the official Show Dates Card a show must register dates to the relevant North Island and South Island Co-ordinators before 1st May. Each area may run a maximum of four show days.
- 2.6 Only one competition at each show day will qualify for points in each series.
- 2.7 Only in extraordinary circumstances will events or competitions be added to the series. Those possible exceptions will be implemented with the permission of SHNZ Executive, and must be notified by publication on the ESNZ website and in the Bulletin.
- 2.8 Awards will be presented to all Equitation Series Classes in New Zealand for first – sixth accumulating the most points in each show year in the appropriate national series classes.
 - a. From the Placings that a Horse/Pony gains in the series classes in the current season, the top 10 placings will be tallied prior to the series final
 - b. Once a rider has achieved 10 placings in a series they may continue to enter the particular series class, and receive prize money, however series points will not count. Series points will not be reallocated.
 - c. The series final class will be considered a bonus round. Points achieved in the series final class will be added to the accumulated scores (even if 10 previous placings have been achieved).
 - d. In the event of a tie, then the placings shall be decided by a count back of most wins of the counting rounds for the season. If still tied, then the number of second placings down to fifth will be taken into account until a final result is achieved. If the result is still tied, then the result will be decided by the highest placing in the Series Final Class.

3. Points

Points will be awarded to the first five place getters in each series class, regardless of number of starters providing that they receive a judges’ score of **66% and over**.

1st - 6, 2nd-4, 3rd - 3, 4th - 2, 5th -1

3.1 Series Final Class: Refer Rule 2.8c

Points will be awarded to the first six place getter in each series finals class, regardless of the number of starters providing that they receive a judge's score of 66% and over. Points will be awarded in the following way: 1st-7, 2nd- 5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1 point.

3.2 In the event of a series tie equal placings will be allowed.

4. Prizes

Prizes in cash or kind

5. Conduct, Obstacles and Courses

5.1 All Series Finals will be conducted in draw order.

Courses will consist of 7-10 fences, typical of the verticals and ascending oxers that are found in a Showhunter Course.

5.2 A series equitation course should include two or more related distances that may be jumped using a roll back turn or as a related line, at least one single oxer from a non-related line and a single vertical.

5.3 A vertical may be jumped more than once, and may be jumped from both directions providing there are suitable ground lines one each take-off side.

5.4 An oxer may be jumped more than once, but may ONLY be jumped in the direction of the ascending back rail.

5.5 An equitation course **may** include one or more rider tests as follows:

Beginning or early part of the season

1. Trotting a single fence (max height 90cm for horses, 70cm for ponies)
2. Roll back turn
3. Sitting trot
4. Ride with or without stirrups
5. Halt on the course; but not on a line. Place to halt is designated by the course builder, judge and/or organizing committee

Mid season to end of season (can also include any of tests 1-5 as above)

6. Trotting a fence into or out of a line in a related distance (max/min as above)
7. Hand gallop
8. Simple change of lead
9. Halt on the line; but not on a line shorter than 7 strides. This is designated by the course builder, judge and/or organizing committee

End of Season eg. HOY (can also include any of tests 1-9 as above)

10. Back (rein back)
11. Figure of 8
12. Counter Canter
13. Flying Change of lead

5.6 Courses for ponies will **not** include lines or related distances of less than four strides.

6. Participation

6.1 Competitors may only take part in any of the series if they are current financial members of the ESNZ.

6.2 Horses/Ponies taking part in the series must be currently registered with the ESNZ, registered for Showhunter.

6.3 Participation in Series classes being held at HOY, National SH Championships are covered in the SH Rule book (Section K 1 & K11).

7. Results and Publicity

7.1 Results to the first five places in any series class, the amounts of prizes and number of competitors who started in the competition must be forwarded within 3 days following the event to the SHNZ Points Co-ordinator – Sandy Richmond, PO Box 290 Gisborne 4040 or email s.richmond@gisborne.net.nz .

7.2 Official results sheets for Showhunter must be sent to the ESNZ within 7 days following the event.

7.3 The publicity results must be sent to the publicity officer as listed in the Showhunter Show Dates card within 7 days of the event.

8. Sponsorship Requirements

8.1 The 2015--16 sponsor of the series will have exclusive naming rights to that series eg. NRM Pony Rider Equitation Series and no sub-sponsors will be permitted.

8.2 Provision must be made to display all sponsors' signage during the series competition. SHNZ will supply the signage from the sponsors.

8.3 The sponsors' logo must be displayed in the event programme. Logos are available from ESNZ.

8.4 Organising committees must abide by the intent and agreement governing the sponsorship of the Series. Where the sponsorship is for exclusive naming rights to the Series no sub sponsors will be permitted. If the sponsorship agreement permits additional sponsorship at an area or local level then organising committees may contract with individual show sponsors for a series competition or the entire show. However, the sponsorship must provide reference to the series sponsors including logos of each series sponsor in the show schedules advertised in the Bulletin magazine, all event programmes and general advertising.

9. Finals

a. The series "Finals" will be held at the Series Final Show.

b. Points will be awarded to the first six place getter in each series finals class, regardless of the number of starters providing that they receive a judge's score of 66% and over. Points will be awarded in the following way: 1st-7, 2nd- 5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1 point.

c. In the event of a tie then the placings shall be decided by a count back of most wins of the 12 counting rounds for the season. If still tied, then the number of second placings and so on will be taken into account until a final result is achieved. If the result is still tied, then the result will be decided by the highest placing in the Series Final class.

10. Penalties

a. Any horse/pony or competitor that is in breach of the ESNZ rules, General Conditions or Series Conditions will automatically lose any points they may have gained and may be open to further judicial action.

b. Every horse/pony competing in a series class that does not have a current registration will receive no prize money or points for that class. The prize money and points forfeited will be redistributed to the other qualifying competitors unless evidence of registration for the class is produced within 7 days of the competition.

11. Judicial

11.1 The Showhunter Executive will be known as the judicial panel in the event of a dispute.

11.2 The judicial panel shall have the power to enquire into, hear and determine objections in respect to series conditions, and issues arising from the interpretation of these conditions.

12. Pony Rider Equitation Series

Name

12.1 The 2015-2016 series will be named the "NRM Pony Rider Equitation Series".

In the absence of a sponsor the series will be named the "SHNZ Pony Rider Equitation Series".

12.2 **Qualifications**

Open to Ponies only.

12.2.1 PONIES - This series is open to any pony registered with ESNZ with RAS Life Certificate or current RAS height certificate who is registered for SHNZ.

12.2.2 COMPETITORS – Competitors will be eligible to take part in this series until the end of the season during which they reach the age of 17, the season being from 1st August to 31st July.

12.3 Participation

12.3.1 This series is a pony rider competition so the rider retains the points gained from this Pony Rider Equitation Series competition for accumulation for this series only. Points are not transferable to another series where rider eligibility criteria have been met.

12.3.2 A rider may only ride one pony in a class, but may accumulate rider points on different ponies during the series.

12.4 Competition

12.4.1 Courses and Obstacles

Fence Height Maximum 80cm Stride Length – 11' (3.35m)

Course will consist of 7-10 obstacles made up of verticals and oxers, and will include related distances and single fences.

Related distances of less than four strides are not used.

Verticals may be jumped from both directions providing correct ground lines are in place.

Oxers may be jumped more than once, but only in the direction of the ascending back rails.

A series of rider questions may be asked during the course. See General Conditions Rule 5 for further details.

12.4.2 Points

12.4.3 Points will be awarded for the series classes for 1st – 5th place in each class – 6,4,3,2,1.

12.4.4 Series Final Class

Points will be awarded to the first six place getter in each series finals class, regardless of the number of starters providing that they receive a judge's score of 66% and over. Points will be awarded in the following way: 1st-7, 2nd- 5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1 point.

12.4.5 In the event of a series tie equal placings will be allowed.

See General Conditions: Rule 2.8c & Rule 3 for further details.

12.4.5 Prizes

Awards for the overall series will be for 1st – 6th place.

Sponsors product may also be supplied if included in the sponsorship agreement.

13 Junior Rider Equitation Series

Name

13.1 The 2015-2016 series will be named the "<sponsor name> Junior Rider Equitation Series". In the absence of a sponsor the series will be named the " SHNZ Junior Rider Equitation Series".

13.2 Qualifications

13.2.1 The series is open to any horse registered with the ESNZ who is also registered for SHNZ.

13.2.2 Competitors will be eligible to take part in this series until the end of the season during which they reach the age of 21, the season being from 1st August to 31st July.

13.2.3 A competitor is ineligible to compete in both Junior Rider and Adult Rider Equitation Series at the same time.

13.3 Participation

13.3.1 Open to Riders on horses only.

13.3.2 This series is a Junior Rider competition so the rider retains the points gained from this Junior Rider Equitation Series competition for accumulation for this series only. Points are not transferable to another series where rider eligibility criteria have been met.

13.3.3 A rider may only ride one horse in a class, but may accumulate rider points on different horses during the series.

13.4 Competition

13.4.1 Courses and Obstacles

Fence Height Maximum 1m

Course will consist of 7-10 obstacles made up of verticals and oxers, and will include related distances and single fences.

Verticals may be jumped from both directions providing correct ground lines are in place.

Oxers may be jumped more than once, but only in the direction of the ascending back rails.

A series of rider questions may be asked during the course. See General Conditions Rule 5 for further details.

13.4.2 Points

Points will be awarded for the series classes for 1st – 5th place in each class – 6,4,3,2,1.

13.4.3 Series Final Class

Points will be awarded to the first six place getter in each series finals class, regardless of the number of starters providing that they receive a judge's score of 66% and over. Points will be awarded in the following way: 1st-7, 2nd- 5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1 point.

13.4.4 In the event of a series tie equal placings will be allowed.

See General Conditions; Rule 2.8c & Rule 3 for further details.

13.4.3 Prizes

Awards for the overall series will be for 1st – 6th place.

Sponsors product and any other special awards may also be supplied if included in the sponsorship agreement.

14. Adult Rider Equitation Series

Name

14.1 The 2015-2016 series will be named the "<sponsor name> Adult Rider Equitation Series".

In the absence of a sponsor the series will be named the " SHNZ Adult Rider Equitation Series".

14.2 Qualifications

14.2.1 The series is open to any horse registered with the ESNZ who is also registered for SHNZ.

14.2.2 Competitors will be eligible to take part in this series the first day of the season during which they turn 22, the season being from 1st August to 31st July.

14.2.3 A competitor is ineligible to compete in both Junior Rider and Adult Rider Equitation Series at the same time.

14.3 Participation

14.3.1 Open to Riders on horses only.

14.3.2 This series is an Adult Rider competition so the rider retains the points gained from this Adult Rider Equitation Series competition for accumulation for this series only. Points are not transferable to another series where rider eligibility criteria have been met.

14.3.3 A rider may only ride one horse in a class, but may accumulate rider points on different horses during the series.

14.4 Competition

14.4.1 **Courses and Obstacles**

Fence Height Maximum 1m

Course will consist of 7-10 obstacles made up of verticals and oxers, and will include related distances and single fences.

Verticals may be jumped from both directions providing correct ground lines are in place.

Oxers may be jumped more than once, but only in the direction of the ascending back rails.

A series of rider questions may be asked during the course. See General Conditions Rule 5 for further details.

14.4.2 **Points**

Points will be awarded for the series classes for 1st – 5th place in each class – 6,4,3,2,1.

14.4.3 **Series Final Class**

Points will be awarded to the first six place getter in each series finals class, regardless of the number of starters providing that they receive a judge's score of 66% and over. Points will be awarded in the following way: 1st-7, 2nd- 5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1 point.

14.4.4 In the event of a series tie equal placings will be allowed.

See General Conditions: Rule 2.8c & Rule 3 for further details.

14.4.3 **Prizes**

Awards for the overall series will be for 1st – 6th place.

Sponsors product and any other special awards may also be supplied if included in the sponsorship agreement.