

## **EQUESTRIAN**

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### **Rules and Conditions**

E1a. LOCALS: refers to competitors residing within the areas bounded by Lindis Saddle, Makarora; Crown Range; Victoria Bridge and Cromwell.

E1b. CENTRAL OTAGO: refers to competitors of Central Otago Pony Clubs at Maniototo; Clyde; Cromwell; Wakatipu and Hawea/ Wanaka, and must wear pony club uniform and be a current financial member.

### **Age and Height. Rider and Horse**

E2a. Open pony exhibits must be ridden by riders under seventeen years of age. Novice ponies may be ridden by riders of any age.

E2b. Rider/Handlers' age and eligibility is determined as per the 1st August ie.

Riders/Handlers' who are of age for any division/section on the 1st August complete the show year/season in that division/section.

E2c. Riders 16 years and under cannot compete in both Hack and Pony rings. Must be in one or the other.

E2d. No Horse or Pony under 3 years old is permitted to be shown under saddle

E2e. Ponies 14.2 and under excluded from all Horse events.

### **Eligibility**

E3a. Entires eligible provided that the RAS Rule CDE 14 is complied with and that the Livestock Secretary is notified and satisfied that all requirements are fulfilled.

**E3b. Stallions are not to be tied up unattended unless in an appropriate confinement.**

**It is recommended that stallions be kept in approved suitable yards. At the time of entry, all stallion owners must be in the possession of a stallion identification badge, which must be displayed at the yard and on the horse at all times while at the Show. Official badges are available at a cost from NZEF.**

**E3c. In the warm up area, a stallion must be accompanied by at least one attendant, in addition to the rider, and the stallion badge must be on the horse.**

E3d. All horses and ponies entered in competitive classes or ring events or parading (whether by invitation or by entry) must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner. All animals must be named at time of entry.

E3e. *All entrants for these classes must be able to provide hunt qualification cards showing that the combination of horse and rider hunted with the Central Otago hounds the previous hunt season before the show. These hunt cards must be photocopied and sent in with entries, and also presented at time of presentation of ribbons. To receive a qualification card the rider/owner is a financial member. To qualify in the hack classes the combination should have hunted 5 times, and pony combinations hunted 3 times.*

### **Protests, Judges' & Committee's Rights**

E4a. The Stewards in the various classes are enjoined and empowered to prevent any persons interfering with the Judges during adjudication and no exhibitor or other person otherwise than the Judge, Stewards and Livestock Secretary will be permitted to go inside the ring while the exhibits are being judged, except in such cases as the Stewards may deem necessary.

E4b. The Committee may reserve the right to allot Specials in lieu of prize money mentioned in this schedule.

E4c. All Protests to be lodged with the Livestock Secretary accompanied with a deposit of \$50, within half an hour of adjudication and if, in the opinion of the committee such protest is deemed frivolous, the deposit to be forfeited.

E4d. The Committee will not under any circumstances hold itself responsible for any loss, damage or mis-delivery of stock or other exhibits at the Show.

E4e. Any person infringing the rules of the Society will be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$50. The attention of exhibitors is particularly directed to the foregoing provisions which will be strictly enforced, or will revert to the funds of the Society.

E4f. The decision of the Committee shall be absolutely final on any subject on Show Day.

E4g. Officials have the power in the equestrian sections to move stock to their correct classes with the approval and on advice of Judges.

E4h. Any exhibitor or person in any way interfering with or using improper language to the Judges or any officer of the Society in, or as to, the execution of their duty, or being guilty of improper conduct on the Showground, may be disqualified upon exhibiting in future shows of the Society, and if exhibiting at this Show, may forfeit all prizes he or she has won.

E4i. Reservation of right. The organizers reserve the right:

- To cancel any class or event
- To divide any class and amend prize money accordingly
- To alter the advertised times
- To refuse any entry (with or without stating a reason)
- To alter or amend the programme as the organizer sees fit
- **Any unruly or dangerous animal may be required to leave the Showground.**

E4j. **The RAS 'Yellow Card' system;** please read full rule wording under the General Information Section of this schedule.

E4k. The Committee reserves the right to cap entry numbers in any section, regardless of entry closure date

E4l. The Committee reserves the right to merge classes if entry numbers are low.

### **Novice Criteria**

E5a. A novice horse or pony is one that has yet to win six classes in any division within the competitions provided at any A&P Show.

E5b. The owner of any horse or pony that has upgraded since their entry was received must notify the Livestock Secretary so that the necessary adjustments can be made. If a Horse or Pony has upgraded at another A & P show after entry has been received by the Livestock Secretary then no fee for alteration will apply providing proof of upgrade is shown and the Livestock Secretary is notified by 4pm on **Monday 6th March**.

**E5c. Please note that a record of wins will be asked for. Horse/Pony height and performance cards must be carried. Failure to do so will result in elimination. All wins in Novice section within each division count and must be recorded. Should a novice horse win an Open conformation class, these wins must also be recorded. Once a horse has achieved 6 wins in either the conformation or Paced and Mannered, this horse is not eligible to return to Novice status should it change sections at the beginning of the new season. A Novice is a horse or pony which has not won 6 firsts in relevant classes at the time of the Show, not at the time of entry. See E5b for upgrade details.**

### **Entry Fees, Scratching, Refunds and Payouts**

E6a. All livestock entries close with the Livestock Secretary on **MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017.**

E6b. Entry Fees must accompany all entries. Late Entries will be charged an additional \$15. Refund of entry fees will only be considered if scratchings are made officially with the Livestock Secretary either prior to the Show or in sufficient time to avoid disruption to the smooth running of the competition.

i.e Rules and Conditions Yard fees will be refunded in full.

E6c. If a veterinary certificate is produced refunds will be in full.

E6d. All prize winners in horse, cattle, sheep and boer goat sections are expected to join in the Grand Parade.

E6e. Equestrian Levies – entry fee includes RAS Levy of \$1 per class.

E6f. All prize money will be directed credited after the show.

E6g. The Judges are empowered to withhold the prize-money in any department in which there are not sufficient entries.

E6h. Competitors may not receive ribbon, cards or money unless they can produce their Height and Performance Card upon request in a height specific class.

E6i. All wins in novice and open classes within each division count and must be recorded on the Royal Agricultural Society Performance and Measuring Card. Winners failing to produce their card when requested by the Steward forfeit their awards for the day.

E6j. Class changes – same combination wishing to change classes incur a transfer fee of \$2 per class. An upgrade will not incur any fee apart from any difference in entry fee. A scratching and entering on a new horse will incur a flat fee of \$10.

### **Forbidden Substances**

E7a. Competitors are advised that tests for forbidden substances may be carried out during the Show and that testing of all animals is at the owner's risk. Forbidden substance – any substance capable of affecting the speed, stamina, courage or conduct of a horse, pony, donkey or mule by its action upon the central nervous system or the cardio-vascular, respiratory, alimentary, digestive, musculoskeletal or urogenital systems.

### **Championship Judging and Points Prizes**

E8a. Any pony qualifying for judging of Champion must be ridden in that event by the same rider as in classes. In the event of injury or sickness, exception to the rule may be made at the discretion of the Ring Steward.

E8b. Points for Special Prizes in the aggregate: first 5, second 3, third 1, unless otherwise specified.

### **Ground Rules**

E9a. Temporary Pens - pens constructed of electric fence tape and electric fence standards are not permitted at affiliated shows.

E9b. See ticket allocation on section entry forms

E9c. All horses to be led by the head and in the charge of a competent person.

E9d. When horses or ponies are entered in more than one class and the starting times clash, the exhibitor must elect which class they will start the horse or pony in. The programme will not be held up for horses or ponies competing in another ring. Horses or ponies arriving at the ring after the judging has commenced will not be judged.

**E9e. Admission to the Showground: Two-day adult pass - \$20; One day Adult pass (18 and over) - \$15; Youth, 13 to 17 years - \$5; AND school children 12 years and under FREE.**

E9f. Any person having been expelled from membership, or disqualified from exhibiting, riding or competing by any kindred association shall not be allowed to become a member, or to exhibit, ride or compete at this Society's exhibitions, until such expulsion be rescinded or such disqualification be removed, provided such expulsion or disqualification be confirmed by the Executive of this Society.

E9g. Arrears: No person who is in arrears with regard to entry fees, subscriptions or any other Show charge is eligible to compete at any A & P Show. Proof of payment will be required before any restriction will be lifted.

E9h. Whips must not be over 76cm in length and with a suitable flapper, with the exception in First Ridden where the whip must not exceed 68cm including the flapper.

E9i. Please ensure that the yards are cleaned out after use and all rubbish put in the skips provided. Competitors leaving dirty yards will not be allocated yards the following year.

E9j All vehicles MUST display issued vehicle passes in the windscreen for the duration of the show. E9k. It is an offence to carry any form of electronic equipment or audio attachment for the purpose of sideline communication by trainers.

E9l. Yard allocation: Due to the high demand the following criteria will apply

- ☞ Those travelling long distances
- ☞ Those with multiple horses and staying 2 nights or more.
- ☞ Central Otago and Queenstown residents will only be allocated yards if sufficient available
- ☞ Only horses/ponies entered will be allocated a yard

**E9m. In no case may horses or ponies be ridden outside the designated area.**

**Pembroke Park carries a \$100 fine if caught exercising out there.**

**E9n. There will be no measuring during the Show. Upper Clutha A&P cannot take any responsibility if a horse is not measured before the Show.**

**E9o. Only competitors who have horses entered may park their truck in the truck/float parking areas.**

**E9p. PLEASE use Gate # 3 entrance off Brownston St for parking on Pembroke Park & to access the parking at the yards use the gate off McDougall Street near the Camping Ground**

**E9q. No long term camping permitted, maximum of 4 nights camping application form must be filled out.**

**E9r. Summary of the RAS Resolution Process – the full process can be found on the RAS website [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) the principle behind the process is to deal with the manner as it comes to hand and in most cases it should be dealt with directly with the show. If the matter is in regards to a RAS official, the Show may request the assistance of the RAS Head Office as to how to deal with this in an appropriate manner.**

**E9s. Only competitors with maximum of one assistant per horse may enter the warm up area in front of the pavilion during competition.**

## **ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NZ INC. SCHEDULE OF METRIC**

<b>HEIGHTS</b>	<b>CHART</b>
Present height in hands	Metric Equivalent
<b>HACKS</b>	
16.0hh	163cm
15.2hh	158cm
15.0hh	153cm
<b>PONIES</b>	
14.2hh	148cm
14.0hh	143cm
13.2hh	138cm
13.0hh	133cm
12.2hh	128cm
12.0hh	123cm
11.2hh	118cm
11.0hh	113cm
10.2hh	107cm
10.0hh	102cm