

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 ponies must be ridden by riders 16 years and under age except that riders turning 17 after Jan 1st are able to ride ponies until 31st July of the same year, with the exception of Novice ponies, and they may be ridden by riders of any age.

E2b. The age of the competitor is to be taken as of the first day of the Show with the exception of the rule above.

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 Hack events.

Eligibility

E3a. Entires eligible provided that the RAS Rule 56 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.

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.

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 4th 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 February 10th 2014.**

E6b. Entry Fees must accompany all entries. Late Entries will be charged an additional \$10. 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. full refund if scratching is made before Thursday 27th February. 75% refund if scratching is made before **Thursday 6th March 2014, 4pm.** No refund will be given after this time unless a vet certificate is produced. 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. All prize money will be withheld on Saturday morning and can be collected at A & P Office after the Grand Parade upon presentation of Grand Parade Participation Ticket.

E6f. All prize money must be claimed within **three weeks** 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. A late entry on the day will incur a fee of \$10.

E6k. Equestrian Levies – entry fee includes RAS Levy of \$1 per class.

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. Testing for forbidden substances will be carried out under the Royal Agricultural Society Forbidden Substances

Judicial Committee (FSJC) procedures and rules (refer rule 89 Equestrian Judges and Competitors Rule Book).

E7b. The use of tranquillizers, stimulants or any drugs capable of affecting the performance of horses and ponies is forbidden.

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. Only one person in charge of each lot of Horses, Cattle, Boer Goats or Sheep will be admitted free.

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 be disqualified.

E9e. Admission to the Showground: A two-day pass \$20; One day adult pass \$15; All School Children Free; Members free on presentation of ticket.

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.

E9j. Copies of the RAS Equestrian Rule Book can be pre-ordered at time of entry, \$35 per book.

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

- ☞ Members will get first priority
- ☞ Those travelling long distances
- ☞ Those with multiple horses and staying 2 nights or more.

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 main yard area.

E9p. PLEASE use Gate # 4 entrance; Cnr Brownston & McDougall Streets.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NZ INC. SCHEDULE OF METRIC

HEIGHTS

Present height in hands

HACKS

16.0hh

15.2hh

CHART

Metric Equivalent

163cm

158cm

15.0hh	153cm
PONIES	
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