

Rules & Conditions (as per NZ National Horse & Pony Show) (RAS)

1. Entries Open **Sunday 1st November 2020**
2. Entries Close **Monday 21st December 2020 at midnight**
3. Late entries accepted **online from 12am Tuesday 22nd December until 12pm Thursday 31st December** but pay a penalty rate of 50% on all entry and show fees (not stabling or camping) and will not appear in the catalogue.
4. No Entries will be accepted from **Friday 1st January**
5. **Substitutions:**

All Substitutions must be made in writing on the official NZNHP Substitution Form. (Form # NZNHP SUB 2021) and lodged to the Secretary within one (1) hour of the scheduled class start time to avoid disruption to the smooth running of the show.

Substitution is permitted provided the horse or pony for which another entry is substituted takes no further part at the show. The substitute must be of the same grade and or class as the original entry and must be owned by the same person.
6. **Scratchings:**

All Scratchings must be made in writing on the official NZNHP Scratching Form (Form # NZNHP SCR 2021) and lodged to the Secretary by 6.00pm the night before the scheduled class or classes to avoid disruption to the smooth running of the show.
7. **Refund of entry fees:**

Refund of entry fees will be considered if applications is made in writing on the official NZNHP Refund of Entries Request Form (Form # NZNHP REFUND 2021) and officially lodged with the Secretary by 6.00pm **Wednesday 6th January 2021** prior to the Start of the Show and must be accompanied with a doctor's, vet or farrier certificate which is on official letterhead stationary and signed by the issuer.

Refunds will be less 40% of the original entry fee (excluding ground levy & stabling fees), and will be at the discretion of the Show Committee. Refunds if approved will be paid out within 21 working days following the Show.
8. **Cancellation:**

In the unlikely event of the Cancellation of the show.
Refunds will be less 10% of the original entry fee.
Refunds will be paid out within 21 working days following the cancellation date.
9. The Competitor participates in the Show at its own risk.
10. The committee has the right to refuse or cancel any entry without adjudicating any reason for so doing, and reserves the right to make any alteration to show timetable or withdraw any class or section as may be deemed desirable.
11. The committee reserve the right to replace prize money with products of equivalent value.
12. CURRENT Height Certificates are the responsibility of the rider/handler. These will be checked on entry to the ring. No current certificate. No entry.
13. Each competitor must supervise and control their animals at all times and shall be liable for any hazard created, or accident, illness or damage caused by the action of themselves or their animals at the show grounds.
14. Exhibitors must comply with the appropriate animal legislation and the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and its amendments.
15. Horse and pony ID tags to be worn at all times on covers or headcollars except when being shown.

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16. Prize money: For the 2021 show prize money will be paid out within 21 working days following the show. Please enter bank account number during online entry process.
No payments will be paid by cheque.
If no Bank Account is supplied during online entry process no prizemoney payment will be made.
17. Policy for payment of prize money:
- (a) 3 or less competitors - 1st prize money only will be paid;
 - (b) 4 to 6 competitors, 1st & 2nd prize money will be paid;
 - (c) 7 or more competitors - full prize money will be paid.
- Prize money may be substituted with product or prize vouchers to the equivalent or higher value.
18. Start times will be adhered to as closely as possible. Although it is provided that horses may compete in more than one class, **all such classes may be judged simultaneously at the convenience of the judges or stewards. In all such cases where exhibitors have an exhibit entered in more than one class they must select in which class they compete.**
19. CLEAN SPORT: - Clean Sport Testing May Be Carried Out At This Show.
The administering of any drug which affects the performance of a horse or pony is forbidden.
The committee reserves the right to submit any animal to veterinary examination.
The Rules of the Royal A&P Society of New Zealand in regard to Clean Sport apply.
Competitors are advised that tests for forbidden substances may be carried out during the show/Event and that testing of all animals is at the risk of the person responsible.
A forbidden Substance is 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.
20. Protests: Must be submitted within 15 minutes of that event's completion with a deposit of \$70.00. To be lodged at the Secretary's Office. Protests that are upheld – money will be refunded.
21. Entries: The Chief Steward may, at their discretion, transfer an entry to its appropriate class where it is found to be wrongly entered. Advice must be given to the Secretary's office. The committee reserves the right to split or combine classes according to entry numbers. A horse or pony entered in the Newcomer or Novice section may enter in the open section.
22. NZ Pleasure Sections: Any combination entered in the NZ Pleasure Horse or Pony sections is not permitted to enter any other ridden section of the show except the Pinto, Standardbred or Welsh sections (if eligible), and any of the Led sections. Horses and Ponies shown in the Hacks, Park Hacks, Hunters, Riding Horse, Show Pony, Saddle Hunter Pony, Lead Rein or First Ridden sections are not permitted to be shown in the Standardbred, Pleasure Horse or Pony sections.
23. Stallions & Colts: are eligible for all classes and must be shown in a bit. They must be clearly Identified with "S" identification badges, one on each side of their bridle at all times. The rider must also wear two RAS official armbands (one on each arm) when in the ring. Handlers & Riders of stallions and colts must wear an approved Hi Viz vest during the show when outside of the showing ring. ('S' badges, arm bands and vests can be purchased from RAS Head Office).
Handlers or riders of Pony Stallions must be 14 years or over; and under 17 years if riding an open pony stallion. Stallions over 148cm must be led or ridden by a rider/handler over 17 years of age.(ages as at 1st August 2020)
24. Parking: All competitors must park their floats and trucks in the area designated for this purpose. NO exceptions. Vehicle Passes must be displayed. Vehicle Passes are obtained from the show office on arrival.
25. Arenas: There will be no riding with the exception of official arena familiarisation times in any Showing arena at any time other than when competing.
26. The use of audio or equipment of any kind or device between the side-line and a competitor is strictly forbidden.

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27. A hard hat is generally described as a hunting cap, protective headwear, or a safety helmet. Wearing a Hard Hat conforming to the current AS/NZ Safety standard (AS/NZS 3838) or equivalent standard (Rule GR 4 a) to d) in rule book), is compulsory for anyone competing on, working in or schooling or riding for any reason an exhibit at this show. ALL HATS MUST BE 'RED' TAGGED on the Harness – **NO RED TAG, NO START**
28. Competitors must provide their own number holder. Numbers to be black on white background.
29. No lapels or insignia is permitted on any riding coats or numnahs when exhibiting at this show.
30. All pony riders must wear correct pony attire. No long boots/chaps. Novice & Newcomer Ponies (novice only) may be ridden by an adult. Open Newcomer Ponies must be ridden by a rider under 17 years.
31. All horses stabled on the grounds must have an ID tag on at all times when not competing. Please do not move your horse or pony without arrangement with the stabling steward. Stables will be allocated in order of paid entry. First In First Served.
32. Any professional trainer on the grounds must gain prior permission from the committee before giving tuition.
33. A current RAS Height certificate/performance card must be carried on show day at all times.
34. The disposal of the contents of portable toilets into ANY rubbish bin or skip bin is Prohibited and any person caught or found doing so will be eliminated from the Competition and asked to leave the showgrounds.
35. Yellow card – This Show/Event supports the RAS “Yellow Card” system. The yellow card system will be used at this show if necessary. Unacceptable behaviour towards other competitors, stewards, judges and officials will not be tolerated.

A yellow card will be issued, in cases of offences in respect of abuse of animals or inappropriate behaviour as per the RAS Constitution and the RAS Rules & Regulations/Bylaws including the Equestrian Rulebook, the RAS affiliated Show/Event/registered Measuring Stand and their grounds and their duly appointed delegates may deliver to the Person Responsible a Yellow Warning Card, (either immediately or within 10 days of the show) which suspends any penalty until possible new offences. Full wording of the “Yellow Card” system is available to view on the RAS website – www.ras.org.nz.

36. Arrears – No person who is in arrears with regard to entry fees, subscriptions, sponsorship or any other debt is ineligible to compete at any affiliated Show/Event until paid in full. Proof of payment will be required before any restriction is lifted.
37. Summary of RAS Resolution Process – the full process can be found on the RAS website www.ras.org.nz. The principle behind the process is to deal with the matter as it comes to hand and in most cases it should be dealt with directly by the show. If the matter is in regard to an RAS official, the show may request the assistance of RAS Head Office as to how to deal with this in an appropriate manner.
38. Stabling:- Clean sawdust/shavings have been provided for ALL competitors. Each competitor is asked to consider others when filling their stables.

ALL stables and yards are to be left in a clean and tidy condition, with all manure and left-over hay and feed placed in the appropriate bins. ALL stables and yards will be checked at the end of the show and those requiring cleaning will be charged a \$50 fee.

This will be deducted from your prize money payment or charged to you following the show. Sawdust will be provided for horse bedding.

Covered horse accommodation will be allocated to entries paid in full on a ‘first in first served’ basis.

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39. Health & Safety Specific Requirements:

- All vehicles, caravans and floats requiring power must have a Warrant of Electrical Fitness that meets legislation standard AS/NZS 3001.
- Any and all electrical equipment, including extension power leads, must be tested and tagged with a current tag.(Standard AS/NZS3760)
- Anyone bringing in or in charge of the use of any motorized bike, two, three or four wheeled, must be trained in its use and must wear a safety helmet at ALL times when using it.
- Quad bikes must not carry passengers, and no-one under the age of 16 is permitted to operate a quad bike.
- Motor bike riders must have a Licence and observe a speed limit of 15 k/p/hour at all times, anywhere on the showgrounds.



NZ National Horse & Pony Show Office Hours during the show

THE SHOW OFFICE WILL BE OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND HOURS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Tuesday	5th January 2021	2pm to 7pm
Wednesday	6th January 2021	7am to 7pm
Thursday	7th January 2021	7am to 7pm
Friday	8th January 2021	7am to 7pm
Saturday	9th January 2021	7am to 7pm
Sunday	10th January 2021	7am to 3pm

Please note close of hours may differ depending on the close of classes on late show nights

Reminder all floats / Trucks / Vehicles must stop at the show office on arrival to sign in and register and collect your vehicle pass(s) to be on the grounds. No Official Vehicle / Camping Pass displayed then you will be asked to PAY.

