

SHOWING SECTION

2025 REGULATIONS (SSR) CONDITIONS and QUALIFICATION

CONDITIONS

- The Regulations and Conditions of entry are:
 - Entries - must be received via EvoEvents by **29th January 2025**. Any entries received after this date are subject to late fees.
 - Horse/Pony's Height Certificate – a copy of both sides must be uploaded to EvoEvents by 1 February 2025.
 - The Person Responsible (placing of entry) must ensure that the Height Certificate (Horse/Pony ID) is current and correct. This includes the current ownership (filed with RAS Head Office) and the classification, which must correspond with the section entered at HOY. Any anomaly must be corrected before the competition starts at 2025 HOY.
 - Qualification and Attendance – must be gained by 20th February 2025.
 - The period for any qualification gained for HOY 2025 is from 21st February 2024 and concludes on 20th February 2025. Any qualification/attendance achieved after this date and before the end of the 2024/2025 Show season will transfer to HOY 2026.
 - Any failure, omission, or incorrect information given by the person responsible for an incomplete entry, or incorrect information on a current height certificate will not be the responsibility of the Showing section organising committee, nor will it constitute an emergency on their part.
 - It is the responsibility of the Rider / Handler / Person Responsible to know the conditions of entry, qualification information, and rules of the class or event in which they are competing in.
- Initial entries will be received on a first come, first served basis, regardless of any qualification. However, if class numbers exceed 24, then entries in that class may be prioritised by implementing the Tier System.

Tier One (1): Qualification gained, plus two (2) Show Attendances

Tier Two (2): No Qualification, but two (2) Show Attendances
- 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.
- HOY, in consultation with the showing committee or vice-versa, reserves the right to amalgamate and/or cancel any class.
- By ticking the acceptance box on EVOEVENTS entry system, every entry and all information submitted, will be accepted as a true and correct record of any qualifications and attendances gained at RAS NZ affiliated Shows/Events or equivalent RAS International Shows, of the horse/pony and rider/handler as from 21st February 2024. It also implies the Competitors and Person's Responsible acceptance of the Royal A&P Society NZ Rules and Regulations HOY Showing Section Conditions of Entry.

Please read CLASS QUALIFICATION FOR ALL DETAILS

HOY SHOWING ENTRIES

- All entries must be completed online through EVOEVENTS – www.evoevents.co.nz
- All entries must be in the name of the owner and include a named rider/handler.
- Entries close **29th January 2025**.
- A horse/pony may **only** qualify and compete in the section(s) in which it has been nominated. This is the **classification** (section nominated) stated on the RAS Height Certificate - see Rule CDE 1.
- Entries will be accepted from all competitors that
 - Have met the qualification criteria.
 - Have accepted the terms and conditions, are 18 years of age or over, and have declared that their entry as a true and correct record of the information provided.

- Have entered and uploaded both sides of their current height certificate (Horse/Pony ID) via EvoEvents by 29th January 2025

All forms are to be emailed to equestrian@hoy.kiwi

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

1. **Attendances** – Two (2) attendances are required except entries in RAS Led classes who require one attendance.

Attendance can be gained at RAS affiliated Shows/Events or equivalent RAS International Shows, competing in RAS Showing and/or Affiliated Breed Section/Classes.

2. **Qualification** can only be gained at RAS NZ-affiliated Shows/Events that are running a HOY qualifying schedule/section or equivalent RAS International Shows. The list of NZ-affiliated shows and their respective qualifying sections can be found at www.ras.org.nz—Equestrian section—HOY Page. **This is the official list. Competitors must always refer to this list, as some show catalogues may not be correct.**

Qualification and Attendances, HOY Rules and Regulations, indemnifies the HOY and Royal A&P Society NZ, under the provisions of the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015 and any amendments.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

• WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES – see CO 5, 17 & 18 RAS SSR C of E

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Open Working Hunter Pony classes; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in an Open Working Hunter Pony class and ONE (1) Reserve Champion Open Working Hunter Pony; or

To have won ONE (1) Open Working Hunter Pony Champion.

• WORKING HUNTER HORSE CLASSES - see CO 5, 17 & 18 RAS SSR C of E

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Open Working Hunter classes; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in an Open Working Hunter class and ONE (1) Reserve Champion Open Working Hunter; or

To have won ONE (1) Open Working Hunter Champion.

• RISING STAR WORKING HUNTER HORSE / PONY CLASSES – see Criteria 8 RAS SSR C of E

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Novice or Open Working Hunter classes; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in a Novice or Open Working Hunter class and ONE (1) Reserve Champion Novice or Open Working Hunter; or

To have won ONE (1) Champion in Novice or Open Working Hunter.

• HUNTER JUMPING PONY CLASSES—see CO. 5, 17 & 18 and CR 3 RAS SSR C of E

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Open Hunter Jumping classes; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in an Open Working Hunter Pony class and ONE (1) Open Hunter Jumping Reserve Champion (as above).

To have won ONE (1) Open Hunter Jumping Champion (a Champion from two or more classes).

• HUNTER JUMPING HORSE CLASSES - see CO. 5, 17 & 18 and Criteria 3 RAS SSR C of E

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Open Hunter Jumping classes; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in an Open Working Hunter class and ONE (1) Open Hunter Jumping Reserve Champion; or

To have won ONE (1) Open Hunter Jumping Champion.

- **GEE WHIZ MEMORIAL EQUITATION TURNOUT CLASS - see CR 9 RAS SSR C of E**

No wins required.

- **WONDER MEMORIAL EQUITATION TURNOUT CLASS -see CR 10 RAS SSR C of E**

No wins required.

- **JUNIOR & SENIOR SHOW RIDER - 11 years & under; 12 – 14 years; 15 & 16 years**

RIDER 17yrs and UNDER 21yrs; & RIDER 21yrs & OVER - see Criteria 4, 5 & 11 RAS SSR C of E

To have won TWO (2) First Places in an Open Rider class; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in an Open Rider class and ONE (1) Reserve Champion Open Rider; or

To have won ONE (1) Champion Open Rider.

• **DEBUTANT RIDER** -For riders under 17 years of age, competing for the first time at HOY in any RAS Showing Pony sections, except Lead Rein and First Ridden. Lead Rein and First Ridden riders cannot compete in the Debutant rider.

The rider must have competed at TWO (2) NZ RAS affiliated Shows/Events since 21 February 2024.

Rider must be entered in at least one other class in the RAS showing section at 2025 HOY Show.

- **RAS LED PONY CLASSES – see Competition. 13 RAS SSR C of E**

No wins required.

Broodmares, Stallions and Youngstock entered in the Led classes require a minimum of one show attendance to qualify.

- **RAS LED HORSE CLASSES - see Competition. 13 RAS SSR C of E**

No wins required.

Led classes require a minimum of one show attendance to qualify.

Led Showing Horse of the Year: Open to Show Hacks, Saddle Hunters & Show Riding Horse types.

- **NZ RIDING PONY SOCIETY CLASSES**

No wins required.

Open to all youngstock (yearlings, two (2) year olds, and three (3) year olds) who are foal recorded or permanently registered with the NZ Riding Pony Society. The registration number must be stated with entry.

Broodmares, Stallions and Youngstock entered in the Led classes require a minimum of one show attendance to qualify.

- **NZ BRED PONY – PBSNZ CLASSES**

No wins required

Eligibility – Must be fully registered with the Pony Breeders Society of New Zealand (Inc) which is to have a permanent registration number to be stated on entry. Ponies from imported parentage are eligible as long as they were born in NZ and registered with the Pony Breeders Society of NZ.

Broodmares, Stallions and Youngstock entered in the Led classes require a minimum of one show attendance to qualify.

- **RISING STAR HORSE or PONY CLASSES – see CR 8 & 9 RAS SSR C of E**

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Novice or Open Conformation classes in their respective section; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in a Novice or Open Conformation class and ONE (1) Reserve Champion in Novice or Open Conformation class in their respective section; or.

To have won ONE (1) Champion in Novice or Open Conformation class in their respective section.

- **OPEN - SHOW PONY, SADDLE HUNTER PONY CLASSES - see CR 12 RAS SSR C of E**

To have won TWO (2) First Places in either Open Show Pony classes or Open Saddle Hunter Pony classes' or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in an Open Show Pony class and ONE (1) Open Show Pony Reserve Champion; or ONE (1) First Place in an Open Saddle Hunter Pony class and ONE (1) Open Saddle Hunter Pony Reserve Champion; or.

To have won ONE (1) Open Show Pony Champion or ONE (1) Open Saddle Hunter Pony Champion.

• **PACED AND MANNERED - HORSE/PONY CLASSES (NOT LEAD REIN OR FIRST RIDDEN)-see CR13 RAS SSR C of E**

Two (2) First Places in Open Paced and Mannered classes; or

Two (2) First Places in Open Paced class; or

Two (2) First Places in Open Mannered class; or

One (1) First Place in Open Paced class and One (1) First Place in Open Mannered class.

• **LEAD REIN - see CR14 RAS SSR C of E**

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Lead Rein applicable Open classes; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in Lead Rein applicable Open Class and ONE (1) Lead Rein Open Reserve Champion; or.

To have won ONE (1) Lead Rein Open Champion.

Paced & Mannered

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Lead Rein Open Paced and Mannered classes.

Rider

To have won TWO (2) First Places in Lead Rein Open Rider classes.

• **FIRST RIDDEN - see CR 15 RAS SSR C of E**

To have won TWO (2) First Places in First Ridden applicable Open classes; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in a First Ridden applicable Open class and ONE (1) First Ridden Open Reserve Champion; or.

To have won ONE (1) First Ridden Open Champion.

Paced & Mannered

To have won TWO (2) First Places in First Ridden Open Paced and Mannered classes.

Rider

To have won TWO (2) First Places in First Ridden Open Rider classes.

• **OPEN SHOW - HACK, PARK HACK, SADDLE HUNTER, RIDING HORSE - see CR 16 RAS SSR C of E**

To have won TWO (2) First Places in your Open respective classification e.g. Open Show Hack/Park Hack/Saddle Hunter/Riding Horse classes; or

To have won ONE (1) First Place in an Open respective classification e.g. Open Show Hack/Park Hack/Saddle Hunter/Riding Horse class and ONE (1) Open Reserve Champion in your respective classification as above, or

To have won ONE (1) Open Champion in your respective classification as above.

Note: Lady's or gentlemen's class wins DO NOT count as a qualification.

• **NZTR RIDDEN THOROUGHBRED SHOW HORSE OF THE YEAR CLASS – HORSES ONLY see**

Criteria 17 RAS SSR C of E

No wins required.

CRITERIA (CR)

1. The age of all riders is as of 1st August 2024. See Rule CDE 12 - Rider/Handler/Leader's age and eligibility is determined as per the 1st August i.e. Riders/handlers who are of age for any division/section on the 1st August complete the show year/season in that division/section.
2. Horses/Ponies 3 years and under must not be ridden.
3. All competitors must be a New Zealand citizen or a New Zealand resident. However, RAS and or the HOY Event Team have the right to allow entry of international riders/combinations at their discretion.
4. One horse/pony per rider/handler/leader in all Lead Rein, First Ridden, all lead up classes and Rider classes.
In all other titles, more than one horse/pony per rider/ handler can be entered but will only be officially accepted at the close of entry, where classes have 3 or more entries. This allows time for the rider to make the change from one mount to the next, without holding up the class.
If horses are required to work briefly on the circle at the commencement of judging the title, the rider must select which horse/pony they ride. No substitute riders will be permitted.

Regardless of catalogue order, a competitor riding more than one mount will be required to work out first and fourth. The additional mounts must be held in the collecting ring and/or lineup, fully saddled and ready, by a suitably dressed handler over the age of 18 years.

Please note, classes will not be held up for riders changing mounts. The change must be done quickly and efficiently (with the assistance from the handler). If the rider and mount are not ready when called by the ring steward, they will be eliminated from the class.

5. 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. A Veterinarian certificate will not be required. Substitutions must be made at the HOY office no later than 4.30 pm on the day before the class begins.
6. Exemptions may be given if a rider has had an illness, accident or injury after that timeframe stated. If a rider/handler is changed without approval, the horse will be eliminated.
7. Exhibits three (3) years of age and under are not permitted in any ridden class no matter what the rules of any affiliated Breed Society or Kindred Society may prescribe.
8. WINS: All ridden conformation class/title wins including Rising Star gained at 2025 HOY by a horse/pony who has achieved less than 6 wins, the win must be recorded on the RAS height certificate.
9. It is compulsory for all stallions and colts, except foals, to wear two (2) official 'S' identification badges, one always attached to each side of their bridle. The rider/handler must also wear two RAS official (2) armbands (one on each arm) when in the ring. Handlers and Riders of stallions/colts must wear an approved Hi Viz vest when outside the showing ring. Vests, 'S' badges and armbands can be purchased from RAS Head Office.
E: enquiries@ras.org.nz / equestrian section / form page – Product Order form.
10. **TRIMMING OF WHISKERS AND INNER EARS:** there is to be no trimming of whiskers, eye or inner ear hair/whiskers of horses/ponies competing. For further information, please click on the following link – <https://www.ras.org.nz/equestrian/whisker-trimming/>
11. **HUNTER JUMPING PONY CLASSES:** Condition 17: Competitors riding a Pony must be in child's attire – no long boots, chaps or gaiters
12. **RISING STAR HORSE/PONY CLASSES:**
 - A horse/pony that was a Novice as at 1st August 2024.
 - Excludes a Lead Rein Pony or a First Ridden Pony,
 - Not to have competed more than twice in the Rising Star section at a HOY Show.
 - One that has not won a Rising Star Title at any previous HOY Show. A Rising Star may also compete in open title classes.
 - Note - 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.
13. **GEE WHIZ MEMORIAL EQUITATION TURNOUT CLASS**
 - Competitors must be 17 years or over
 - Mount - over 148cm
 - Costume: Formal
14. **WONDER MEMORIAL EQUITATION TURNOUT CLASS**
 - Open to competitors 16 years and under
 - Mount – not exceeding 148cm
 - 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
15. **RIDERS - Age of Rider is as of 1 August 2024.**
 - The rider must have competed at TWO (2) NZ RAS affiliated Shows/Events since 21 February 2024.
 - Restricted wins (e.g. Novice Rider etc.) do NOT count. The win must be from an Open Rider (flat) class - age group wins are 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.).
 - Senior Rider - 21yrs and over.
 - Senior Rider - 17 years and under 21 years.
 - Junior Rider 11 years and under.

- Junior Rider 12, 13 and 14 years.
- Junior Rider, 15 and 16 years.
- Debutant Rider, under 17 years of age, competing for the first time at HOY in any RAS Showing Pony sections, except Lead Rein and First Ridden. Lead Rein and First Ridden riders cannot compete in the Debutant rider.

16. OPEN SHOW PONY, SADDLE HUNTER PONY CLASSES

- A Pony may only be entered in the Open Show Pony Section or the Open Saddle Hunter Pony section - not both.
- Qualification can only be gained in the section at affiliated shows/events that they are entered in at HOY - ie. competed in the Open Show Pony section - Show Pony qualification / competed in the Open Saddle Hunter Pony section - Saddle Hunter Pony qualification

17. OPEN PACED AND MANNERED HORSE / PONY CLASSES (NOT LEAD REIN OR FIRST RIDDEN)

- 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.

18. LEAD REIN

- Age of Rider is as of 1 August 2024. Riders under eight (8) years of age with a minimum age of four (4) years.
- Ponies not exceeding 128cm
- Lead Rein Riders may not compete in other disciplines/sections at the 2025 HOY show, unless it is in a Lead Rein class in a Breed Section. Lead Rein Riders cannot enter or compete on more than one pony at 2025 HOY excluding breed sections and must always be accompanied by a leader/attendant 14 years and over throughout the duration of the show.
- The lead must be attached to the cavesson noseband of a simple snaffle bridle – refer to Appendix B in 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 76cm 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 at an affiliated or designated Show/Event are no longer eligible to compete in the Lead Rein section.
- NOTE: RAS Equestrian Rulebook - CDE 2. LEAD REIN
- b) Lead rein classes are designed for children on ponies 128cm and under, who are yet unable to ride without assistance from a leader or attendant and should be judged accordingly.
- ***This rule will be closely adhered to.*** Any entered Lead Rein rider found to have (by way of visual proof, including but not limited to video recordings) proven that their competence exceeds the criteria as set out in this section, will be removed from the Lead Rein Section and offered the opportunity to compete in the correct section eg First Ridden or Open Pony.

19. FIRST RIDDEN

- Age of Rider is as of 1 August 2024. Riders under ten (10) years of age with a minimum age of four (4) yrs.
- Riders can only compete in First Ridden for a maximum of 2 years.
- Ponies to not exceed 138cm.
- The First Ridden section is to provide a transition from the Lead Rein to the Open sections, for riders who can only walk and trot on the circle but not canter in the company of other riders. A canter will be required in the individual workout.
- First Ridden Riders cannot enter or compete on more than one pony at 2025 HOY.
- First Ridden Riders may not compete in any other disciplines/showing classes/sections at 2025 HOY including the Wonder Memorial class; unless it is in a First Ridden class in a Breed Section.
- 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 section i.e. Riders that have competed in an Open Pony section at an affiliated or designated Show/Event, may not compete again in First Ridden classes even though that show may not have provided a First Ridden section.
 - No spurs to be worn.
 - A cane or whip not exceeding 76cm in length, which includes a flap 2cm wide by 4cm long may be carried.
 - ***This rule will be closely adhered to:*** Any entered First Ridden rider found to have (by way of visual proof, including but not limited to video recordings) proven that their competence exceeds the criteria as set out in this section, will be removed from the First Ridden Section and offered the opportunity to compete in the Open Pony ring.
20. **OPEN SHOW HACK, PARK HACK, SADDLE HUNTER, RIDING HORSE**
- A Horse may only be entered in the Open - Hack, Park Hack, Saddle Hunter 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.
21. **NZTR RIDDEN THOROUGHBRED SHOW HORSE – HORSES ONLY**
- This class showcases and promotes the thoroughbred – its beauty and versatility.
 - At the completion of the ridden workout, judges will assess each horse individually with saddles removed (Workout provided) . Horses to show true Thoroughbred qualities and include a good walk and gallop (venue permitting).
 - All registered thoroughbreds, regardless of country of origin, are eligible for this class.
 - Placings 1st to 4th will accumulate points towards the overall 2024.2025 series final.
 - Judging:
 - 80% conformation
 - 20% Paces & Manners.
 - The thoroughbred breed has been around since the 17th century. Developed in England when native mares were bred to one of three imported stallions, to this day every thoroughbred can trace its ancestry to either the Darley Arabian, the Godolphin Arabian or the Byerly Turk. The first thoroughbred imported into New Zealand was Figaro in 1840 and he went on to sire the first thoroughbred born domestically. Today thoroughbreds compete around the world over various distances displaying speed and stamina and go on to successful second careers in a variety of pursuits. From the show ring to the eventing circuit and everything in between, the thoroughbred shines in its life after racing due to its intelligence, work ethic, athleticism and adaptability.

COMPETITION (CO)

1. The General Conditions of HOY also apply to the Showing section.
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.
3. In line with the RAS In-Line Resolution Process Policy - <https://www.ras.org.nz/about/our-rules-regulations-and-policies/> Protests 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 will be referred to the RAS Showing Section Judicial Committee.
 - a) In line with the RAS In-Line Resolution Process Policy complaints of a behavioural nature must be lodged in writing preferably when the incident occurs. All matters relating to behavioural complaints will be referred to the RAS Showing Section Judicial Committee unless the matter involves an RAS Official – if it involves an RAS Official, please follow the RAS In-Line Resolution Process Policy.
 - b) Decisions (on protests, or complaints of a behavioural nature of the Showing Section Judicial Committee may be appealed to the HOY Appeal Committee except for a complaint of a behavioural nature of an RAS Official (in which case the RAS In-Line Resolution Process applies). The decision of the HOY Appeal Committee will be final.

Once a Protest / Complaint is lodged, the conditions of confidentiality apply.

4. The Chairperson of the RAS HOY Showing Committee or their duly appointed delegate may follow the RAS In-Line Resolution process Policy instead of fines or other penalties to the Person Responsible for abuse of animals (see GR 6) or inappropriate behaviour as defined in the RAS In-Line Resolution Policy - <https://www.ras.org.nz/about/our-rules-regulations-and-policies/>
5. 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. Working Hunter and Hunter Jumping competitors must provide their own armband holder and number (black on a white background) which is to be worn on the left arm. In all classes the competitor number must be correct for that horse/pony or the competitor will be eliminated from the class.
6. If the Judges, a Steward, or Ringmaster(s) determines that a horse/pony and/or rider/handler is misbehaving to the extent that they unduly disturb other competitors/horses/ponies or create a health and safety issue, they will request that the horse/pony and/or rider/handler leave the ring and retire immediately.
7. If a horse/pony leaves the ring for any reason without being asked to, they are immediately disqualified from that class.
8. All horses or ponies must be in the Collecting Ring before Title classes commence. Rules of the Collecting Ring – Horses/Ponies to move on the same rein, as directed by the Steward – walk and trot only. No cantering or galloping.
9. No electronic devices are to be worn in the warm-up, collecting ring or competition arena. No verbal instruction to, or discussion with competitors during competition is allowed except from a HOY Showing Section Official.
10. No tongue-ties, tongue press bits or artificial transparent head restraints are to be used in any ridden or led classes.
11. No bandages or boots are to be worn in the ring, except in Hunter Jumping classes.
12. All horses/ponies except for foals and yearlings must be presented in a bitted bridle. The bit must be in its original manufactured condition.
13. No Horse/Pony 3 years of age or under is to be ridden.
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 always display two “S” stallion badges on either side of their halter or bridle.
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 Collecting Ring, Warm Up Ring, or Showing Ring.
16. Competitors riding a Pony must be in child’s attire – no long boots, chaps or gaiters.
17. All riders 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 on the Showgrounds or the grounds of an affiliated Event. Hats/helmets must conform with one of the current approved safety standards and must be identified by the current ‘YELLOW’ tag system implemented by NZPCA, ESNZ and RAS as at 1 August 2024.
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.
18. Working Hunter/Hunter Jumping classes – one baulk, run off or fall will result in elimination from the class.
19. Classes that have set workouts will be noted in the Schedule with an (#).
20. In Title classes (noted in the Schedule with *) competitors will be asked to represent their horse/pony In Hand, stripped of all saddlery, after the workouts are completed. This will be subject to time and daylight conditions – if necessary, the stripping component of the conformation judging will not take place.
21. A “Best Presented” sash will be awarded in each Title Class, except in Rider, and Paced and Mannered classes, throughout the Show including Lead Rein & First Ridden.
22. Workouts will be available online on or around 1 February 2025 – www.hoy.kiwi or www.ras.org.nz and from the Showing Office at the Showing Section. There will be no alteration to the starting order because of not obtaining a workout.
23. Results for all classes will be published. ANY abuse or bad behaviour regarding scores will not be tolerated. Be aware of the RAS Social Media Policy and In-Line Resolution Process Policy – <https://www.ras.org.nz/about/our-rules-regulations-and-policies/>

24. For health and safety reasons, the following ring format rules will apply. Please familiarise yourself with the layout prior to your classes.
- a. Any disputes or arguments with ring stewards/officials will result in a yellow/red card and/or elimination.
 - b. Absolutely no public foot traffic or spectators will be permitted to enter competition, warm up or collecting rings.
 - c. All rings are for competitors only. The only exceptions will be for riders 16yrs and under that require an attendant and in the "stripping phase" of the Title classes.
 - d. The groom is to be identified by the corresponding number of the competitor they will be assisting. Armband numbers must be worn by the groom. All competitors must provide their own corresponding groom number.
 - e. Grooms must enter via the collecting ring gate. The ring official will check their number before access is permitted.
 - f. Once the Stripping phase is complete, grooms are to immediately exit the ring via the same gate they entered.
 - g. Ring familiarisation is open to all competitors competing that day including led/young stock from 7am-7.45am each morning subject to ground conditions and start times. Numbers must be worn, and RAS height cards carried for identification if requested. Times may be limited depending on "traffic". All riders MUST be considerate to other competitors in the ring. It is the chance to get your horse/pony familiar with the surroundings. It is not to be used as a warm- up area. - NO cantering or galloping during ring familiarisation. Riders to be all on the same rein. Appropriate riding attire must be worn at all times during ring familiarisation. Any rider abusing or breaking these conditions, will be asked to leave and may be eliminated.
 - h. Competition and/or collecting rings are closed for grazing or working your horse/pony at any time outside of showing hours.

GENERAL

1. Fraternisation between showing competitors, their connections and showing judges is not permitted during HOY 2025, on or outside the show grounds. Breach of this condition may result in summary elimination/ dismissal.
2. Only Show Officials, Judges and Invited Guests are allowed in the Restricted Area surrounding the Officials' Marquee.
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.
4. Ringside Showing Office Hours: 8.00am to 9.00am, and 3.00pm to 4.30pm daily. Competitors are not to visit the Ringside Scoring Office at any time.
5. Trophies and Prizes are to be polished, cleaned (please DO NOT use Brasso) and engraved, and returned no later than 1 February 2025.
6. The HOY Showing Committee Chairperson, Ringmaster(s) and RAS HOY Showing Committee reserve the right to make any amendments.
7. Clean Sport testing for forbidden substances may be carried out at the 2025 HOY Show under the conditions of the RAS Clean Sport rules.