

SHOW HUNTER
 CHAMPIONSHIPS
 27-29 MARCH 2026

Rider Information Pack

Dates	Location	Entry Gate
27, 28 and 29 March	Tōmoana Showgrounds, Hastings	Gate 13 (off Elwood Road) from Thursday 26 March

Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural Air Napier 2026 Show Hunter Championships.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all next week and we hope you enjoy the show.

Firstly, thank you for your incredible support. We have been blown away by the number of entries from across the country, along with the generosity of our sponsors.

This show has been brought together in a very short timeframe by a small group of passionate Show Hunter volunteers. With the loss of HOY and the risk of not having a Show Hunter Series Final, we moved quickly to ensure riders still had the opportunity to compete.

We are proud to be hosting you in Hastings next week!

Follow us on Facebook for the latest news and updates in the lead-up to and throughout the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61585741700271>

Arrival & Grounds Information



- Entry to the grounds will be from Thursday 26 March via Gate 13, off Elwood Road. If you need to arrive earlier than Thursday, please contact the Tōmoana Showgrounds Venue Manager, Ike Baker ikeb@hdc.govt.nz to arrange this.
- The Show Office will be situated at the Beehive (marked as #1 on the map).

Facilities

- Drinking water is available on-site (both town supply and bore) to fill trucks/floats.
- Toilets and showers are a close walk from the camping/truck parking area.
- Yarding allocations will be provided on **Monday 23 March**. Please ensure all yards and stables are left clean; a \$100 cleaning fee will apply if not.
- For any yarding queries, please email: hbyarding@gmail.com or contact 0204 782 253.
- All horses/ponies must have an ID tag with the contact number of the person responsible on site while they are yarded.
- Meadow hay can be purchased for \$16+GST and will be delivered to the grounds. Please arrange this directly with Clint on 021 356408. Orders will need to be placed by Wed 25 March.

Health & Safety

The safety of riders, horses, spectators, and volunteers is our top priority. Please ensure you adhere to the following at all times:

- This is a smokefree site.
- No dogs are permitted on the grounds.
- No grazing or schooling on the grass oval. There will be an exercise arena (marked as warm up on the map) which will be allocated for schooling.
- For safety reasons, horses must not be ridden bareback or without a bridle.
- Drive slowly and only park in designated areas.
- Keep all accessways clear at all times.
- Please place rubbish in bins or take it with you.
- Children must be supervised at all times.

If you identify any hazards or have concerns, please report them to the show office (marked as #1. On the map - Beehive) immediately.

Competition Information

- All classes will run in draw order, and the draw will be posted via EVO the night before each competition day.
- There will be no practice rounds or arena familiarisation.
- Prizegiving will take place immediately after each class.
- Please ensure you are present, or have a representative available, for presentations.
- The Derby class will take place at 4pm sharp on Saturday 28 March with ponies first, followed by hacks.

Show Office

- The Show Office will be situated at the Beehive (#1 on the map)
- Office opening hours: From 7.30am each day to approximately 5pm.
- The office will be available for general queries, scratchings, and rider support throughout the event.

Food, Trade & Onsite Services

Food Trucks

Food trucks will be available throughout the duration of the show.

- Fork & Noise – www.forkandnoise.nz
- Pipi Pizza - <https://cafe.pipi.co.nz>
- Gina's Food Truck - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084324347737>
- The Crepe Show - <https://www.facebook.com/TheCrepeShow>
- Melabrew's Coffee (Open from 8am on Friday and 7am on Saturday and Sunday)

Evening Events

1. Friday Night BBQ and Riders Meeting – For sponsors and riders

- Time: From 5.30pm, burgers will be served at 6.00pm and the rider meeting will start at approximately 6.30pm
- Venue: Marquee Area
- Price per person: \$12 which includes a burger, drink and juicy

2. Sat Awards Night and Food Truck Dinner

- Time: Food Trucks will be serving from 6pm and Awards Welcome will begin at 6.30pm
- Venue: Woolshed
- Free to attend, dinner can be purchased at the food trucks. Drinks (including Alcohol) will be BYO.
- DJ will be playing at the conclusion of the event, until approximately 9.30pm
- Exciting **NEW** inclusion will be a Q&A session with Sophie Scott and Merrin Hain

To book your tickets for Fri and Sat: <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-show-hunter-series-finals-awards-evening>

New World Hastings

We are grateful for the support of New World Hastings. If you need any last-minute essentials for the show, you can do a click and collect order: www.newworld.co.nz

Trade

We are excited to have a fantastic range of trade stands joining us at the Air Napier Show Hunter Championships.

Be sure to take some time throughout the show to visit and support our vendors, who offer a great selection of equestrian products, services, and treats.

Our trade sites include:

- Ubersnug Horsewear
- Forbes and Co Saddlery
- Duwell Products
- Bravepants
- Equissage
- Whip It Up
- Bag Em
- Cambridge Equestrian

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- Alfie's Farm - who are supplying the beautiful dahlias featured in our arena décor. These stunning plants will be available to purchase following the show, with a percentage of all sales generously donated back to support the event. If you see one you love, simply write your name on the tag attached to the plant to reserve it. Payment details will be provided on the tag, and plants can be collected on Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to take home a piece of the show while supporting both a local grower and the event.

Volunteers

This event is made possible by our amazing volunteers. If you are available to assist, including with gate stewarding, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please contact the show office or use the volunteer tab on EVO if you can support during the event.

Sponsors

A huge thank you to our sponsors for helping make this event possible. Their support has been instrumental in bringing the inaugural Air Napier 2026 Show Hunter Championships to life.

- Please support our sponsors where possible during the event.
- If sponsors are in attendance, we encourage riders and supporters to thank them personally.
- Please remember to acknowledge and thank our sponsors following the event as well, without their support, this show would not be possible.
- We will have a list of our sponsors and their details on the door of the show office.

Final Notes

This show has been created by a very small group of volunteers. Please support one another, show respect to officials and volunteers, and most importantly enjoy the final show of the 2025/26 show season.

We wish you all the very best for a successful and enjoyable show, and we look forward to seeing you in Hastings.