

# 2017 New Zealand Horse of the Year

## SHOWING SECTION QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

- **SHOW ATTENDANCE** - ALL horses and ponies, except foals, and riders in riding classes only, entering in the 2017 NZ Horse of the Year Showing section **MUST** have competed at a minimum of three (3) RAS affiliated Shows/Events **in the twelve months (12)** prior to **Monday 22 February 2017**.- proof of these 3 Shows/Events must be signed off on the Certificate of Qualification Form (COQ).
- **SHOW ATTENDANCE** – NZ RAS Affiliated Shows/Events, are those Shows/Events who are financial members of the RAS as listed on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) / Show/Event page. All these listed Shows/Events count towards Show Attendance, irrespective of whether they ran a Standard Schedule Qualifying Section or not.
- **QUALIFICATION GAINED** – Your qualification must be from a NZ RAS Affiliated Show/Event that ran a Standard Qualifying Schedule Section as per Rule MSS 2.
- **QUALIFICATION GAINED**
  - One (1) Champion or Two (2) Reserve Champions
  - Two (2) Wins OR Two (2) Paces and Two (2) Manners OR One (1) Champion OR Two (2) Reserve Champions - Paced & Mannered Classes ONLY
  - Two (2) Wins OR One (1) Champion OR Two (2) Reserve Champions – Rider Classes ONLY  
Qualification **MUST** be for the same class/title that you are entering at HOY – ie.: A rider win does not qualify the horse/pony, and vice versa.
  - Refer to 'Qualification' note in each section as to the qualification requirements.
- **Rising Star Horse or Pony** – A Rising Star Exhibit is a horse/pony that **was a Novice as at 1 August 2016**, excluding Lead Rein Pony or a First ridden combination Pony.
- A 'Supreme Champion of a RAS affiliated Show/Event' does NOT count towards Qualification Gained.
- **Separate Qualification Forms must be completed for each section e.g. If you are entered in the Senior Rider classes, Paced & Mannered classes and Hack Classes – that would be three forms.**
- **The exception to this is if entering lead up classes in a particular section – you can enter those on the same form e.g. Rising Star Riding Horse over 163cm and Rising Star Horse of the Year – over 148cm. Remember to put both classes where it states HOY Class Name & No.**
- **QUALIFICATION FORMS MUST BE SENT TO RAS HEAD OFFICE** - Not to HOY, who will not be forwarding them on.
- **QUALIFICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY RAS HEAD OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5pm on WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017**. Entries also close **5pm 22 February 2017**.

**NOTE:** This Qualification Information is pertaining to the following RAS sections only (excludes Pinto, Welsh, Side Saddle etc. sections).

For other HOY sections Qualification information, please contact the Society concerned.

### RAS CERTIFICATES (Height)

- The New Zealand Horse of the Year Show recognises only the Royal A&P Society New Zealand (RAS) current Annual or Life Height Certificates or Horse/Pony Identification (ID) forms - Now called the RAS Certificate.
- Where classes are defined by height, competitors/exhibitors must carry a current RAS Certificate for their horse/pony at all RAS affiliated Shows/Events, and must produce it upon request to any authorised Show/Event personnel. Any competitor unable to produce such a certificate means that the exhibit is ineligible to compete, and will forfeit any awards.
- RAS Certificates ***must be carried at all times by the rider/handler and be presented upon request***

to an official.

## WORKING HUNTER – HORSE

- Working Hunter Horse, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Working Hunter Horse, over 163cm
- One baulk, run off or fall will result in Elimination and the competitor must leave the arena.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won ONE (1) Open Working Hunter Champion at a Qualifying RAS Affiliated Show/Event, *or*
    - To have won TWO (2) Open Working Hunter Reserve Champions at Qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

## WORKING HUNTER PONY

- Working Hunter Pony, not exceeding 138cm
- Working Hunter Pony, over 138cm & not exceeding 148cm
- One baulk, run off or fall will result in Elimination and the competitor must leave the arena.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won ONE (1) Open Working Hunter Pony Champion at a Qualifying RAS Affiliated Show/Event, *or*
    - To have won TWO (2) Open Working Hunter Pony Reserve Champions at Qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

## LED PONY

- Ponies not exceeding 148cm at maturity.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events (except for Class 310)
  - **Qualification Gained:** Not required.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form (stating Show Attendance only) must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

## LED HORSE

- Horses over 148cm
- Led Showing Horse of the Year: Open to Show Hacks, Saddle Hunters & Show Riding Horse types.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events (except for Class 307)
  - **Qualification Gained:** Not required.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form (stating Show Attendance only) must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

## LEAD REIN

- Age of Rider is as at 1 August 2016
- Riders under eight (8) years of age with a minimum age of four (4) years.
- Ponies 128cm and under
- Lead Rein Riders may not compete in any other showing classes/sections at the 2017 NZ HOY show, including the Wonder Memorial class.
- Lead Rein Riders may not compete in other disciplines at the 2017 NZ HOY show.
- The lead must be attached to the cavesson of a simple snaffle bridle – refer to Appendix B of the RAS 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 68cm 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 are no longer eligible to compete in the Lead Rein section.
- **QUALIFICATION – Open Class - in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won ONE (1) Lead Rein Open Champion at a Qualifying RAS Affiliated Show/Event, *or*
    - To have won TWO (2) Lead Rein Open Reserve Champions, at Qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **QUALIFICATION – Paced & Mannered Class - in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won TWO (2) First Places in Lead Rein Open Paced and Mannered classes, at Qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **QUALIFICATION - Rider Class - in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won TWO (2) First Places in Lead Rein Open Rider classes at qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

## FIRST RIDDEN COMBINATION

- Age of Rider is as at 1 August 2016.
- Riders under ten (10) years of age.
- Ponies to not exceed 138cm.
- First Ridden Riders may not compete in any other showing classes/sections at the 2017 NZ HOY show, including the Wonder Memorial class.
- First Ridden Riders may not compete in other disciplines at the 2017 NZ HOY show.
- 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 Events ie Riders that have competed in an Open Pony section at an affiliated Show/Event, may not compete in First Ridden classes even though that show did not provide a First Ridden section.
- No spurs to be worn.
- A cane or whip not exceeding 68cm in length, which includes a flap 2cm wide by 4cm long may be carried.
- **QUALIFICATION – Open Class - in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won ONE (1) First Ridden Combination Open Champion at a Qualifying RAS Affiliated Show/Event, *or*
    - To have won TWO (2) First Ridden Combination Open Reserve Champions at Qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **QUALIFICATION – Paced & Mannered Class - in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won TWO (2) First Places in First Ridden Combination Open Paced and Mannered classes at Qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **QUALIFICATION - Rider Class - in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won TWO (2) First Places in First Ridden Combination Open Rider classes, at qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

## PACED AND MANNERED HORSE / PONY

- Paced & Mannered sections in Unity or Equitation events do not count as qualifiers.
  - Restricted wins (eg: Novice Paced & Mannered) do NOT count. The wins must be from Open Paced and Mannered, Open Paced or Open Mannered classes.
  - **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
    - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
    - **Qualification Gained:**
      - Two (2) Wins OR Two (2) Paces and Two (2) Manners OR One (1) Champion OR Two (2) Reserve Champions
- A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February**

### **RISING STAR HORSE or PONY**

- **A Rising Star Exhibit is a horse/pony that was a Novice as at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, excluding a Lead Rein Pony or a First Ridden Combination Pony.**
- A Rising Star is not to have competed in the Rising Star section at HOY Show more than twice.
- A Rising Star is one that has not won a Rising Star Title at any previous HOY Show.
- A Rising Star may compete in open title classes if they have the necessary qualifications.
- Adults may ride Rising Star ponies that have Novice Status at the time of Competition.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won ONE (1) Champion in Novice or Open Conformation classes in their respective sections at qualifying shows since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, *or*
    - To have won TWO (2) Reserve Champions in Novice or Open Conformation classes in their respective sections at qualifying shows since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

### **OPEN - SHOW PONY, SADDLE HUNTER PONY**

- A Pony may only be entered in the Open Show Pony Section **or** Open Saddle Hunter Pony Section – not both.
- Qualification can only be gained in the section at affiliated Shows/Events that they entered in – ie competed in the Open Show Pony section – Show pony section qualification / competed in the Open Saddle Hunter Pony section – saddle hunter pony qualification.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won ONE (1) Open Show Pony Champion or ONE (1) Open Saddle Hunter Pony Champion, at a Qualifying RAS Affiliated Show/Event, *or*
    - To have won TWO (2) Open Show Pony Reserve Champions or TWO (2) Open Saddle Hunter Pony Reserve Champions, at Qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

### **OPEN SHOW - HACK, PARK HACK, SADDLE HUNTER, RIDING HORSE**

- A Horse may only be entered in the Open Hack Section **or** Park Hack Section **or** Saddle Hunter Section **or** Riding Horse Section.
- Qualification Gained can only be from the section at affiliated Shows/Events that they entered in – ie 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.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**
    - To have won ONE (1) Open Show Hack Champion or ONE (1) Open Park Hack Champion or ONE (1) Open Saddle Hunter Champion or ONE (1) Open Riding Horse Champion, at a Qualifying RAS Affiliated Show/Event, *or*
    - To have won TWO (2) Open Show Hack Reserve Champions or TWO (2) Open Park Hack

- Reserve Champions or TWO (2) Open Saddle Hunter Reserve Champions or TWO (2) Open Riding Horse Reserve Champions, at Qualifying RAS Affiliated Shows/Events, or
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

## **SHOW RIDER**

### **11years & under, 12 – 14 years, 15 & 16 years, YOUTH or GIRL, and SENIOR RIDER**

- Age of Rider is as at 1 August 2016.
- Junior Rider 11 years & under.
- Junior Rider 12, 13 and 14 years.
- Junior Rider, 15 and 16 years.
- Youth or Girl Rider, 17 years and under 21 years.
- Gentleman Rider, 21yrs & over or Lady Rider, 21yrs & over or Rider, 21yrs & over.
- Restricted wins (EG: Novice Rider etc) do NOT count. The win must be from an Open Rider (flat) event - age group wins allowed as are wins in Open Rider classes held within a section (EG: Show Pony, Saddle Hunter Pony, Show Hack, Saddle Hunter Horse etc).
- **QUALIFICATION – Rider Classes - in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events , *plus*
  - **Qualification Gained:**  
To have won Two (2) Wins OR One (1) Champion OR Two (2) Reserve Champions in Open Rider Classes.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

Two (2) Wins OR One (1) Champion OR Two (2) Reserve Champions

## **NZ BRED PONY - PBSNZ**

- Eligibility – Ponies must be fully registered with the **Pony Breeders Society of NZ (Inc)** that is, to have permanent registration number, to be stated on entry and to be foaled in New Zealand.
- Ponies from imported parentage are eligible as long as they were born in NZ and registered with the Pony Breeders Society of New Zealand
- These classes are open to any type of pony registered with PBSNZ
- Registration number must be stated with entry.
- **No Qualification or attendance required**

## **NZ RIDING PONY SOCIETY**

- Registration number must be stated with entry.
- Eligibility – Ponies must be fully registered with the NZ Riding Pony Society
- Ponies may only enter either NZ Riding Pony Society Registered Show Pony or Saddle Hunter Pony; (not both).
- **No Qualification or attendance required – entitled to make direct entry to HOY**

## WONDER MEMORIAL – EQUITATION TURNOUT

- To be run under the same rules as the Gee Whizz Equitation Turnout
- Open to competitors 16 years and under
- Mount - 148cm & under.
- Riders competing in Leading Rein and First Ridden classes are NOT eligible to enter the Wonder Memorial.
- Riders must be in child's attire.
- Costume: Formal.
- Conformation & Soundness 50 points, Paces & Manners 50 points, Riding Ability 50 points, Saddlery 30 points, Costume 30 points, Overall Appeal 20 points; TOTAL 230 points.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events
  - **Qualification Gained:** Not required.
- **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 within a Showgrounds. Hats must conform to the current standards set by New Zealand and Australia, the United Kingdom, Europe or USA.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form (stating Show Attendance only) must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**

## GEE WHIZ MEMORIAL – EQUITATION TURNOUT

- Competitors to be 17 years or over
- Mount - over 148cm.

Riders opting to compete in protective headgear (which includes a retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points) instead of wearing a bowler hat and lanyard in the Gee Whiz will be judged on 'equal terms' in the Costume and Overall Appeal sections. NB: Safety riding helmet to match riding coat in colour (black), be velvet covered with flesh coloured harness.
- Costume: Formal.
- Conformation & Soundness 50 points, Paces & Manners 50 points, Riding Ability 50 points, Saddlery 30 points, Costume 30 points, Overall Appeal 20 points; TOTAL 230 points.
- **QUALIFICATION – in the twelve (12) months prior to 22 February 2017.**
  - **Show Attendance:** At a minimum of three (3) RAS Affiliated Shows/Events
  - **Qualification Gained:** Not required.
- **A Completed Certificate of Qualification Form (stating Show Attendance only) must be with RAS Head Office by 22 February 2016.**