

Equestrian Competition Rules & Regulations

1. Judging begins for Horses at 8am sharp and for Ponies at 9:30 am.
2. Entry monies must be paid before horses or ponies can compete in any class.
3. Entries are required to be made on www.showday.online accompanied by the total entry fees payable, correctly calculated, and be in the hands of the Show secretary by midday on the closing date, 8 January 2024.
4. The responsibility for eligibility and accuracy of entries rests solely with the exhibitors.
5. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Secretary, but must include an additional \$15 fee.
6. All entries must be made in the name of the bona fide owner of the exhibits hereinafter called the Exhibitor, and such exhibits must have been the property of the Exhibitor at the time of entry. Registered Lessees of animals are permitted to enter under their own name.
7. No refunds will be given unless application accompanied by a veterinary or doctors certificate, then less 10%.
8. Organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry, without stating a reason.
9. Yellow tagged helmets are compulsory. No exceptions.
10. Stewards in the various classes are empowered to prevent any person interfering with the judges during adjudication.
11. Only the Judge, Stewards, show photographers and Secretary are permitted inside the ring while the exhibits are being judged.
12. The Judges are empowered to withhold prize money or awards in any section or class in which there is not sufficient merit.
13. Competitors in local events must permanently reside within 30km of the shores of Lake Wakatipu.
14. All protests in writing to be lodged with the Secretary, accompanied with a deposit of \$25 within 30 minutes of adjudication. If in the opinion of the Committee such protest is deemed frivolous, the deposit will be forfeited. The decision of the Dispute Committee will be final.
15. Any person infringing the rules of the Society will be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$50.
16. Where height is specified in the Horse and Pony sections, current height certificate must be carried and produced on request. Prize will not be awarded to anyone not producing their height certificate.
17. Horse and pony height certificate and performance cards must be carried. Failure to produce upon request will result in elimination. All wins in Novice classes within each section count and must be recorded. Should a novice horse or pony win an Open conformation class, these wins must also be recorded. Once a horse or pony has achieved six wins in either the conformation or Paced & 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 six wins in relevant classes at the time of the Show, not at the time of entry.
18. Officials have the power in the equestrian sections to move horses or ponies to their correct classes with the approval and on advice of Judges.

19. This Show supports the RAS system in-Line Resolution Process Policy, which will operate in all sections of all RAS affiliated Shows and will be offered for any inappropriate behaviour towards Show officials, Judges, fellow competitors or any other third party connected with the Show bringing the discipline into disrepute, or cases which are of a less serious nature to the above in accordance with the Conduct of Members, Owners, Lessees, Competitors and/or Exhibitors as provided in the RAS Competitors and Judges Rulebook and Rule 13 of the RAS Constitution.
20. This Show abides ESNZ's blue card rule (article 150). The decision to remove a rider from the competition/arena shall ultimately rest with the officials, and the rider concerned shall not be permitted to return to the competition until concussion has been excluded by a medical doctor and clearance to return has been confirmed by a medical doctor.
21. RAS CLEAN SPORT: The use of tranquilisers, stimulants, or any drugs capable of affecting the performance of horses and ponies is forbidden.
22. Competitors are advised that tests for Clean Sport 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 (Incorporated) ("RAS") Clean Sport Judiciary Committee (CSJC) procedures and rules (Refer CS in Equestrian Rulebook).
23. Whiskers and Inner Ear Trimming – as from 1 January 2022: [Whisker and Inner Ear Trimming – Royal Agricultural Society New Zealand \(ras.org.nz\)](https://www.ras.org.nz/whisker-and-inner-ear-trimming).
24. Hats and Safety Helmets - [Health and Safety – Royal Agricultural Society New Zealand \(ras.org.nz\)](https://www.ras.org.nz/health-and-safety)
25. Points for Special Prizes and Cups in Aggregate: in all sections - first 5, second 3, third 2, and fourth 1. Champion 2 points extra, Reserve 1 point. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor gaining the most first prizes to be declared the winner.
26. Riders in horse rings (exhibits over 148cm) must be twelve (12) years and over.
27. Age of Riders/Handlers are as at 1 August 2023.
28. Horses/Ponies 3 years of age and under are no permitted to be ridden.
29. Judges reserve the right to ask an exhibit to exit the arena should they feel it is a safety risk for either the competitor or others. Judge's decision is final.
30. All trophies are to be returned to the Secretary's office on or before 20 December 2023 cleaned and polished.
31. This is a legal document. The owner/parent/guardian signing or authorising the entry must be 18 years or over.
32. Trophies will be awarded for photo purposes only and are not to be taken off the show ground. These are to be returned on show day, riders will be awarded a sash to take home.
33. **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY TO PHOTOGRAPH INSIDE THE COMPETITION ARENA.**
We appreciate you love to take your own photos of competitors at the event and ask out of respect for our Official Photographers that you stay on the outside of the arena to do this. If you are inside the arena photographing, please do not be offended when asked to put your camera away.
34. **PONY CLUB MEMBERS:** We will be awarding the Graham Barkman Memorial award for the Pony Club member with the most points in our showing section. This will be awarded during the grand parade and only eligible to current Pony Club Members.

Hacks

Horses over 158cm
RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried.
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 401-408

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section.

An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both.

Judging begins 8am sharp
Judge: Tracy Crossan

Class 400 Best Presented Hack
***Not a HOY qualifier.**
Best Exhibit to receive the Lake County A&P Society Cup

Class 401 Novice Hack, 0-2 wins
Class 402 Novice Hack, 0-5 wins

Champion Novice Hack
(To be judged from the winners of classes 401, 402. Second placed horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Novice Hack

Class 403 Novice Paced and Mannered Hack, 0-5 wins

Class 404 Open Hack, over 158cm and not exceeding 163cm
Class 405 Open Hack, over 163cm

Champion Open Hack
To go forward to Supreme Champion Horse (To be judged from classes 404 and 405 only. Second placed horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Open Hack

Class 406 Open Lady's Hack - Lady or Gentleman Rider
Class 407 Open Gentleman's Hack - Lady or Gentleman Rider
Class 408 Open Paced and Mannered Hack
Winner to go forward to Champion Paced & Mannered Horse

Class 409 Best Rider - Hack
***Not a HOY qualifier.**
Winner to go forward to Champion Horse Rider

Park Hacks

Horses over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm
RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 411-418

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section.
An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both.

Judging begins 8am sharp
Judge: Penelope Johnson

Class 410 Best Presented Park Hack
***Not a HOY qualifier.**
To receive the Wakatipu Riding Club Trophy
Class 411 Novice Park Hack, 0-2 wins
Class 412 Novice Park Hack, 0-5 wins

Champion Novice Park Hack
(To be judged from winners of classes 411, 412. Second placed Novice Park Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion).

Reserve Champion Novice Park Hack

Class 413 Novice Paced and Mannered Park Hack, 0-5 wins
Class 414 Open Park Hack, over 148cm and not exceeding 153cm
Class 415 Open Park Hack, over 153cm and not exceeding 158cm

Champion Open Park Hack

*To go forward to Supreme Champion Horse
(To be judged from four classes 414 and 415 only.
Second placed Park Hack to the Champion to be
judged alongside the remaining winners for
Reserve Champion)*

Reserve Champion Open Park Hack

Class 416 Open Lady's Park Hack - Lady or
Gentleman Rider

Class 417 Open Gentleman's Park Hack -
Lady or Gentleman Rider

Class 418 Open Paced and Mannered Park Hack

Winner to go forward to Champion Paced & Mannered

Class 419 Best Rider - Park Hack

****Not a HOY qualifier.***

Winner to go forward to Champion Horse Rider

Riding Horse

Horses over 148cm

RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 421-428

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack
or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An
exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or
Gentleman's class – not both. The Novice status of
the horse from previous Show Hack, Park Hack or
Saddle Hunter competitions will apply to this
'Riding Horse' section.

Judging begins 8am sharp

Judge: Tabitha Hazlett

Class 420 Best Presented Riding Horse

****Not a HOY qualifier.***

Class 421 Novice Riding Horse, 0-2 wins

Class 422 Novice Riding Horse, 0-5 wins

Champion Novice Riding Horse

*(To be judged from the winners of classes 421 and
422. Second placed Novice Riding Horse to the
Champion to be judged alongside the remaining
winners for Reserve Champion)*

Reserve Champion Novice Riding Horse

Class 423 Novice Paced & Mannered Riding
Horse, 0 - 5 wins

Class 424 Open Riding Horse, over 148cm,
and not exceeding 163cm

Class 425 Open Riding Horse, over 163cm

Champion Open Riding Horse

*To go forward to Supreme Champion Horse
(To be judged from the winners of four classes 424,
and 425 only. Second placed Riding Horse to the
Champion to be judged alongside the remaining
winners for Reserve Champion).*

Reserve Champion Open Riding Horse

Class 426 Open Lady's Riding Horse - Lady or
Gentleman Rider

Class 427 Open Gentleman's Riding Horse -
Lady/Gentleman Rider

Class 428 Open Paced and Mannered Riding Horse

*Winner to go forward to Champion Paced & Mannered
Horse*

Class 429 Best Rider - Riding Horse

****Not a HOY qualifier.***

Winner to go forward to Champion Horse Rider

Saddle Hunters

Horses over 148cm
RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 431-438

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both. Horses will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

Judging begins 8am sharp
Judge: Julieanne Baynes

Class 430 Best Presented Saddle Hunter
***Not a HOY qualifier.**
Best Exhibit to receive The Cow Trophy

Class 431 Novice Saddle Hunter, 0-2 wins
Class 432 Novice Saddle Hunter, 0-5 wins

Champion Novice Saddle Hunter

(To be judged from the winners of classes 431, 432. Second placed Novice Saddle Hunter to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Novice Saddle Hunter

Class 433 Novice Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter, 0-5 wins

Class 434 Open Saddle Hunter, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm

Class 435 Open Saddle Hunter, over 163cm

Champion Open Saddle Hunter

To go forward to Supreme Champion Horse (To be judged from the winners of four classes 434 and 435 only. Second placed Saddle Hunter to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve)

Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter

Class 436 Open Lady's Saddle Hunter - Lady or Gentleman Rider

Class 437 Open Gentleman's Saddle Hunter - Lady/Gentleman Rider

Class 438 Open Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter

Winner to go forward to Champion Paced & Mannered Horse

Class 439 Best Rider - Saddle Hunter
***Not a HOY qualifier.**

Winner to go forward to Champion Horse Rider

Champion classes will commence as soon as all the horse sections have finished, at approximately 9:30am in Arena 1.

Competitors in Champion classes must be available at the time of judging. Judges will not wait.

Supreme Champion Horse to receive the I & M Sutherland Memorial Cup

Champion Paced and Mannered Horse to receive the Melba Sutherland Memorial Cup & \$50

Champion Horse Rider

Lake Hayes Horses

This is not a HOY qualifying section.

RAS Height/Performance cards are NOT required.

This section is open to all riders who do not normally compete in other sections. Formal show wear is not required but correct riding shoes and a red tagged helmet is compulsory. Riders can compete in English or Western Tack.

Riders in this section may not enter any other section.

Please do not enter this section if you are out competing and placing regularly – this section is to encourage our newer riders. Judges reserve the right to remove competitors at their discretion.

Adults can ride ponies but must be in the horse ring. Under 18's on a horse must also be in the horse ring.

Judging begins 8am sharp

Judge: Allie Harper

Class 488 Best Walk

Class 489 Best Trot

Class 490 Best Canter

Class 491 Best 3 Paced

Judged on combined walk, trot and canter paces.

Class 492 Best Rider

Show Ponies - Section A

Ponies over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 444-449

A Pony may only be entered in the Show Pony Section or the Saddle Hunter Pony Section - not both. All novice pony classes are open to riders of any age.

Judging begins 9.30am sharp

Judge: Rachel Walker

Class 443 Best Presented -Section A

***Not a HOY qualifier.**

Best Exhibit to receive the Grieve Jardine Trophy

Class 444 Novice Show Pony, 0-2 wins

Class 445 Novice Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Champion Novice Show Pony - Section A

(To be judged from the winners of classes 444 and 445. Second placed Novice Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Novice Show Pony - Section A

Class 446 Novice Paced and Mannered Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Class 447 Open Show Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 143cm

Class 448 Open Show Pony, over 143cm and not exceeding 148cm

Champion Open Show Pony - Section A

To go forward to Supreme Champion Pony (To be judged from classes 447 and 448. Second placed Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Open Show Pony - Section A

Class 449 Open Paced and Mannered Show Pony

Winner to go forward to I & M Sutherland Memorial Champion Paced & Mannered Pony

Class 450 Best Rider - Section A Show Ponies

***Not a HOY qualifier.**

Winner to go forward to Champion Pony Rider

Show Ponies - Sections B & C

Ponies up to 138cm

RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried

Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 452-459

A Pony may only be entered in the Show Pony Section or the Saddle Hunter Pony Section - not both.

All novice pony classes are open to riders of any age.

Judging begins 9.30am sharp

Judge: Tania Bellamy

Class 451 Best Presented - Section B&C

****Not a HOY qualifier.***

To receive the Nokomai Station Challenge Cup

Class 452 Novice Show Pony, 0-2 wins

Class 453 Novice Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Champion Novice Show Pony - B & C

(To be judged from the winners of classes 452 and 453. Second placed Novice Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Novice Show Pony - Section B & C

Class 454 Novice Paced and Mannered Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Class 455 Open Show Pony, not exceeding 123cm

Class 456 Open Show Pony, over 123cm and not exceeding 128cm

Champion Open Show Pony - Section C

To go forward to Supreme Champion Pony (To be judged from classes 455 and 456. Second placed Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Open Show Pony - Section C

Class 457 Open Show Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 133cm

Class 458 Open Show Pony, over 133cm and not exceeding 138cm

Champion Open Show Pony - Section B

To go forward to Supreme Champion Pony (To be judged from classes 457 and 458. Second placed Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Open Show Pony - Section B

Class 459 Open Paced and Mannered Show Pony

Winner to go forward to I & M Sutherland Memorial Champion Paced & Mannered Pony

Class 460 Best Rider - Section B&C

****Not a HOY qualifier.***

Winner to go forward to Champion Pony Rider

Saddle Hunter Ponies

RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 462-468

A Pony may only be entered in the Show Pony
Section or the Saddle Hunter Pony Section - not
both. All novice pony classes are open to riders of
any age.

Judging begins 9.30am sharp
Judge: Allie Harper

**Class 461 Best Presented - Saddle Hunter
Ponies**

**Not a HOY qualifier.*

**Class 462 Novice Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-2
wins**

**Class 463 Novice Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-5
wins**

Champion Novice Saddle Hunter Pony

*(To be judged from the winners of classes 462 and
463. Second placed Novice Saddle Hunter Pony to
the Champion to be judged alongside the
remaining winners for Reserve Champion)*

**Reserve Champion Novice Saddle Hunter
Pony**

**Class 464 Novice Paced and Mannered
Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins**

**Class 465 Open Saddle Hunter Pony, not
exceeding 128cm**

**Class 466 Open Saddle Hunter Pony, over
128cm and not exceeding 138cm**

**Class 467 Open Saddle Hunter Pony, over
138cm and not exceeding 148cm**

Champion Open Saddle Hunter Pony

*To go forward to Supreme Champion Pony
(To be judged from classes 465, 466 and 467.
Second placed Saddle Hunter Pony to the
Champion to be judged alongside the remaining
winners for Reserve Champion)*

**Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter
Pony**

**Class 468 Open Paced and Mannered
Saddle Hunter Pony**

*Winner to go forward to I & M Sutherland Memorial
Champion Paced & Mannered Pony*

Class 469 Best Rider - Saddle Hunter Ponies

**Not a HOY qualifier.*

Winner to go forward to Champion Pony Rider

Lake Hayes Ponies

This is not a HOY qualifying section.

RAS Height/Performance cards are NOT required.

This section is open to all riders who do not
normally compete in other sections. Formal show
wear is not required but correct riding shoes and a
red tagged helmet is compulsory. Riders can
compete in English or Western Tack.

Riders in this section may not enter any other
section.

Please do not enter this section if you are out
competing and placing regularly – this section is to
encourage our newer riders. Judges reserve the
right to remove competitors at their discretion.

Adults can ride ponies but must be in the horse
ring. Under 18's on a horse must also be in the
horse ring.

Judging begins 11am sharp
Judge: Julieanne Baynes

Class 493 Best Walk

Class 494 Best Trot

Class 495 Best Canter

Class 496 Best 3 Paced

Judged on combined walk, trot and canter paces.

Class 497 Best Rider

Lead Rein

Ponies 148cm and under
RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 474-478

In this section, the judging criteria is 60% suitability, temperament and safeness, and 40% conformation and paces. Riders in this section may not enter any other section, unless in a Lead Rein class(s) in a Breed section.

Riders must be under eight (8) years of age, with a minimum age of four (4) years.

Ponies to be led by a leader/attendant (14 years and over) with the lead rein attached to the cavesson noseband of a snaffle bridle – refer to Appendix A.

Ponies will be asked to walk and trot – no cantering under any circumstances. Running or bearing reins or similar tackle are not allowed.

Judging begins 10am sharp

Judge: Penelope Johnson

Class 473 Best Presented - Lead Rein Pony
****Not a HOY qualifier.***

Class 474 Novice Lead Rein Pony, not exceeding 128cm : 0-5 wins

Class 475 Open Lead Rein Pony, not exceeding 123cm

Class 476 Open Lead Rein Pony, over 123cm and not exceeding 128cm

Champion Lead Rein Pony

(To be judged from the winners of classes 474, 475 and 476. Second placed Lead Rein Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Lead Rein Pony

Class 477 Open Paced & Mannered Lead Rein Pony

Class 478 Best Rider - Lead Rein Pony

Best Exhibit to receive the Whitechapel Trophy

Class 479 Best Beginner's Leading Rein Pony

****Not a HOY qualifier.***

Best Exhibit to receive the Lake Hayes Trophy

First Ridden

Ponies 148cm and under
RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 481-487

This is a transition ring from being led to riding on your own. Riders in this section may not enter any other section, unless in a First Ridden class(s) in a Breed section. A First Ridden Rider is only able to compete in the First Ridden Section for a maximum of twenty-four (24) months from the date of their first Show.

The age limit in the First Ridden Section is under 10 years. In this section, the judging criteria is 60% suitability, temperament and safeness, and 40% conformation and paces.

Judging will follow on from Lead Rein section (approx. 11am)

Judge: Penelope Johnson

Class 480 Best Presented - First Ridden

****Not a HOY qualifier.***

Class 481 Novice First Ridden Pony, not exceeding 138cm - 0-5 wins

Class 482 Open First Ridden Pony, not exceeding 128cm

Class 483 Open First Ridden Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm

Champion First Ridden Pony

(To be judged from the winners of classes 481, 482 and 483. Second placed First Ridden Pony to the

Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion First Ridden Pony

Class 484 Novice Paced and Mannered First Ridden Pony 0-5 wins

Class 485 Open Paced and Mannered First Ridden Pony

Class 486 Novice Rider (First Ridden Section) 0-5 wins

Class 487 Open Rider (First Ridden Section)
Best Rider to receive the Mt Menzies Cup.

Working Hunter Horses

Horses over 148cm
RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 498-500

Working Hunters Horses are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of good strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances. They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%. Horses will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved. No boots or bandages permitted.

Judging begins 1pm
Judge: Christine Stevenson

Class 498 Novice Working Hunter Horse, 0-5 wins

Class 499 Open Working Hunter Horse, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm

Class 500 Open Working Hunter Horse, over 163cm

Champion Working Hunter Horse

(To be judged from the winners of classes 499 and 500. Second placed Working Hunter Horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Working Hunter Horse

Working Hunter Ponies

Ponies under 148cm
RAS Height/Performance cards must be carried
Horse of the Year qualifying classes: 501 - 503

Working Hunter Ponies are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of good strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances. They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%. Ponies will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved. No boots or bandages permitted.

Judging begins approx. 1.45pm (straight after Working Hunter Horses)

Judge: Christine Stevenson

Class 501 Novice Working Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins

Class 502 Open Working Hunter Pony, not exceeding 138cm

Class 503 Open Working Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

Champion Working Hunter Pony

(To be judged from the winners of classes 502 and 503. Second placed Working Hunter Horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Reserve Champion Working Hunter Pony

Miniature Horses

Horses must be registered with bodies affiliated to the RAS. Registration number and Association must be stated on Entry Form. Horses or ponies registered with any other breed society are not eligible. The Miniature Horse section of the show will be run in accordance with NZMHA Show Rules and RAS Equestrian Rules. If there is a conflict RAS rules take precedence.

Judging begins 11am
Judge: Rachel Walker

Class 504 Best Presented Horse & Handler
Class 505 Foal/Weanling Filly, Colt or Gelding
Class 506 Yearling Female
Class 507 Yearling Male
Class 508 Female 2 & 3 years
Class 509 Male 2 & 3 years
Class 510 Female 4 and over
Class 511 Male 4 and over