

JUDGES guide

Below are some “general” classes and what they are to be ideally judged on. Classes may be added

/ omitted as required

A pleasure mount is Judged on manners and ease of going without judging conformation (although if a horse is open quality it should be judged accordingly and not placed above a true pleasure mount)

- Best groomed / presented – Judged on cleanliness, well fitted gear and overall appearance of horse / rider. Horses do not have to compete in a dressage saddle, with matching gear, however this will affect the overall appearance.
- Best walk – Judged on rhythm, regularity and “forwardness”. Should include long and/or loose rein.
- Best trot – Judged on rhythm, regularity and “forwardness”. May include a lengthening of gait and
Should be asked to work on a loose / long rein.
- Best combination – Judged on overall “picture” of horse and rider as a unit who are well matched and work in harmony. Must include long rein and a workout.
- Best paced – Judged on paces overall – can include a lengthening of paces. Workout if possible.
- Best mannered – Judged on manners, free of tension and responsiveness to aids must include some long rein. We want to see a mount who can transition to and from long rein without tension or a change in pace. Relaxed, obedient and will no matter what is asked. Should include a workout if possible.
- Most suitable for beginner rider – Judged ideally on quietness, ease of ride and obedience of horse, reaction to aids to include long rein.

*Best rider

Below are optional extra classes which may be included.

- Most suitable for farm work/ Shepherds hack – can include dragging an item, opening a gate, hopping on and off, carrying an item on the horse etc. **
- Best low jump – judged on style and rhythm. Set jump height to riders abilities – normally around 65 – 80cm.

Best trick

BITS & PEICES allowed/not allowed

Bits - Ordinary simple snaffle bits only.(this includes a hanging snaffle) Bevel bits are not allowed.

(We follow dressage nz rules on what a simple snaffle is)

No bit guards.

Nosebands - only cavesson nosebands are allowed (ref pic below) no strapping below the bit. This means NO flash straps, mexican grackles, micklems, or dropped nosebands etc

Whips - may be carried but must not exceed 76cms in length

Spurs - are not allowed

Helmets - all riders must wear a 3-point harness helmet conforming to the current NZ Safety Standard or an equivalent standard and be yellow tagged.

Breast plates and number holders - are allowed however no martingale ring or tie down attachment is allowed

Air Vests and back protectors - are allowed

Other - NO shadow rolls, ear plugs/muffs or bonnets, martingales or tie downs. Bitless bridles are not allowed at this stage.

Nose nets are allowed

NOTES: a rider with a disability can apply for a dispensation to use gear which is normally not allowed to the society and is issued a card stating so.

Riders can be asked to present bit or any gear for checking by the ring steward.

Our most common feedback we get is use of incorrect gear

Bits bevels being used

Spurs

Dressage whips

And flashes.

Other complaints no long rein, no work outs. Judged for conformation.

I would like to thank everyone who has judged and I hope the above information is helpful.