

PLEASURE HORSE/PONY SHOWING RULES



1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024

Pleasure Horse/Pony means those animals who do not fit the mould of a Show Horse/Pony. We welcome any breed (e.g. Appaloosas, Quarter Horses, Standardbreds, Clyde X) and colour. They should be an uncomplicated and genuine pleasure to ride. Whilst they do not possess the show quality conformation of a show horse, they should in their own way be a delight to ride, with impeccable manners.

A "pleasure mount" is NOT an inexperienced mount with show quality conformation who is destined for the open show ring.

GENERAL RULES

1. From 1 August 2015, for a horse/pony to meet the annual title show qualification requirements they must be registered with NZEPS.
2. Horses/ponies must never have been placed first in an open show ring class including working hunter. However, members may apply for dispensation to NZEPS. **Please note** - *open show ring includes wins in novice classes in a ring defined open i.e. saddle hunter, park hack etc this also includes NZ Show Council and Showing Championships.*
3. Riders may be registered with other bodies.
4. Riders may compete outside the Pleasure Horse/pony section.
5. Riders in Pony classes must be under 17yrs (proof of rider's age may be requested). Age is taken as of 1st August.
6. Children riding hacks must compete in the Horse Classes.
7. Adults may ride ponies in Horse Classes without prejudice.
8. Pleasure mounts may compete in recognised breed and colour classes ie Welsh and Pinto classes but should not compete in the RAS inhand classes ie Sporthorse, TB or in hand pony sections. Note: regardless of a mount's performance history, they cannot compete in a novice or open showing class (see definition note 2 above for what is classed as open showing) and a Pleasure class at the same show.
9. Stallions may compete in this section however it is up to the discretion of each show committee as to whether they choose to allow stallions on site.
10. A rider with a disability can apply for dispensation to use gear which is not normally allowed. They will be issued with a card stating the dispensation and must carry it at shows.

EQUIPMENT

11. **BITS:** Ordinary snaffle bit as per Dressage NZ definition only, no poll action. No bit guards, shadow rolls, ear plugs muffs or bonnets, martingales (breast plates are allowed) or tie downs.
12. **BITLESS BRIDLES** are only permitted in Recreational pleasure classes.
13. **CAVESSON NOSEBANDS:** Only cavesson nosebands are permitted no strapping below the bit.
14. **WHIPS** may be carried but must not exceed 76cms in length.








15. **HELMETS:** All riders must wear a 3-point harness helmet conforming to the current NZ Safety Standard or an equivalent standard and be tagged as per **current RAS/ESNZ requirements.**
16. **SPURS** are not to be worn.

APPENDIX 1




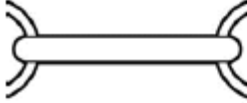




Excerpt taken from the DNZ rule books definition of ordinary snaffles:

Bits

Cheek Pieces:

		
Ex. of Loose Ring cheek	Ex. of Eggbutt cheek	Ex. of D-Ring cheek
		
Ex. of upper cheek	Ex. of full cheek	Ex. of hanging cheek
		
Ex. of Fulmer cheek		

Mouthpieces:

		
Ex. of single jointed mouthpiece	Ex. of double jointed mouthpiece	Ex. of double jointed mouthpiece
		
Ex. of unjointed mouthpiece	Ex. of barrel joint	
		
Ex. of double ball joint	Ex. of centrepiece with a roller	