



GUIDANCE FOR RIDERS / JUDGES / SHOW ORGANISERS

Below are some “general” class ideas – and what they are to be ideally judged on. Classes may be added / omitted as desired.

Ridden classes may be split into “show pleasure” and “recreational pleasure” depending on the market of riders expected at your show.

Please note that only champions / reserves and places from SHOW pleasure classes will qualify for points or qualifications.

Please also note that the champions from the pleasure rings do not go forward for Supreme Champion against the champions from the open rings.

- **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. Plaiting and jackets are preferred for Show Pleasure.
 - **Best walk** – Judged on rhythm, regularity and “forwardness”. Can include long and/or loose rein.
 - **Best trot** – Judged on rhythm, regularity and “forwardness”. May include a lengthening of gait and may 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.
 - **Best Registered Combination** - *open to members only (this is a compulsory section, ribbons supplied by NZEPS to 3rd)*
 - **Best paced** – Judged on paces overall – can include a lengthened trot.
 - **Best mannered** – Judged on manners, free of tension and responsiveness to aids. (Paced and Mannered can be combined).
 - **Most suitable for beginner rider** – Judged ideally on quietness, ease of ride and obedience of horse, reaction to aids, work on a long rein.
- All of the above, apart from Best groomed / presented to count for Champion**
- **Rider class**

Schedule should include at least 6 of the above and must include Best Registered Combination.

Below are optional extra classes if wanted.

- **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 horse** – rider to show a “trick”. Could be e.g. a western trained horse showing western type manoeuvres **
- **Optional Inhand Classes** – classes could include Best Groomed / Presented, Best Mare, Best Gelding, Mannered, Paces, and Handler. All to be judged as per above – on manners / obedience / handling. Please note Inhand Champions are not counted towards qualification or points.