

New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc



2007 NZMHA North v South NZ Youth Challenge Competition

THE NEW ZEALAND MINIATURE HORSE SHOW

COMPETITION:

This competition is open to 2 teams, one from the North Island and one from the South Island, of 6 NZMHA youth members (2 junior youth 12yrs & under & 4 senior youth 13yrs & 18yrs & under). Age of members to be taken as at the 1st August 2006 and members must have been a financial member of NZMHA since the 1st of January 2007.

The competition will be judged in three phases. Phase 1: Equitation, Phase 2: Performance, Phase 3: Driving. Each phase will be judged on the handler, with the horse being used only as a prop. The quality of the horse is not to be taken into account. The horses will all be competing at a similar level/ ability as realistically possible.

Each team member will specialise in one of the 6 classes over the 3 phases, with the team member being awarded 1.5 points for their placing in that specialist class. Placings will be to 12 in each class of each phase. Each member is to have a speciality class nominated by their Manager.

PHASES/JUDGING:

Phase 1: Equitation. This will be judged on the following:-

40% will be awarded to the way each handler presents their horse in a halter breed class. Set workout – NZMHA Halter workout – page 19 of the 2006/2007 NZMHA Show Rule Booklet. (How the handler presents the horse to the judge, stands the horse up, shows teeth etc. Presentation of the horse ie clipping, – is not to be taken into account).

20% will be awarded for the ability of the handler to get the best possible performance out of the horse. (Shows the horse off during the workout)

10% will be awarded to the handler for the compatibility/relationship between horse and handler. (treatment of horse by handler).

10% will be awarded to the turnout of the horse and handler. (Overall picture of handler with horse as a prop).

Horses will be made available to the handlers 30minutes prior to the commencement of the class, of which 10minutes can be spent with the owner of the horse if required. 6 Horses will be supplied to each team. Phase 1 is to be judged after the the conclusion of the Supreme Champion Category B Horse on Saturday. The horses will all be competing at a similar level/ ability as realistically possible.

Phase 2: Performance. This will include the following classes:-

- Obstacle Course
- Jumper Class
- Showmanship –NZMHA Showmanship Pattern 2 – page 20,21,23 of the 2006/2007 NZMHA Show Rule Booklet



There will be 6 performance horses supplied to each team for phase 2 & 3. The horses will all be competing at a similar level/ability as realistically possible. The performance horses supplied in phase 2 & 3, will be different horses to those that are supplied in phase 1.

Phase 2 will be judged on Saturday night after the conclusion of the showmanship class.

Phase 3: Driving. This will include the following:-

- 2 senior youths of each team will drive a country pleasure horse – set pattern. This may be replaced with a longreining obstacle class if suitable horses are not obtained.
- 2 senior youths of each team will complete a longreining pattern including obstacles.
- 2 junior youths of each team will complete a longreining pattern – no obstacles.

Each youth in Phase 3 to be nominated for each class by the Team Manager.

Phase 3 will be judged after the conclusion of the whip classes on Sunday morning. Each driver/longreiner will be given 15 minutes with the owner of the horse and then 15 minutes to warmup if needed in the arena, prior to the commencement of judging. The horses will all be competing at a similar level/ability as realistically possible

Phase 2 & 3 will be judged on the following:

40% will be awarded to the way each handler presents their horse in each discipline. (How the handler presents the horse to the jump/obstacle, handling/driving of the horse through the duration of the class).

20% will be awarded for the ability of the handler to get the best possible performance out of the horse. Handlers will not be penalised should the horse stop, however, how the handler corrects the situation will be taken into account. (How the handler shows the horse off for the duration of the workout/over the jumps/obstacle)

10% will be awarded to the handler for the compatibility/relationship between horse and handler. (treatment of horse by handler).

10% will be awarded to the appropriate turnout of the handler with their horse in each section. (Overall picture of handler with their horse).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

NZMHA will call for applications from their current financial youth members as per the following criteria.

This competition is open to two teams of 6 NZMHA youth members (2 junior youth 12yrs & under & 4 senior youth 13yrs & 18yrs & under), one from the North Island and one from the South Island of NZMHA. Age of members to be taken as at the 1st August 2006 and members must have been a financial member of NZMHA since the 1st of January 2007.

CV's from each applicant are to be submitted by 20.02.2007, after which the Chairperson of the NZMHA Youth Council will organise a selection process to obtain the best team of 7 members, (6 members to compete, 1 member as a non travelling reserve), to represent each island. The CV's are to contain at least the following information:- details of past experience and 2005/2006 Show Results. Current situation with regards to the age, gender and experience of current horse that they are competing with and the reason why they think that they would be a suitable team member to represent their area.

Each team is to be named as soon as possible after the application closing date at which stage a manager will be appointed by the NZMHA Youth Challenge Chairperson for each team. The Chairperson may call for interested parties to submit their name to NZMHA as a Team Manager.

HORSES REQUIRED:

Phase 1: Equitation - 19 Halter horses

For competition on the day, only 6 horses would be required for each team, with the others as reserves in case of a horse having to pull out. Horses to be of similar quality/training as realistically possible.

Phase 2: Performance - 16 Performance/showmanship horses.

For competition on the day, only 6 horses per team would be required, with the others as reserves in case of a horse having to pull out. Horses to be of similar ability/training as realistically possible.

Phase 3: Driving - 6 Harness & 10 Longreining horses.

For competition on the day, only 2 harness horses and 4 longreining horses would be required for each team, with the others as reserves in case of a horse having to pull out. The harness class may be replaced with a longreining obstacle class if suitable horses are not obtained. Horses to be of similar ability/training as realistically possible.

ALLOCATION OF HORSES:

For each team, the following horses will be allocated. For phase 2, six horses will be drawn out of a hat on the Thursday immediately prior to the commencement of the show, with 6 horses for Phase 1 being drawn out of the hat after the conclusion of class 32 on Friday morning and 6 horses drawn out of the hat after the conclusion of the single pleasure driving harness classes on Sunday morning. Each team will be allocated 6 horses for each phase. All horses will all be competing at the same level and of the same ability as realistically possible.

Phase 1: Horses will be made available to the handlers 30minutes prior to the commencement of the class, of which 10minutes can be spent with the owner of the horse if required.

Phase 2: It will be up to the trainer of each team to organise with the owners of the horses in phase 2, a suitable time for each handler to practise with their horse.

Phase 3: Each driver/longreiner will be given 15 minutes with the owner of the horse and then 15minutes to warmup if needed in the arena, prior to the commencement of judging.

Should a horse be drawn for either team which has been shown/competed with by a team member in a competition since the 1st of January 2007, then that horse must be allocated to another team member. If a team member has competed with all 6 horses drawn for that team since 01.01.2007, then the last horse drawn out, will be replaced with another horse until such time as that particular team member has not competed with that horse. If in the instance that all the remaining horses left have also been competed with by that team member, then the last horse allocated to the other team must be used.

NEW ZEALAND YOUTH COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The New Zealand Youth Competition Committee (hereafter referred to as NZYCC), is to be formed by the following representatives:- NZMHA President, Chairperson of the NZMHA Youth Council, and two other NZMHA Representatives as elected by the current President of NZMHA. The Chairperson of the NZYCC will always be the Chairperson of the NZMHA Youth Council. This committee will have a term of 2 (two) years, which will cease on the 1st of October 2008. However, the current Chairperson may choose to stay on the new NZYCC in an advisory/co-ordinator role for the following year, providing that he/she remains a current financial member of NZMHA. This committee will also be the NZYCC protest committee for a term of 2 (two) years.

CHANGES TO RULES

The rules of the NZYCC, may only be changed after the completion of a term of 2 (two) consecutive years and must be by a majority vote. The completion of a term of 2 (two) years will be after the conclusion of the National show and any rule changes must be made by the current NZYCC prior to the 1st of October of that year. ie the incoming NZYCC will not be able to implement any rule changes, unless it is purely for safety reasons and it is of a unanimous decision.

NZMHA YOUTH MEMBERSHIP FEES

All youth competitors must be a current financial member of NZMHA. There will be a cost of \$120.00 per team to enter the New Zealand Youth Challenge Competition.

ACCOMODATION COSTS

It is the intention of NZMHA to accommodate both teams together with their managers for the duration of the NZMHA National Show, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Accommodation has been reserved in a Villa in Hawera for 6 members and their manager. The cost of this accommodation will be NZ\$600.00 per team. Both teams, together with their Manager and the Chairperson of the NZMHA Youth Council will stay at the Villa during the show.

COST:

There will be a cost to each team of \$120.00, plus accommodation fees as outlined above. ie A total of \$120.00 per youth member. Other expenses – meals etc will be discussed prior to the show. Fees are to be paid upon application to NZMHA to be a member of the 2006/2007 New Zealand Youth Challenge Competition. Unsuccessful applicants will have their cheques returned to them within 10 days of the naming of the team.

APPLICATION FORMS:

Two CV's together with the completed application form, are to be sent to:-

The New Zealand Miniature Horse Show Secretary
Mr D Crow
P.O. Box 193
INGLEWOOD 4347

by the 20th February 2007 with the appropriate fee.

Should you have any queries regarding the above competition, please do not hesitate to contact either

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