

New Zealand Reining Trans-Tasman Challenge

The Trans- Tasman competition is to be an annual event conducted between New Zealand and Australia, to provide Reining Riders International competition and the opportunity to compete in a supportive friendly environment. It is recognised that competing at an International level can be challenging. Both NZRHA & SCRHA would like to support this competition that encourages riders to try this level of competition

The event will provide international competition with less complex, low key & minimal cost. The ideals of good competition, supportive team spirit and adherence to the welfare of the horse are priorities in this competition

• Scope of Competition

- a) Competition is to be conducted between New Zealand & Australian teams
- b) Each team member is encouraged to be a member of both NZRHA & SCRHA but travelling competitors must be a member of the host countries association
- c) The event will be held annually alternating between Australia & New Zealand
- d) The first event to be held in New Zealand in 2019
- e) Team Consists of a maximum of 2 Open & 2 Non-Pro Riders, also 1 Reserve Rider & Team Manager & Coach (Where applicable)
As long as number of applicants permit, there will be a maximum of 2 Open riders.
- f) The Riders commitment is for 1 year – With the previous Team Members competing in NZ would be looked at favourably for the away event (*Subject to adhering to continuously being eligible and performance criteria is still maintained*)
- g) Support crew will be the responsibility of each nation
- h) The Team Manager will be the point of contact for each Team
- i) Classes to be Judged as per NRHA Rule Book– The exception possibly being Riding 2 Handed.
- j) Costs of each competition (Horses, Stables, Shoeing etc) are to be borne by team members
- k) Organisation of the team, team uniform and travel & accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of each nation (With accommodation being supported by competitors)
- l) Horses are to be supplied by the host nation unless teams indicate they wish to bring their own horses
- m) There will be a Perpetual Trophy to be won between the Countries (Funded by both Countries)
- n) The winner of the competition will be the highest combined scores of each team. A Buckle for Open & Non Pro Riders to compete against separately

- **Horses**

Riders are expected to organise 2 horses for the competition. Horses will be provided for each visiting team by the hosts. All travel and accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the rider. It is recommended that horses be insured by the owners, and documentation written and signed by owners that they accept all liability of the horse during this time

Horses will need to meet the following requirements:

- **Over 4 years of age**
- **Been shown for a minimum of one season**
- **No Stallions are to be offered for competitors (Unless NZ & Australian selectors are confident that all 4 Open Riders selected from NZ & Australia are capable of complete management at all times)**
- **Horses must be sound and fit, capable of doing a complete Reining Pattern with established manoeuvres required to Rein**

Eligibility for New Zealand Riders

Riders seeking selection to the Team must satisfy the following eligibility requirements & conditions to be able to be considered for selection:

- a) To have been member of NZRHA for over the last 24 months from date of payment
- b) Be 21 years in age or over– Independent to get to training & help Fundraise for Trans-Tasman
- c) Have competed within the last 24 months
- d) It will also be looked favourable upon, should you compete/support NZRHA Nationals
- e) Reserve Rider – Expected to attend the event & be involved with the team throughout
- f) Each competitor (when NZ is the host country) must provide or source two fit Reining horses, capable of doing a complete Reining Pattern with established manoeuvres required to Rein. They must be prepared to allow their horses to be ridden by fellow team members at any team trainings prior to T&T
- g) Each Rider/ competitor will be required to pay for their Airfares & Accommodation (However this maybe/could be reduced depending on Sponsorship & Fundraising done by the Trans-Tasman Team throughout the year)
- h) Each applicant is required to deposit a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 into the Trans-Tasman Funding Account, this deposit goes towards the costings of the Trans-

Tasman competitions. Payment is to be made at the time of your application and is non-refundable

- **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

The Selectors will consider all eligible riders for selection to the Team. The Selectors will apply their discretion and select riders whom they consider are capable of meeting the objective stated below, also based on the following factors

- a. The rider's performances and results in New Zealand in Open & Non Pro, Junior & Senior Classes
- b. The ability of the riders to compete in competition, on more than one horse and on horses which the rider has no knowledge or experience. The event will be held on borrowed horses
- c. Their performances and results from NZRHA events within the last 24 months along with good sportsman like conduct.

In addition to the factors above, but not limited to, the Selectors may also take into account the following factors in considering the riders to be selected to the Team

- d. The demonstrated ability of the rider to achieve clear round results under the demands and pressure of competition
- e. The ability and versatility of the rider to perform as a full member of the Team to compete in the Event showing comradery throughout the last 24 months
- f. The contribution the rider will make to the team environment both prior to, during and on return from the event, including compatibility with other riders in the Team and team support personnel and commitment to the objective for the Event
- g. The demonstrated ability of the rider to ride to and follow the instructions of the coach
- h. The rider's preparedness and commitment, including demonstrated planning and training, for the Event
- i. The rider's suitability to be a representative of the New Zealand Reining Horse Association

- **Selection decisions and Appeals**

- a. The Selectors shall select the riders for the Team
- b. The Selectors may, but are not bound to, provide reasons for their selection decisions
- c. Selectors will be appointed by NZRHA Committee