

NEW ZEALAND REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION INTER-ISLAND CHALLENGE 2023



The NZRHA Inter-Island Challenge is an annual event occurring at this year's NZRHA National Show – Friday 31st March to 2nd April 2023 at Mansfield Park Stadium, Feilding. The challenge is a team reining event conducted between a North Island and the South Island team members.

The challenge was designed to encourage members to support each other in a friendly team environment, while creating a showcase Reining team event for the wider community to enjoy. Adding a team aspect, the challenge encourages riders to compete at another level, create a supportive network between the islands

Outline of the Competition:

- The 'Inter – Island Challenge' is to be run under NZRHA Rules.
- The 'Inter-Island Challenge' takes part between the North & South Island NZRHA members, with a perpetual trophy to be won. This year the 'Inter-Island Challenge' sponsor is '[Courtesy Ford](#)'.
- This year the challenge will be held on Sunday 2nd April at the end of the NZRHA National Show.
- Each island team consists of 3 – 4 riders & a Team leader (depending on applications)
- Team members must be prepared to travel inter-island to compete (providing there is interest)
- Organisation of the team, team uniforms, travel & accommodation arrangements and other costs associated with the challenge are the responsibility of each island team member. Teams may fundraise if they choose to have team uniforms. (Accommodation is to be supported by the island members where the event is being hosted)
- Horses are to be supplied / sourced by the individual team members. Should you wish to bring your own horse, or borrow a horse – this is solely the team members responsibility. If you have more than one horse available, you may put forward one or two horses for the 'Inter-Island Challenge'.
- The winners of the challenge will be the highest combined scores from team members runs. Each team member will get 2 runs. Your first score will be taken from a pre-chosen class you compete in at the National Show. The 2nd Score, will be during the dedicated 'Inter-Island Challenge' class, where the entire team members will run against each other. Highest overall combined score awarded as a team will win.
- A sponsored Buckle for the Highest Scoring Rider's run will be awarded. (If sponsorship allows, there will be a North Island and a South Island Highest Scoring Run buckle awarded).

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Horses Criteria:

Riders are to organise their own horses for this challenge. All travel and accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the riders & the horse's owner (if borrowed). It is recommended that horses be insured by the owners prior to competition and documentation signed by owner accepting liability of the horse during the duration of the challenge.

Horses are required to meet the following requirements:

- 4 years of age & over
- Horses to have competed in reining at a minimum of 4 or more shows in the past 3 seasons.
- Horses must be sound and fit, capable of doing a complete reining pattern with established manoeuvres required to rein.

Should your horse become unsound, you must notify NZRHA Secretary ASAP so we may appoint another rider or assist in finding another horse. Email: nzreiningassoc@gmail.com

Eligibility for Team Riders:

Riders applying for the 'Inter – Island Challenge' must meet the following requirements:

- Have been a current financial member for over 12 months
- Have competed within the last 12 months at NZRHA, NZWRF and AQHA-NZ approved shows.
- Each rider is required to pay for their travel (fuel / ferry costs etc) If team members obtain sponsorship / fundraiser prior to the competition – these costs could be reduced for members within the team.
- In the event of insufficient horses travelling inter-island, a representative of the visiting team may arrange suitable horses to compete on within the island where the challenge is being held.
- Each applicant is required to pay a non-fundable application fee of \$50.00 into NZRHA nominated bank account. This application fee goes towards the costs of running the Inter-Island Challenge. Payment is to be made at time of your application. Applications will not be processed without payment made in full.

Should you become unwell or unable to ride, you must notify NZRHA secretary asap so we may appoint another rider: nzreiningassoc@gmail.com

Performance Criteria:

The selection committee will consider all eligible riders for selection into the teams. You may only apply to ride for the team where you reside; i.e live in the North Island – application for the North Island team. * if an island team is incomplete – the selection committee reserves the right to call for riders to ride for the other island.

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The committee will apply their discretion and select riders whom they consider are capable of meeting the objectives stated below, but not limited to:

- The riders performance results within the reining pen throughout New Zealand within the past 24 months.
- The riders ability of compete in competition and handle the pressure of competition

In addition to the factors above, the committee may also take into consideration the following factors when considering riders for selection:

- The demonstrated ability of the rider to achieve clear round results under the demands and pressure of competition
- The ability and versatility of the rider to perform as a member
- The contribution the rider will make to the team environment prior to, during and at completion of the event.
- The rider's suitability to be a representative of the New Zealand Reining Horse Association

Selection Process / Appeals:

Once applications close, all submitted applications will be presented to the appointed selectors committee. The committee will consider all applications and will select riders based on the above stated criteria. The selection committee may, but are not bound to, provide reasons for their selection decisions.

Selected teams riders will be notified within 1 week of application closing date via email. The selected team members, once all personally notified will be announced online via the NZRHA website and Facebook page.

**NZRHA – INTER ISLAND CHALLENGE REGISTRATION FORM
NZRHA NATIONAL SHOW – MANSFIELD PARK
SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023**



ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

List your nominated reining horse/s – Registered Name / Sex / Age

1. _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

2. _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Please give a brief introduction about yourself and your nominated horses' history / ability:

Previous contribution to team events? (Can be non-horse related)

Application Fee: \$50 NON REFUNDABLE

Payment Details: Please indicate your 'name' and the reference 'IIC 23'
Account Name: NZRHA | Bank: ANZ | Account Number: 06-0313-0127539-000

By completing this 'IIC' application form, you accept NZRHA requirements for this challenge

- You MUST be a current financial NZRHA Member
- You must be prepared to attend the NZRHA National Show and cover all costs to get to the NZRHA National Show.
- Both Rider & Horse must meet the full rider and horse criteria required to apply.
* PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*
- If required, you must be prepared to fundraise with your team members.

All applications and enquires to be emailed to: nzreiningassoc@gmail.com

By returning this application form, if I am selected to be a part of the challenge, I am agreeing to abide by the show rules of NZRHA. I acknowledge that equestrian sports can be a hazardous activity. I do not hold NZRHA, the committee or the venue management liable for any injury, loss or damage sustained by myself or my property while competing at the show. I

Signed: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE ONLY: Application Received: _____ Payment Received: _____