



2025 OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

NZRHA REINING

NATIONALS

FRIDAY 4TH - SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025
Egmont Showgrounds, Hawera



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NZ REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION – NATIONAL SHOW PROGRAMME 2025

OUTDOOR ARENA OPEN: Thursday
(Indoor Arena is not available for riding on Thursday)

INDOOR ARENA OPEN: Friday 6am till midday
(Office will be setting up during this time)

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025 Start 1pm (competitors Meeting 12 noon)

Class 1: **Any Handed** – Sponsored by NZ Reining Horse Association
Entry Fee: \$15
Pattern: 13
Prizes: Ribbons
Bit Requirements: Rider can switch between 1 or 2 handed in any NRHA approved bit regardless of horse's age.



Class 2: **Green Rider 1st Go Round** – Overall Buckle Sponsored by Davies Contracting Wihī Ltd
Entry Fee: \$20
Pattern: 8
Prizes: Buckle (combined scores from class 2 & class 11), Trophy, Ribbons & Prizes
Bit Requirements: For those new to reining/riding, or those with 10 NZRHA Points or less in any reining class at any western performance show. Horses can be exhibited 2 handed in a Snaffle Bit regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in a curb.



Class 3: **5 Years & Under Snaffle Bit** – Sponsored by Potters Brother Chocolates
Entry Fee: \$25
Pattern: 6
Prizes: Trophy, Garland Rosette, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)
Bit Requirements: Open to horses 5 years and under. Horses MUST be exhibited 2 handed in a snaffle bit. 5 year old horses can be ridden in both this class & the 'Derby' providing they follow bit rules.



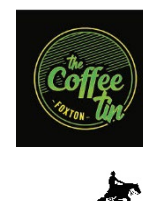
Class 4: **Open Novice Rider** – Sponsored by Vets on Riverbank
Entry Fee: \$35
Pattern: 4
Prizes: Buckle, Trophy, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)
Bit Requirements: Riders with 30 NZRHA points or less, in any reining classes at any western performance show. Horses to be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in curb.



Class 5: **Derby – 5 to 8 Years** – Sponsored by Fairlane Veterinary Services
Entry Fee: \$35
Pattern: 9
Prizes: Buckle, Trophy, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)
Bit Requirements: Open to horses aged 5 – 8 years only. Horses MUST be exhibited 1 handed in a curb.



Class 6: **Maturity - 9 Years & Up** – Sponsored by The Coffee Tin
Entry Fee: \$35
Pattern: 3
Prizes: Buckle, Trophy, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)
Bit Requirements: Open to horses 9 years and over. Horses MUST be ridden 1 handed in a curb.



ARENA OPEN after the last class until 11 PM

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025 Start 8.30am (Clear arena 8am for harrowing)

Class 7

Entry Fee:

Pattern:

Prizes:

Bit Requirements:

Any Handed – Sponsored by NZ Reining Horse Association

\$15

13

Ribbons

Rider can switch between 1 or 2 handed in any NRHA approved bit regardless of horses age.



Class 8:

Open Futurity – Proudly sponsored by Stallion Owners

(Argent Farm Quarter Horse Stud NZ, Chivas Regal, Cloverbrook Performance Horses, Shining N Stylish & NR Performance Horses)

Entry Fee:

\$50

Pattern:

10

Prizes:

Buckle, Trophy, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)

Bit Requirements:

Open to any rider. 3 year olds may be exhibited 2 handed in a snaffle or 1 handed in a curb.
4 year olds MUST be ridden 1 handed in a curb.



Class 9:

Novice Rider – Sponsored by Vikings Rest Custom Leatherworks

Entry Fee:

\$15

Pattern:

6

Prizes:

Trophy, Garland Rosette, Ribbons & Prizes

Bit Requirements:

Riders with 20 NZRHA points or less, in any reining classes at any western performance show.
Horses can be exhibited 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horse's age OR 1 handed in a curb



Class 10:

Non Pro Futurity – Sponsored by Fieldline Horse Floats

Entry Fee:

\$50

Pattern:

11

Prizes:

Buckle, Trophy, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)

Bit Requirements:

Non-Pro riders only. 3 or 4 year old horses can be exhibited 2 handed in a snaffle bit or 1 handed in a curb



Class 11:

Green Rider 2nd Go Round – Overall Buckle Sponsored by Davies Contracting Wihī Ltd

Entry Fee:

\$20

Pattern:

5

Prizes:

Buckle (combined scores from class 2 & class 11), Trophy, Ribbons & Prizes

Bit Requirements:

For those new to reining / riding, or those with 10 or less in any reining class at any western performance show.
(Horses can be exhibited 2 handed in a Snaffle Bit regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in a curb.)



Class 12:

Youth – Sponsored by Animal Health direct

Entry Fee:

\$15

Pattern:

13

Prizes:

Trophy, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)

Bit Requirements:

Ridden as per age of horse. 5 years and under 2 handed in snaffle or one handed in curb. Horse over 6 years ridden 1 handed in a curb.



Class 13:

Open – Sponsored by Courtesy Ford Manawatu

Entry Fee:

\$50

Pattern:

2

Prizes:

Buckle, Trophy, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)

Bit Requirements:

Open to any horse or rider combination. Ridden to the age of the horse. 1 handed if ridden in a curb.



1 HOUR BREAK FOR FREESTYLE GEAR CHANGES | NOTE: ARENA WILL BE OPEN ONLY TO FREESTYLE COMPETITORS

Class 14:

Fun Feature Freestyle – Sponsored by Hekeao Feed Co.

Entry Fee:

\$15

Pattern:

Your Own

Prizes:

Trophy, Ribbons & Prizes

Bit Requirements:

Only one horse allowed in the arena, props, costumes, and music encouraged. Pattern must contain minimum mandatory requirements of 4 consecutive spins each way, 1 flying change from left to right, 1 flying change from right to left, 3 stops. Exhibitors can use two hands (as well as one or no hands) and any approved bit. There is a 4-minute time limit that includes any introductions. Music must be submitted with entry.



ARENA OPEN after completion of Freestyle until 11 PM

SATURDAY NIGHT BBQ - \$10

Time will be advised Saturday afternoon, allowing time for Freestyle competitors to finish up with their horses



SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

Start 8.30am (Clear arena 8am for harrowing)



Class 15:

Open Ranch Riding (Run Concurrent with class 16) - Sponsored by palaMOUNTAINS

Entry Fee:

\$15

Pattern:

3

Prizes:

Trophy, Garland Rosette, Ribbons & Prizes

Bit Requirements:

Ridden to the age of the horse. 1 handed if ridden in a curb. Riders are only able to enter ONE ranch riding event: either 'Novice Ranch Riding' or 'Open Ranch Riding' only.



Class 16:

Novice Rider Ranch Riding (Run Concurrent with class 15) - Sponsored by Harvest Grains

Entry Fee:

\$15

Pattern:

3

Prizes:

Trophy, Ribbons & Prizes

Bit Requirements:

For riders to be eligible, they must hold a current NZWRF Novice Amateur card or be classified as a rookie or a beginner rider. Riders are only able to enter ONE ranch riding event: either 'Novice Ranch Riding' or 'Open Ranch Riding' only. In this class horses can be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horses' age.



Class 17:

Non Pro (Run Concurrent with class 18) – Sponsored by Argent Farms Quarter Horse Stud NZ

Entry Fee:

\$50

Pattern:

1

Prizes:

Buckle, Trophy, Ribbons & Prize money to 6th place (subject to entries)

Bit Requirements:

Only eligible for riders with a Non-Pro or NZWRF amateur card. Must be submitted upon entry. Ridden to the age of the horse. 1 handed if ridden in a curb.



Class 18:

Prime Time Non Pro (Run Concurrent with class 17) Sponsored by Futurisk

Entry Fee:

\$35

Pattern:

1

Prizes:

Buckle, Trophy, Ribbons & Prizes

Bit Requirements:

Only eligible for riders aged 50 years or over with a Non-Pro or NZWRF amateur card. Must be submitted upon entry. Ridden to the age of the horse. 1 handed if ridden in a curb.



Class 19:

Novice Horse – Sponsored by Dunstan Horse Feeds

Entry Fee:

\$15

Pattern:

5

Prizes:

Trophy, Garland Rosette, Ribbons & Prizes

Bit Requirements:

Horses that are in their first year of reining or have 25 or less NZRHA points. Ridden to the age of the horse. 1 handed if ridden in a curb.



Hay Supply For National Show

Travelling to the National Show and wish to have your hay delivered to the grounds? Order directly through Highfields Equestrian. Select drop-off location as Egmont Showgrounds and supply them with your stall number.

<https://www.highfieldsequestrian.co.nz/hay-and-feed/>

To ensure the show runs smoothly and prioritizes horse welfare, the class schedule may change.

Affected competitors will be informed before any changes are made.

ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2025

Class Bit Classifications



ANY-HANDED CLASS – Anybody can enter. To be judged you must stay on pattern, however you can ride one or two handed in the class and swap between one and two hands using any NRHA approved bit.

GREEN RIDER – For those new to reining/riding, or those who have 10 points or less, in any reining classes at any western performance show. In this class horses can be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in a curb.

NOVICE RIDER– For those with NZRHA points of 20 or less, in any reining classes at any western performance show. In this class horses can be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in a curb.

OPEN NOVICE – For those with NZRHA points of 30 or less, in any reining classes at any western performance show. In this class horses MUST be ridden to their age according to NZWRF rules.

NON-PRO – Eligibility for NON-PRO will be if you hold a NZWRF Amateur Card. A photocopy of this is to be sent in with your entry please. In this class horses MUST be ridden to their age according to NZWRF rules. On a case-to-case basis; if you do not hold an Amateur Card – but you own your horse and you DO NOT train or show astride horses for money, and you DO NOT take money for instruction on showing or training of a performance horse (Reining, Cutting, Cowhorse) then you may be allowed to enter Non-Pro. Any such requests for a Non-Pro card must be made in writing 2 weeks before entry closing date.

PRIME TIME NON-PRO – As above plus persons 50 years of age and older as at show day. In this class horses MUST be ridden to their age according to NZWRF rules.

OPEN FUTURITY – 3 and 4 year old horses are eligible. 3-year-olds may be ridden in a snaffle. A 4-year-old must be ridden one handed in a curb. Open to any rider.

NON-PRO FUTURITY – Horses may be ridden in a snaffle in their 3rd & 4th year. NON-PRO riders only.

NOVICE HORSE – Horses that are in their first year of reining OR have NZRHA points of 25 or less. To be ridden to the age of the horse. If you are unsure of your horses previous NZRHA reining recorded points please get in touch with the NZRHA Secretary.

5 YEARS & UNDER SNAFFLE BIT CLASS – Open to horses 5 years old and under. In this class, horses must be ridden 2 handed in a legal snaffle bit. 5-year-old horses can enter both this class and the 'Derby' providing they follow bit requirements.

DERBY CLASS 5-8 YEARS – Open to horses 5 – 8 years old. Horses must be ridden one handed in a curb.

MATURITY 9 YEARS & UP – Open to horses 9 years and older. Horses must be ridden one handed in a curb.

OPEN – Open to any horse and rider combination. In this class horses must be ridden one handed in a curb.

FREESTYLE – Only one horse allowed in the arena, props, costumes and music encouraged. Pattern must contain minimum mandatory requirements of 4 consecutive spins each way, 1 flying change from left to right, 1 flying change from right to left, 3 stops. Exhibitors can use two hands (as well as one or no hands) and any approved bit. There is a 4-minute time limit that includes any introductions. Music must be submitted with entry.

OPEN RANCH RIDING – AQHA patterns are used. Horses are classed per their NZRHA classification. In this class horses MUST be ridden to their age according to NZWRF rules. Riders are only able to enter ONE ranch riding event, either 'Open Ranch Riding' OR 'Novice Ranch Riding' only.

NOVICE RIDER RANCH RIDING – AQHA patterns are used. For riders to be eligible, they must hold a current NZWRF Novice Amateur card or be classified as a rookie or a beginner rider. In this class horses may be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in a curb. Riders are only able to enter ONE ranch riding event, either 'Novice Ranch Riding' OR 'Open Ranch Riding' only.

LEE THOMSON

RA Reining Judge

NZRHA 2025 NATIONALS JUDGE

Lee's equestrian journey began with an English riding background. As a young adult, she carved out a name for herself in the agricultural show circuit in South East Queensland. Her talent and dedication did not go unnoticed, and she was eventually invited to compete at the prestigious Horse of the Year event.

However, Lee's passion for riding led her to explore new horizons. She left the world of English riding and embraced the excitement of rodeo. Barrel racing, steer undecorating, and breakaway roping soon became her new arenas of success and enjoyment. Lee thrived in these events, honing her skills and achieving some success.

A significant turning point in Lee's equestrian career came when she relocated to the United States and attended the remarkable Equifest Wichita in 1999. There, she had the privilege of observing some of the greatest clinicians, including John Lyons and Al Dunning. It was during Al Dunning's demonstration of reining with his upcoming futurity filly that Lee found her new sport. The combination of finesse and speed in reining captivated her, and she knew she had found her true equestrian passion.

Upon returning to Australia in 2000, Lee faced the challenges of raising young children and managing full-time work, which delayed her start in reining until 2007. The wait, however, proved to be worthwhile.

Lee has been a proud member and subsequent judge for reining Australia for over 10 years. She has also had the great privilege of scribing for the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma 7 years in total. Here she got to sit with some of the most experienced judges in the world. Next to them she enjoyed watching the greats like Shawn Florida and Andrea Fappani.

Lee is about to become a grandmother for the first time and her grandchild will be born in Auckland to become a NZ citizen!!



2025 NZRHA NATIONAL SHOW: 4th - 6th April

Egmont A&P Showgrounds, 8 Burnside Avenue, Hawera

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New Zealand Reining Horse Association

National Show 2025

4th – 6th April 2025

Egmont Showgrounds, Hawera | Judge: Lee Thomson

Exhibitor Name: _____ Fed #: _____ Age: _____ Amateur #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Horse Name: _____ Fed #: _____ Age: _____ Breed: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 1	Any Handed	Pattern # 13	\$15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 2	Green Rider (1 st go round)	Pattern # 8	\$20	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 3	5 Years & Under Snaffle Bit	Pattern # 6	\$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 4	Open Novice Rider	Pattern # 4	\$35	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 5	Derby	Pattern # 9	\$35	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 6	Maturity – 9 Years & Up	Pattern # 3	\$35	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 7	Any Handed	Pattern # 13	\$15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 8	Open Futurity	Pattern # 10	\$50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 9	Novice Rider	Pattern # 6	\$15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 10	Non Pro Futurity	Pattern # 11	\$50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 11	Green Rider (2 nd go round)	Pattern # 5	\$20	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 12	Youth	Pattern # 13	\$15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 13	Open	Pattern # 2	\$50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 14	Fun Feature Freestyle	Your own	\$15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 15	Open Ranch Riding	Pattern # 3	\$15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 16	Novice Ranch Riding	Pattern # 3	\$15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 17	Non Pro	Pattern # 1	\$50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 18	Prime Time Non Pro	Pattern # 1	\$35	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 19	Novice Horse	Pattern # 5	\$15	\$ _____

Total Class Entries \$ _____

Uncovered Yard \$10 Covered Yard \$15 Stable \$15 _____ nights \$ _____

Non-Powered Camp Site \$12 Powered Camp Site \$18 _____ nights \$ _____

Ground Fee \$16 per horse per day \$ _____

Total \$ _____

ENTRIES CLOSE: SUNDAY 30th MARCH 2025:

Email: nzreiningassoc@gmail.com

Bank: ANZ

Acc Name: New Zealand Reining Horse Association

Acc Number: 06-0313-0127539-00 (Please include name & show as particulars & reference)



NZRHA



NATIONAL SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

- **Late entries will be accepted on the day:** Extra one off cost of \$20 on top of entry fees
- The show Committee reserves the right to alter the programme at any time and to refuse entry to the arena of any horse, or to combine classes if insufficient entries are received. Affected competitors will be informed before any changes are made.
- Ribbons to 6th place
- Hard Hats can be worn in any event.
- Warm up areas are for the next class – please refrain from using the warmup area if your class is not next
- Refunds less 30% admin fee will be remitted upon the exhibitor producing a Doctor or Vets certificate within 7 days of show date
- If the competitor chooses to wear a cowboy hat instead of a hard hat that is their choice and NZRHA takes no responsibility for their decision.
- Horses on the grounds overnight must have a designated person responsible for them at all times
- All areas to be left clean and tidy - all manure and hay to be removed from pens and truck/float parking area. Stables or yards left dirty will incur a \$20 fine (deducted from prize money if any)
- All horses, exhibitors and spectators enter the grounds at their own risk, no liability is accepted by NZRHA
- All Jackpot prize money will be paid out less a small administration fee
- The NZRHA Committee reserves the right to take photos and use their likeness for public use (advertising and/or show results etc)
- Any protest during the show will need to be submitted in writing to the Show Manager no less than 30 minutes before the prize giving at the end of Sunday, at a cost of \$50.
- Application to this show is confirmation that you accept the conditions as set out in this schedule



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We'll see you there!