

SHOW HUNTER

Show Hunter is the breeding ground of our stars of the future, both riders and horses. It is a jumping discipline, jumped over a course of a maximum of ten fences. Show Hunter is judged on balance, style and rhythm. Show hunter encourages style rather than speed.

"Show Hunter is an excellent training ground for the young rider today. It teaches them about pace, striding and distance, skills that they need to learn to jump more technical show jumping courses"

Two-time Olympian, John Cottle

Equitation over fences classes are judged on the rider's style and ability, not the horse's jumping ability. The round must still be as smooth and as seamless as possible. Courses are usually more technical and test the rider's aptitude for adjustment and schooling and self discipline. Riders could be asked to jump a fence from trot, do a rollback turn, halt or asked to drop their stirrups and jump a fence.



2012 WSHS

Mail or e-mail entries to WSHS c/o Holli Marshall
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Rain Dates: If the weather is unfavourable, the event will be postponed to the Sunday. Cancellation/change of venue advertised on 93.2 More FM and Classic Hits 90.0 FM by 7.00 a.m. If rained out 8th September, Hawera show the event will have to be cancelled and it will be a 2 show series.

Entries close the Thursday before each show.

Send entries to: Winter Show Hunter Series, c/o Holli Marshall, 65 Surrey Hill Road, RD 4, New Plymouth, 4374.

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Please make cheques payable to **Winter Show Hunter Series** or Direct credit payments can be made online to TSB Bank 15-3953-0715463-00

Conditions: Hack classes will run first, followed by pony classes. Hack classes start at 8.00am sharp. Classes will not be run in age groups, and riders of any age may compete in either pony or hack classes, provided they are riding a hack or pony in their correct class. Pony strides may be changed depending on entries. This is a non-registered competition and therefore does not qualify for any grading or other points within Equestrian Sports NZ. Riders and horses do not need to be registered with ESNZ. As this is an unrecognized event; simple changes (through trot) will be allowed although a combination that lands on the correct lead for the next fence, or who does a flying change, would be preferred. The day will be run under Show Hunter NZ discipline rules. By entering, riders agree to abide by the rules of the day.

Dress Code: You must wear a safety approved helmet and heeled boots. Tidy attire required; casual dress is accepted. Attire should be clean and weather appropriate. Long hair must be tied back. Proper Show Hunter dress or Pony Club uniform would be appreciated.

Make sure your horse/pony and tack are well brushed and polished. Remember that the horse is turned out in plain simple tack, don't spoil the look the bright colours that will distract from the look of both horse and rider. Plaiting is not required. Fitted saddle cloths and well fitting tack always turns a horse out to his best.

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2012

Growing Show Hunters

**WSHS I- Inglewood PC arena-
11 August, 2012- to benefit the
Taranaki Hunt**

**WSHS II- Hawera Showground's Oval-
8 September, 2012- to benefit Taranaki
SH/SJ Group**

**WSHS III- Inglewood PC arena -
22 September - to benefit the
New Plymouth Pony Club**



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Classes & Information

EQUIPMENT FOR SHOW HUNTER

Hack – All classes will be on a 12' stride

Class 1:	60cm Training Hunter
Class 2:	70cm Training Hunter
Class 3:	80cm Training Hunter
Class 4:	80cm Equitation over fences
Class 5:	90cm Training Hunter
Class 6:	1m Training Hunter

Pony

Class 7:	40cm Training Pony CAT A stride
Class 8:	50cm Training Pony CAT A stride
Class 9:	60cm Training Pony CAT B stride
Class 10:	70cm Training Pony CAT B stride
Class 11:	80cm Training Pony CAT C stride
Class 12:	90cm Training Pony CAT C stride
Class 13:	Equitation over fences (see below)

please nominate your chosen height and stride on the entry form!

Please note: The pony equitation class will be run as follows: Each rider entering Class 13 must nominate **one** class (height and stride) over which they wish to ride their equitation course. The equitation prizes will be awarded at the completion of Class 12

Pony strides:

Category A – based on a 3.05m (10') stride
Category B – based on a 3.20m (10'6") stride
Category C – based on a 3.35m (11') stride

A rider should choose a category that best suits their pony, i.e. a 12.2hh pony would best suit Category A and a 14.2hh pony would be best suitable in Category C.

Please note: These are guidelines only and if you are not comfortable with the height of the recommended category, you are welcome to jump in a lower class and adjust your pony's stride accordingly. Subsequently, you are welcome to jump in higher classes.

Highpoints:

These will be given for the first 5 individual placings in each class (1st - 6, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3, 4th - 2, 5th - 1). The hack and pony with the highest total points over the three competition days will be the overall winners and be presented with a Highpoints Prize. Ribbons will be awarded to combinations placed 1st to 4th overall in each class. Individual prize giving will be immediately after each class. If entries warrant we may add a 12 & under highpoint.

Entry fee: \$6.00 per class pre-entry, or \$8.00 per class on the day. You may enter a **maximum** of 4 classes per mount plus an equitation class.

Practice rounds I apologize, but practice rounds will be cancelled so we can get this show finished on time. Thank you for your understanding.

Trot Circles In the interest of time & doing a nice hunter or equitation round; please have a look at this <http://showingready.blogspot.com/2010/03/entering-and-exiting-hunter-ring.html>

Allowed

A correctly fitted cavesson noseband

Spurs

Short Crop

Leg boots and/or bandages

Standing or running martingale

Breastplate

Any form of snaffle bit where the primary action is on the horse's mouth, including corners of the mouth, bars and tongue.

Pelhams and Kimblewicks if used in their *entirety*, where the primary action is on the horses jaw.

Pelhams must be used with either two separate reins or joiners. A slotted Kimblewick may only be used where the reins are not fixed in the rein slots.

Double Bridle

Stud Guards

Not allowed (use of "not allowed" equipment will result in a no-score for the performance)

Drop or any kind of noseband below the bit

Unconventional bits where the primary action of the bit is on the poll, including a leverage action

causing downwards poll pressure eg. Butterfly bit, puzzle bit, gags, peassoas or Dutch gags,

Filcher snaffles, hanging bits or fixed rein bits

Bitless bridle

Hackamore and Elevator bits

Unconventional bit used as an artificial turning aid

German Martingales, Market Harboroughs

Chambon or other training equipment and draw reins

Rowel spurs (any spur with a moving part)

Dressage whip

Shadow roll, stone guard, fly screen or nets

Ear muffs

Bit Guard

Bell Boots and Fetlock Rings (unless the judge chooses to make an exception due to extremely muddy and/or deep footing) or a veterinary injury requiring protection

The judge must be informed of the injury before the class or result in a "no score".

The Judges Advisor committee has the right to assess the use of any bit as allowed or not allowed. Their decision will be final.

HELPFUL HINTS TO MAKE YOUR DAY SAFE AND FUN

Show hunter is a discipline that is based on 8 to 10 inviting jumps set on fixed distance striding. Show hunter is supposed to be encouraging and about an optimum performance versus an eliminating one. The round should look balanced, rhythmical, athletic and relaxed. The horse should jump out of its stride with a well rounded bascule over jumps with an even flowing stride throughout. The horse's knees should be tidy over fences; the landing should be smooth and horse should stay in rhythm.

A course plan can be found at the entrance to the ring which will indicate order and direction in which fences are to be jumped. The course plan will also indicate the number of strides required between fences. Courses are not to be walked. Classes are run in blackboard order. Advise the gate steward of your number and also if you are riding more than one horse per class, and/or riding your equitation round. Arrive to your class on time. There are no starting flags or bell, no numbers on any of the fences. Do not salute the Judge(s). Remember you are judged from the moment you enter the ring until you leave the ring – get your correct lead first time when beginning your course. Finish with a calm, smooth downward transition and trot out of the ring in an organised manner. Don't cut your corners! Ride to the middle of each fence. Think about your position. Use a correct crest release. Your way of riding will affect your horse or pony's way of traveling and jumping. Be well prepared before you come into the ring, and then you will be ready for anything that may crop up during your performance. It's not only what you are doing that we are judging – it is how you deal with it. Manners count – not just your horse's or pony's – yours too! Be polite to the gate steward and every other person that crosses your path. And last of all... **Have Fun!!!**

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