



TAUPO CHRISTMAS CLASSIC 2018

It's time to celebrate!

Dec 13-16, 2018 * NEC, Taupo

Entries close tomorrow - Tuesday Dec 4th



Veteran Class

This year we have included a veteran class. This class (class 36) is restricted to riders who are aged 35 or over on 13 December 2018, mounted on horses that have not, and will not, compete in classes 1.30m or higher at this show. We have so many classes for young riders, junior riders etc, that we felt it was becoming unfair. So we have put on this class to give older riders a chance to compete without the "young guns" scooping the pool!! There will be a special prize for the winner.

Purepine Shavings

Purepine shavings will again be available at the Christmas Classic this year. They cost \$16 for a 19kg bale, which is a lot less than retail. They are made from best quality radiata pine shavings, and can be highly recommended. These must be booked and paid for with entries, as there will only be a limited number available to buy on the day.

Waikato Stables

Due to popular demand, the high quality Waikato Stables will be available this year. The cost is \$210 for covered stables, and \$110 for uncovered ones. We will only be getting the number that have been ordered. So it is imperative that they are ordered with entries. There will not be any available to have on the day. These will be allocated strictly on a 'first come first served basis', there will be no preferences!!

Please note, unless your horse is competing at 1.40m or above it is not likely that you will be allocated a covered yard. If you want a covered yard, please order a Waikato Stable to be sure of allocation. There are only 140 available so first in first served.

Draw Order

This year, all classes will again be run in draw order. We found that Whiteboard Order just never worked. There would either be too many horses on none at all. We have some very big classes and classes need to be kept running. The draw order in the catalogue will be adhered to.

In all classes with a call back jump off, late entries and class swaps will go first in the first round and in the jump off. In all other classes, late entries and class swaps will go last. If you have a clash with another class in another ring, or some other sensible reason, you must make arrangements with the gate steward, who will slot you in in a convenient place. If you just don't turn up, you may not be allowed to start!!

Late Entries / Class Swaps

Classes will close 30 minutes before a class starts, and at 6pm the night before at the office or 8pm online for the first classes in the morning.

The sheets will be printed, and sent out to the relevant ring. You can find out from the gate steward where you are in the draw. If you are asking to be relocated, please don't be rude to the gate steward.

"I found it really useful so much easier." - Diane Littlewood on swapping classes.

"I followed the instructions on the word document and found it very easy :)" - Rebecca Roigarde on scratching from show



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We would encourage you to use the online scratching and class swaps procedure. Full instructions are available under the DOCUMENTS tab. Late entries where there are no scratchings are to be added the usual way through online entry.

You will initially be charged the compulsory facility fee, jumping levy and catalogue but there is another fee 2ND ENTRY SAME HORSE that deducts the \$40 off the total.

Generic instructions are at <https://www.main-events.com/event/5884/taupo-christmas-classic-2018/downloads>

Gate Stewards are very important people!

Please don't be rude to gate stewards. They do a very difficult job, and do not need to be abused. We have a hard job getting someone to do the job!! It is not their job to tell you when you should be going in a class. It is the rider's responsibility to be ready to go when they are wanted. They will help you, and call you up, but you must be ready to go.

GREENLEA MEATS Special Christmas Offer - 20% discount

One of our major sponsors is Greenlea Meats and they are offering a special discount to riders and those attending the show. Use the CODE Taupo20 for a 20% discount on an order from their online shop at <https://www.greenleabutcher.co.nz> .

Great for the Christmas BBQ - you will need to order before Dec 16th to have delivery before Christmas!

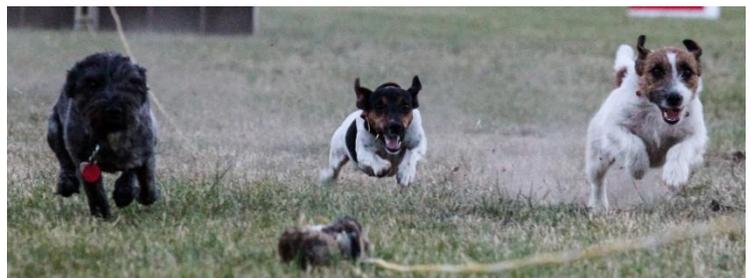
FEI Classes

There will be a new draw done for the FEI classes after the trot up. The trot up will be at approximately 11am on Saturday 15 December for the CSIW 1*, and that will be followed by the trot up for the CSI 1*.

DOGS ON LEADS or else ...

The Taupo Christmas Classic is one of the few shows left that allows dogs so please do not abuse the privilege or as a show we will lose the privilege. All dogs must be on leads during competition hours 7:45 am to 6:00 pm. Any dog found off the lead will be put in a doggie jail and the owner must pay \$20 to the good cause of the Rescue Helicopters. This jail will be located near the office.

On that note, the Terrier Races are back! More information on timing at the show. Classes will be held for terriers and bigger breeds. The race is a chase in and around the jumps in the main ring following a bait.



Prizes sponsored by a number of companies including Kiwiwool Ltd.

Horse ID Tags

This year as part of the Health & Safety Policy, all horses and ponies will be issued with an ID number tag that must be attached to their halter or rug in their yards when not competing. In this way, if a horse or pony escapes, it can be identified and returned to the correct owner and yard.

These tags must be picked up from the office on arrival at the show.

These tags will also help keep control of the stabling allocations. As with our canine companions, horses and ponies found in yards without a label or were not allocated

by the stabling manager to that yard will find the horses and ponies removed to an holding area and again, the owner will need to pay \$20 to the Rescue Helicopter Trust to get them out.

Office In Same Place On Bank

This show will be using the same office as last year in the Charisma Hall as it enables the announcer and office staff to have a good overview of the four main rings. It is also centrally located for the ambulance and trade areas.

Please check in at the office when you arrive to pick up your rider's pack with compulsory catalogue and your horse ID numbers.

Hay will be available on the grounds

We will finalise pricing and let you know in a newsletter next week.

Facilities At The Indoor Arena

The \$3.5 million Equestrian Sports New Zealand High Performance Centre of Excellence in Taupō was opened by the Minister of Sport, the Honourable Grant Robertson before a large gathering of dignitaries and special guests.

As with last year, we will be holding classes in the indoor arena over all four days and catering for all levels. So even if you are a pony rider, you can get a chance to try out the indoor atmosphere.

The indoor arena also includes toilets and showers that will add to the facilities available for riders at the show.



Volunteers - the committee PAINTED them ... you PICK them up !

The Taupo area is thin on the ground in terms of people who can help out at shows when needed. This show is no exception. Who painted all these rails for 5 rings of showjumping? The show committee of three - Pete Herrick, Sue Carr and Tracey Cropp. They water blasted and painted all rails over 5 days last month. There was a half day here and there from other volunteers or PD workers but basically they did the work so you had something nice to jump.

So if you see a rail fall down at the show, hop over the fence and pick it up. If you see a course change happening at during the day, hop over the fence again and lend a hand. And especially at the end of the day when major changes are planned. Please be pro-active.

If you can volunteer to do some writing or gate stewarding, contact the show secretary at xmasclassicsj@gmail.com. All help is appreciated!

Filming at the Taupo Christmas Classic

Firstly, we are pleased to welcome back JXLIVE who will be livestreaming Ring 1 over the show so followers of the sport all over NZ and overseas can follow the action in the main ring.

This also means that we will be livescoring Ring 1 and Ring 2 so scores will be instantly available to view online as the horse leaves the ring. Unfortunately, the unreliability of the internet coverage over the showgrounds means we are not able to livescore the other 3 rings but will have scores uploaded overnight for viewing by typing in from the jump sheets.

FMG filming Young Riders at the show

FMG, who sponsor the FMG Young Rider Series will have a film crew on hand over the show filming several key riders in the series. Greenstone TV are working on a production based around some of our Young Riders competing in the FMG Young Rider Series. Please make them feel welcome!

And make sure you understand the media policy outlined under terms and conditions of the show as follows:

"By entering or attending this competition, you accept that you may appear within differing media streams that are on location covering the event. Your behaviour at the event and within the competition arena is at your discretion and is your responsibility. Please note that there will be live streaming at the event therefore the camera may be on throughout the day."

Training Ring? ...yes! Extra horses?... maybe

There is a training ring available over the show at \$5 a round payable at the ring.

Please note, last year we had 1000 horses enter the show. If you want to bring along another horse for the practise ring or other purpose, you will need to notify the secretary at xmasclassicsj@gmail.com - there may NOT be space available but if possible we will try.

CAUTION - If the horse is not technically entered in the show (any class will do) with a yard request then they will NOT appear on stabling lists to be assigned - even if you indicated 3 yards instead of 2 for example. We don't always pick up on it when dealing with 1000 horses.

Riders Meeting on Friday of the show

We will have more details in a newsletter next week. But plan on attending! It is vital to your sport and your chance to influence upcoming policy.

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