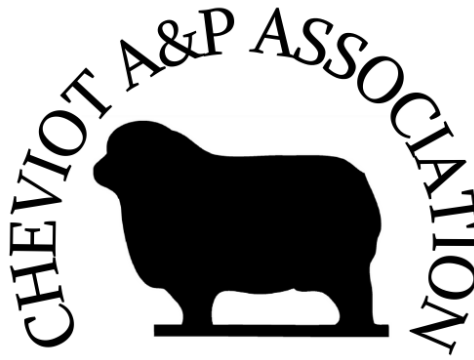




RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRIES:

1. Entry fees must accompany all entries.
2. All entries must be made online at <https://showday.online/show/cheviot>
3. Posted entries will no longer be accepted, if you have any issues entering online please email cheviotshow@gmail.com or phone Lorraine on 0275464223
4. No exhibit will be judged unless all entry fees are paid.
5. All entries to be made online, on or before the date set in the schedule, any entries received after this time will not appear in the catalogue and may, at the discretion of the Secretary be declined
6. All entries must be made in the name of the bona fide owner of the exhibits.
7. In all entries of Livestock, the breeder's name must be mentioned (if known).

STOCK AND GENERAL:

8. All Stock and Produce to be on the Grounds and ready for judging before 9.00am on the day of the Show or time stated.
9. Competitors' staff in charge of stock must be subject to the orders of the Stewards or the Administration Officer.
10. No Stock or Implements exhibited to be removed until after 4.00pm on the day of the Show without a special order from the Administration Officer.
11. The Committee will not, under any circumstances, hold themselves responsible for loss, damage or mis-delivery of Stock or Implements exhibited at the Show.
12. Judges of Stock, in arriving at their decisions, are requested not to give undue weight to high condition (except in classes for fat stock and length of wool on early shorn sheep), but to award prizes to the animals in each class which they consider best represent the particular breed or description intended to be encouraged. Judges are directed to pass over all animals whose want of condition betokens weakness or constitution, however great their merits may be in all other respects. Judges are asked not to pay undue attention to length of wool on early shorn sheep.
13. All Implements to be on the ground before 9.00am on the day of the Show.
14. Should any exhibitor, in the opinion of the Committee, be guilty of any fraudulent practice, either in entering or exhibiting Stock, all the exhibits of such exhibitor shall be disqualified and their name shall not appear in the official prize list.
15. All persons admitted into any premises controlled by the Association shall be subject to the orders of the Committee, and in the event of misbehaviour may be removed by order of the President or any two members of the Committee.
16. No person shall have proprietorship for the time being in the pens which have been allotted to the Stock entered by such person, and no one will be permitted to put any placard or advertisement on the exhibits without the sanction of the Stewards in charge of the Section.
17. Any person wishing to show for exhibition only can do so by making arrangements with the Administration Officer.

18. The area of eligibility to enter Cheviot District Classes is the Cheviot Ward area. Those ratepayers whose properties straddle any of the Ward boundaries must nominate at which A&P Association Show they wish to enter District Classes.
19. The Committee reserves the right to alter conditions or order of events, or cancel events, entirely at its own discretion.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Public and Competitors enter the Show grounds at their own risk.
2. Whilst every precaution has been taken to avoid harm to visitors, exhibitors and all others using the grounds, the Cheviot A&P Association will not be responsible for any injury, maiming or accident suffered by any person entering the premises irrespective of whether such injury, maiming or accident is occasioned by any act of omission of the Cheviot A&P.
3. Please be aware of and obey the notices re pedestrian areas, livestock etc. These are in place for your safety.

PRIZES:

1. In all Classes where two prizes have been awarded, the Judges are directed to “Highly Commend” or ‘Commend’ the other exhibits worthy of these distinctions.
2. Discrepancies in the Prize List must be notified in writing to the Secretary within thirty days from the date advertised for awarding prizes, or they will not on any account be entertained.
3. All prizes not claimed within two months after the date of the Show will be forfeited.

POINTS

(as adopted and approved by the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand) shall count as follows:

1st 6 points

2nd 4 points

3rd 2 points

VHC 1 point

Champion: 2 points extra.

Reserve Champion: 1 point extra.

In the event of no competition, only half points are awarded.

Competition: means two or more exhibitors, whose exhibits are judged, competing for the prize or prizes in the particular class for which prizes are awarded.

A Tie: to count one win each.

In the event of a tie for Points Prize: the exhibitor who takes the most Championship honours (or more First Prizes in the event of the Championships) shall take precedence.

BLOOM DIP AND ARTIFICIAL COLOURING:

The attention of exhibitors is drawn to the provisions of the Stock Amendment Act 1963 Class 4 which states (inter alia) “That no person shall use any substance or preparation for the purpose of artificially colouring the wool of any sheep”, and “That no person shall sell or offer for sale or bring or cause to be brought on to any land or other place at which sheep are offered for sale or exhibition any sheep the wool of which contains any substance or preparation used for the purpose of artificially colouring the wool of sheep”.

FOOTROT OR LICE

Stock suspected of being affected with an infectious foot complaint or lice shall be subject to an inspection by the Stock Inspector or a Veterinary Surgeon, and should the stock be found to be infected it shall be removed from the show grounds.

EQUESTRIAN RULES AND REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Our Show is run under RAS rules. Royal Equestrian Judges & Competitors Rule Book is available from the Royal Agricultural Society, 9 Matai Place, Oxford or download an electronic version of the RAS Equestrian Rule book at the following link:
<https://www.ras.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/RAS-Equestrian-Rulebook-2025-Complete-A5.pdf>

The Equestrian Convenors, all Judges and the Show Secretary have copies of the RAS Rule book. Please familiarize yourself with the rules and kindly abide by them.

All exhibitors agree to comply with the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015 and its subsequent amendments.

Cheviot A&P Association will not accept any responsibility in any claim from a person resulting from non-compliance with the Act.

All Exhibitors and Competitors must follow the instructions of the Stewards and Officials.

Exhibitors and Competitors are responsible for their own animals. All exhibits shall be at the sole risk of the owner or exhibitor and Cheviot A&P Association shall not, under any circumstances, be responsible for loss or damage, mis-delivery, detention or delay of exhibits of any description whatsoever.

1. All entries must be made on the official entry form of the RAS affiliated A & P Show/Event, or by electronic means. The entries are to be completed by the exhibitor/competitor, or by a person authorised on their behalf, and must be deposited with the Secretary/Administration on or before the date set down in the Schedule. Entries received after that date are subject to the terms and conditions set down in the schedule or may be declined.
2. No entry will be considered valid unless the entry form has been completed in full. Entry in the Show/Event entitles the Association/Society to publish an Exhibitor/Competitor's name in results, reports and distribute with Exhibitor/Competitor's lists.
3. Breed Prefixes on exhibits at Shows/Events must be those of the Breeder. Any name discrepancy will mean elimination.
4. The name of the entered exhibit must be the same name as on the RAS Certificate (Annual or Life). If sponsorship is secured and the name of the sponsor is required to be added to the exhibit's name, an application must be made to RAS Head Office for a replacement certificate. Any name discrepancy will mean elimination, and confiscation of the RAS Certificate
5. Substitution of any entry can only be made at the discretion of the Show/Event.
6. The Show/Event reserves the right to refuse or cancel any entry.
7. Payment must be made at time of entry by either electronic payment as linked on the website or internet banking to the nominated Association bank account
8. LATE ENTRIES may be accepted (at the discretion of the Secretary) but will not feature in the catalogue. A late payment penalty of \$20 per competitor will apply. Payment must be made in full prior to the date set in schedule for your entry to be valid. NO entries will be accepted after this time. No exceptions so please do not be offended when we say no.
9. Your entry (online or paper form) is a Legal document – the owner/parent/guardian signing or authorising the entry must be 18 years & over.
10. Back numbers or Neck number holders must be worn by all competitors. One number required for each Horse and Pony/Rider combination. Cheviot Show Back numbers MUST BE returned to the office or handed to your Ring Steward by the end of the show.
11. All Dogs on grounds must be dosed and on leads at all times
12. Horse and Pony Sections winners are expected to take part in the Grand Parade.
13. Judging starts at stated times in catalogue and all competitors must be ready at these times. Classes will NOT BE HELD UP to wait for any late competitors.
14. Temporary Pen fencing for horses is NOT PERMITTED on the grounds: *Refer RAS Equestrian Rule GR 7*
15. Yarding is available at the Cattle Yards, or local farmers are happy to accommodate horses if required. Water available at yards. Unloading and turn around area via Ward Rd entrance. YARDS MUST BE BOOKED with your entry. First in – first served basis.
16. DISTRICT CLASS BOUNDARIES: For district classes horse and rider to have resided within the Cheviot District boundary for three months prior to show or at discretion of organising committee. If your home postal address is a Cheviot Rural Delivery, or Cheviot township address you are considered to reside within the Show's District boundary.
17. No competitor/exhibitor or member of their family shall approach a Judge in regard to a decision unless they first obtain the permission of the Show's Event's Equestrian Convenor/Manager/Ring Master Steward, the most senior of whom shall carry the decision on the day. *Refer RAS Equestrian Rule GR3*
18. Judges may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances
19. ENTRY FEES: There are no longer reduced entry fees for paid membership. A flat fee for each class will apply
20. PRIZES: 1st \$12, 2nd \$8, 3rd \$5 – unless otherwise stated in schedule
21. Prize money will be paid online following the end of the show. Please ensure you provide your bank account number when entering to assist with prompt payment of any prize money.
22. In the event of two or less entries, in any class the Judge is not bound to award a prize unless the entry is of sufficient merit. Prize money will then be scaled back to 2nd & 3rd monetary amounts.
23. Where first equal is awarded no second prize will be awarded. The Prize money of first and second prizes will be combined and divided between equal places winners.
24. 3rd placed prize money will only be awarded if there are four or more entries in a class.

25. REFUNDS: The committee of the Cheviot A & P Association reserves the right to authorise the refund of entry fees at a rate of 75% upon submission of: a) Receipt and written explanation as to the reason for the request, or b) Veterinary or doctor's certificate no later than three (3) days after show day.
26. ARREARS: No person who is in arrears with regard to entry fees, subscriptions, or any other Show/Event charge is eligible to compete at any affiliated Show/Event. Proof of payment will be required before any restriction is lifted.
27. CLEAN SPORT INFORMATION: The Rules of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand in regard to Forbidden Substances apply. Competitors are advised that tests for forbidden substances may be carried out during the Show/Event and that testing of all animals is at the person responsible's risk. Forbidden Substance - Any substance capable of affecting the speed, stamina, courage or conduct of a horse, pony, donkey or mule by its action upon the central or peripheral nervous system or the cardio-vascular, respiratory, alimentary, digestive, musculoskeletal or urogenital systems.
28. ABUSE OF EXHIBITS *RAS Equestrian Rule GR 6*:
 - a) Any complaints of exhibit abuse, will be dealt through the RAS Resolution Process / Yellow Card – view on www.ras.org.nz
 - b) Abuse can be defined as intentionally acting in a way, which may cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse. As examples, but not limited to;
 - i. Whip or beat an exhibit excessively
 - ii. Subject an exhibit to any kind of electric shock device
 - iii. Excessive or persistent use of spurs, or to jab the exhibit in the mouth with the bit.
 - iv. Remount, or attempt to remount, an obviously exhausted, lame or injured exhibit
 - v. 'Rap' an exhibit anywhere in or outside the grounds of the event
 - vi. Hyper sensitise any part of an exhibit
 - vii. Leave exhibit without adequate food, drink and exercise
29. Whiskers, Eyes & Ear Trimming all Whiskers, Eyes and Ear trimming is banned; <https://www.ras.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/PP-Whisker-Ear-Trimming.pdf>
30. Exhibits three (3) years of age and under are not permitted in any ridden or driven (harness) class no matter what the rules of any affiliated Breed Society or Kindred Society may prescribe.
31. A Novice exhibit or rider is one that has yet to win six (6) classes in any division within the competitions provided at any A & P Show/Event.
32. Once an exhibit has achieved six (6) wins in any RAS section, the exhibit is not eligible to return to 'Novice' status even if it changes sections. Refer CDE. 1 c) & d), excluding Lead Rein & First Ridden
33. Novice exhibits are eligible for Open classes. If that Novice exhibit wins the Open class then they are eligible for the Open Championship *Refer RAS Equestrian Rule CDE 6*
34. The number of Novice wins is to be counted at the time of the Show/Event, not the time of entry. If a Novice entry exceeds the permitted number of wins by the day of the Show/Event, the competitor must advise the Secretary's Office and change to an Open class, or if no class remains to enter, a refund will be actioned after the Show/Event.
35. Winners failing to produce their RAS Certificate when requested by the Steward forfeit their awards on the day.
36. IMPORTED HORSE/PONY - Any wins gained overseas by a horse/pony that is imported into New Zealand, count towards their classification when showing in New Zealand, i.e. whether it can still compete in the Novice section (5 wins or less), or if it has 6 or more wins, then it must compete in the Open section.
37. STALLIONS AND COLTS: *Refer RAS Equestrian Rule CDE 14*
 - a) All stallions and colts must be shown in a bit with the exception of Foals and Miniature Horses, and Shetland Pony Yearlings. In the case of Miniature Donkey Jacks 86cm and under, they must either be shown in a bit or a halter with a stallion chain. If utilizing the option of a halter and a stallion chain, then the donkey's original RAS height certificate must be carried at the time of showing, to show proof of height. A Steward will order any stallion/colt considered out of control or to be causing undue disquiet to other horses from the ring without recourse from the stallion/colt's owner/exhibitor/competitor.
 - b) It is compulsory for all stallions and colts, except foals, to wear two (2) official 'S' identification badges, one attached to each side of their bridle, at all Shows/Events at all times. The rider/handler must also wear two RAS official (2) armbands (one on each arm) when in the ring. 'S' badges to be purchased from RAS Head Office or ESNZ; armbands from RAS Head Office.
 - c) Handlers and Riders of stallions/colts must wear an approved Hi Viz vest at Shows/Events when outside the showing ring. Vests can be purchased from RAS Head Office.
38. HOY QUALIFYING SECTIONS – Cheviot A&P Show is a Horse of the Year Qualifying Show for HOY 2027 in the following sections: Lead Rein; First Ridden; Show Ponies; Saddle Hunter Ponies; Working Hunter Ponies; Hacks, Park Hacks, Riding Horses, Hunter Jumping; Working Hunter Horses
39. CHAMPION: When judging of all eligible classes within the division has been completed - The first place winners from relevant classes return to the ring - Second place winners to standby - The Judge will then select his/her Champion.
40. RESERVE CHAMPION - Remaining first class winners to remain in the ring. - Steward then calls in the second place winner from the class(es) from which the Champion has been selected. The exhibit must receive the same consideration as the first place class winners and judge equally for the title of Reserve Champion.
41. The exhibit competing for Champion, Reserve Champion or Supreme Champion should be ridden by the rider who qualified the exhibit; however dispensation for a substitute rider may be given at the discretion Chief Steward under the following conditions: i. in the event of illness, or ii. the original rider is competing in another ring, or iii. has more than one exhibit in the Championships, or iv. Show/Event's timetable does not allow – the Show/Event will endeavour to make every effort to accommodate.
42. HATS and SAFETY HELMETS:

- a. In all cases current WorkSafe New Zealand rules prevail
 - b. All riders, including harness drivers/with the exclusion of heavy horse (Clydesdale) working classes, competing at RAS affiliated A&P Shows/Events must wear protective headgear, which includes a retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. Such headgear must be worn with the chinstrap properly adjusted and fastened when in the arena or ring, the practice area, collecting rings or anywhere else within a Showgrounds or the grounds of an affiliated Event.
 - c. Hats/helmets must conform with one of the current approved safety standards. These standards may be subject to change but the latest list can be found at <http://www.ras.org.nz> – equestrian. RAS will advise any changes via their website and Facebook.
 - d. All hats/helmets that conform as per c) must be identified by the current tag system implemented by NZPCA, ESNZ and RAS.
<https://www.ras.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Review-of-helmet-standards-2022-YELLOW-TAGS.pdf>
- GR 8. FALL OF RIDER - If a rider has a fall or suspected head injury, at any time at a RAS affiliated Show/Event in the: competition ring/arena, practice/warmup/collecting ring/arena; or elsewhere within the grounds of where the show/event is being convened, the rider must be removed from the activity and checked by the show/event's nominated First Aid service/personnel and be given the 'all-clear' before the rider is permitted to re-mount and continue riding at the show/event.
43. IN-LINE RESOLUTION PROCESS POLICY – This Show/Event supports the RAS 'in-line resolution process policy' system. A Yellow or Red Card will be issued. In cases of offences in respect of abuse of animals or inappropriate behaviour as per the RAS Constitution and the RAS Rules & Regulations/Bylaws including the Equestrian Rulebook, the RAS affiliated Show/Event/registered Measuring Stand and their grounds and their duly appointed delegates may deliver to the Person Responsible a Yellow or Red Card. Full wording of the system is available to view on the RAS website – www.ras.org.nz
44. ENTRY FORMS: This is a legal document. The Owner/parent/guardian signing or authorising the entry must be 18 years or over. The attention of exhibitors is particularly drawn to the conditions relating to the misuse of substances, and the intention of the Committee to undertake testing for forbidden substances.
45. EXHIBITOR DECLARATION: The submission of my entries and/or participation in the competition(s), either written or by electronic means, demotes that I have read and accepted the RAS and Cheviot A&P Association Rules & Regulations and the Association's Conditions of Entry. This also indemnifies the Cheviot A&P Assn under the provisions of Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, and any amendments.
46. AGE OF RIDERS & HANDLERS - *RAS Equestrian Rule CDE11*.
- a) Rider/Handler's age and eligibility is determined as per the 1 August each showing season i.e. Riders/handlers who are of age for any division/section on the 1 August complete the show year/ season in that division/section.
 - b) Lead Rein classes are restricted to riders under eight (8) years of age with a minimum age of four (4) years, who are not competing in any other sections at any A&P Show/Event. To be led by an attendant fourteen (14) years of age or over.
 - c) First Ridden classes are restricted to riders under ten (10) years of age, who are not competing in any other sections at any A&P Show/Event.
 - d) Novice pony exhibits (except Novice Pony Stallions) may be ridden by a rider of any age, in novice pony classes only.
 - e) Novice pony stallions must be led or ridden by a rider fourteen (14) years and over.
 - f) Open pony exhibits (also see CDE 12 h) must be ridden by riders under seventeen (17) years of age.
 - g) Open pony stallions must be ridden by a rider fourteen (14), or fifteen (15), or sixteen (16) years of age, led handlers must be fourteen (14) years and over.
 - h) Riders in horse rings (exhibits over 148cm) must be twelve (12) years and over.
 - i) Stallions over 148cm must be led or ridden by a rider seventeen (17) years of age or older.
47. RAS CERTIFICATE & HORSE/PONY CLASSIFICATION: Where classes are defined by height, competitors/exhibitors must carry a current RAS Certificate for their horse/pony at all RAS affiliated Shows/Events, and must produce it upon request to any authorised Show/Event personnel. Any competitor unable produce such a certificate means that the exhibit is ineligible to compete, and will forfeit any awards.
48. YARDING: Open cattle yards are available for booking at time of entry at \$10 per night/per horse. Please indicate which nights you require your yards for. Yards will be allocated on a 'first in - first served basis'. We can supply paddocking on a neighboring property once the yards are all taken. Please ask if you need special yarding conditions.
49. CAMPING: Camping is permitted in your truck/float or tent set up within the equestrian parking area over show weekend. All rubbish to be taken away with you. Horse manure to be spread around or taken home with you.
50. EVENT LEVY: All exhibitors are required to pay \$10 each with entry fees as a contribution to a Judges/Course Designers Fund. This is to be used at the discretion of the Cheviot A&P Association towards the reimbursing for some travel, accommodation and expenses incurred.