

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Not all questions are covered in here – you will also need to reference to other documents such as RAS Qualifying and Attendance Information and Showing General Rules and Regulations but this has been put together for now to give some reassurance and clarification for competitors.

1. Q – Why can't we just enter HOY because we want to compete there?
A – HOY is a premier equestrian event and qualification contributes significantly to that premier status and it is important to maintain that status. Equally the Hawkes Bay Showgrounds facilities are at full capacity with the current number of entries.
2. Q – Why are Tier 1 entries considered more important than Tier 2 & 3?
A – As above and therefore emphasis is being placed on current qualification.
3. Q – Why do we have to attend two shows this year if we have attended one and have gained our necessary qualification?
A – Because two show attendance supports those A&P Shows and volunteers that can run a show this year.
4. Q – Why is it so important to make my entry early?
A – In the worst-case scenario your entry will be considered under Tier 3. This tier will be decided on a first come, first served basis (date stamp of entry being the deciding factor). You will not necessarily know whether you will gain qualification or not hence having your entry in early gives you the best possible chance for consideration.
5. Q – Will my entry be considered under Tier 1, 2 or 3 if I do not manage to attend two shows?
A – No, attending two shows is mandatory for all competitors, the only exception being Led (In Hand) classes, they do not require attendance or qualification.
6. Q – Why is it different for Led (In Hand) classes?
A – Because this year many shows may not be able to run Led (In Hand) classes as they may be compacting their show schedule should we re-enter COVID Level 2. Also, horses/ponies cannot be ridden if they under three (3) years of age so this limits their ability to be able to attend shows in any other capacity.
7. Q – There seems to be very limited shows holding Working Hunter and/or Hunter Jumping classes in my area or other areas close by, so how do I get my qualification?
A – You may not be able to get a qualification in this case, therefore your entry would come into Tier 3 – make sure you get your entry in early, and remember the majority will be in the same boat.
8. Q – If shows are not holding Working Hunter & Hunter Jumping classes how do I get my two-show attendance?
A – Go to a show and enter under the section/classification nominated on your height certificate – they will have a variety of classes within the section you can enter. Equally you might attend an A&P Show that runs show jumping or show hunter and you go in some of those classes. Attendance is attendance, no matter what section you enter.

9. Q – I am confused about attendance and qualifying shows? Can you please explain?
A – They are two different things. Attendance refers to entering a class or classes at an RAS affiliated A&P Show/Event. If the show is listed on the RAS website (www.ras.org.nz – Shows/Events) then they are affiliated. The show does not need to be running a qualifying HOY schedule for an attendance tick. To gain a Qualification, the RAS affiliated show/event you enter does need to be running a HOY qualifying schedule. To check which shows are running qualifying schedules go to the RAS website www.ras.org.nz – Equestrian – Land Rover HOY – Qualifying Show Schedules.
10. Q - If my horse qualified as a Saddle Hunter last year and I have since changed the horse's classification to a Riding Horse, can I use my Saddle Hunter qualification from last year to enter the Riding Horse Section this year?
A – No, your horse needs to be qualified in the section you intend to compete in. Likewise, if there has been a change between any other classification, including show pony and saddle hunter pony.
11. Q – Can I change my horse/pony's classification back to utilize last year's qualification?
A – No, this would not be considered as a reasonable explanation to change a horse/pony's classification.
12. Q – My pony was qualified for Lead Rein last year but this year I am now in First Ridden. Can I use my pony's Lead Rein qualification from last year to enter the First Ridden section?
A – No, they are different sections and the pony needs to be qualified for the section it is entering. This is the same situation for a Lead Rein Rider – the rider needs to be qualified for the section they are entering, the same would apply for a First Ridden Rider that is entering the open sections this year.
13. Q – I qualified last year for my rider class in the 12, 13- and 14-year age group. I am 15 years of age, as of 1 August in 2020, can I use last year's qualification to enter HOY's 15- and 16-year rider class?
A – Yes, a rider qualification (excluding Lead Rein and First Ridden) can be utilized from last year as a qualification for 2021 HOY. However, you must ride in your current age group, you cannot in this case compete in the 12, 13- and 14-year age group, you must compete in the 15- and 16-year age group.

There may be questions that have not been answered, if your question is not here, please contact RAS CEO, Debbie Cameron – debbie@ras.org.nz