

# Performance Competition

## Competition Rules:

1. Horses must be currently NZMHA registered, and owned or leased by a current financial member of NZMHA.
2. Handlers must meet the age criteria for NZMHA shows.
3. All horses competing in performance are automatically entered and awarded points in this competition. There is no additional entry fee for this competition.
4. Horses must be three years old or over to be eligible for the competition.
5. Points are accumulated from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> April each year.
6. Points are accumulated in each discipline within both Category A or Category B Performance.
7. Points for Regional shows can be accumulated from all eligible classes at all approved shows attended in the horses' home region.
8. Horses will be tagged to their home Region. If a horse is sold during the year it will be tagged to the region where it collected the most points.
9. Horses can be entered in as many classes as they qualify for e.g., Novice or Open.
10. There is no limit to the number of shows attended. Points from all eligible shows will be included in the calculation of total points for each horse.
11. The overall winner of the Performance Competition is the horse that achieves the most points across all disciplines throughout the year.
12. There is no limit to the number of competitors within a class. If there is only one in a class, the first place award is still 8 points. This is to encourage others to participate and increase competition.
13. Only AA, Showcase and Premier Shows, and shows run by NZMHA affiliated clubs that offer the NZMHA recommended show program, are eligible for the Performance Incentive Competition.
14. In all cases, the shows must be approved by NZMHA Council.
15. Approved shows that qualify for Performance Incentive points will be advertised on the NZMHA website and in Show Programs, indicated by the letters "PI".
16. Height certificates must be valid at the time of showing, in line with NZMHA show rules.
17. Champion and Reserve Champion classes are not included, except where horses have equal points at the end of the competition. Points from these classes will be used as the tie breaker.
18. If, after Champion and Reserve Champion points are counted, there remains a tie where two or more horses have equal points, the prize money will be shared and any trophies or cups held for an equal number of months of the year.
19. Perpetual trophies and cups are to be returned each year to be reallocated to the winners the following year. They must be returned one month prior to prizegiving.
20. All prizes will be awarded at the NZMHA AGM awards ceremony and dinner.
21. Any dispute between an NZMHA member and the Sponsor organiser will be settled by the NZMHA Council whose decision will be considered final.
22. These rules have been approved by the NZMHA Council and all the amendments are subject to Council approval.

## Prizes:

### Regional Competition

- Each region has 3 placings,
- The results are collated from all High Point shows carried out in their own region.
  - Regional Performance Champion - \$50, certificate, perpetual trophy and keep sake
  - Regional Performance Runner Up - \$25, certificate and keep sake
  - Third Place – Certificate and medal

### National Competition

- The points from every show the horse participates in are collated.
- Top three scorers placed in each of the three categories, ie Harness, Jumping and Trail.
- The overall National winner receives prize money, a certificate, a garland, a perpetual trophy and a keepsake trophy.
  - Harness, Jumping and Trail:
    - 1st Place - \$150, certificate, perpetual trophy and keep sake
    - 2nd Place - \$100, certificate and keep sake
    - 3rd Place - \$75, certificate and keep sake
  - Grand Champion Award - The overall winner accumulating the most points in all categories in approved Performance Horse classes.
    - Grand Champion trophy
    - Hall of Fame entry
    - Prize Money - \$250.

## Eligible Classes

### Harness

- Single Pleasure
- Country Pleasure
- Roadster

Note. Horses may only compete in Single Pleasure or Country Pleasure, not both.

### Jumping

- Hunter
- Fault and Out
- Six Bar
- Jumper

### Trail

- Trail

## Allocation of Points:

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Place – 8 points
- 2nd Place – 6 points
- 3rd Place – 4 Points
- 4th Place – 2 Points