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16–18 October 2026, Hamilton

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SHOWING SCHEDULE 2026

Entries Open: Monday 14 September 2026

Entries Close: Friday 9 October at 7pm

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SHOWING PONY COMPETITION SCHEDULE

TIMETABLE: Saturday 17 October 1.00pm – 5.30pm EquineCare Probiotic Arena
ENTRY FEE: \$ 15
ADMIN FEE: \$30 per competitor
PRIZES: Champion – C4C Rug/ribbon, 2nd – 6th ribbon

Class 1 **Led Pony Championship** **Any Breed up to 14.2hh**

Class 2	Mini Challenge	Lead Rein Pony (up to 12.2hh) & First Ridden Pony (up to 13.2hh) – Open to Show type or Hunter type.
Class 3	Show Pony Championship	Open to Show ponies up to 14.2hh
Demonstration	Turnout and showing Tips	Introduction to showing
Class 4	Rider Challenge	6yrs and under 18yrs
Class 5	Hunter Pony Championship	Open to hunter ponies 14.2hh and under

Showing Conditions:

- Showing classes will be run under NZSHC general rules. All classes will be walk, trot, canter on the circle followed by individual workout supplied.
- Mini challenge is open to lead rein riders 3 years & under 8yrs and first ridden riders under 12yrs.
- An exhibit can only nominate in the Show Pony Championship OR the Hunter Pony Championship, not both.

HORSE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

TIMETABLE: Sunday 18 October 8.30am – 1.00pm EquineCare Probiotic Arena
ENTRY FEE: \$ 20
ADMIN FEE: \$30 per competitor
PRIZES: Champion - Rug /ribbon, 2nd - 6th ribbon

Class 6 **Led Horse Championship** **Open to all breed over 14.2hh**

Class 7	Hunter Horse Championship	Open to hunter horses over 14.2hh
Class 8	Show Horse Championship	Open to show horses over 14.2hh
Class 9	Rider Challenge	18yrs and over
Demonstration	Turnout and Showing Tip	Introduction to showing
Class 10	Off the Track Thoroughbred	Open to registered Thoroughbreds

Showing Conditions:

- Showing classes will be run under NZSHC general rules. All classes will be walk, trot, canter on the circle followed by individual workout supplied.
- An exhibit can only nominate in the Show Horse Championship OR the Hunter Hack Championship, not both.

Off the Track Thoroughbred class is completed in two parts:

Part one: Ridden component - All horses will be judged on the circle at walk, trot and canter on both reins, followed by a set individual workout.

Part two: Led component - Horses will be stripped and presented for a trot up.

Equifest Conditions:

1. Equifest reserves the right to cap class numbers as appropriate.
2. Equifest reserves the right to alter, delete or amend any class as it sees fit.
3. Each rider receives 1 x weekend wristband. Extra wristbands can be purchased via Equipe when you enter \$60 (\$30 saving) these are limited to 4 per rider
4. A \$30 non-refundable admin and medic fee applies per horse.
5. Entries close Friday 9 October 2026 or once full. Please enter online at online.equipe.com.
6. Scratchings – refund for all classes and other fees less 25%. Subject to proof of inability to compete. Subject to conditions and refund form being completed within 7 days of the event. Stable and yard fees will be fully refunded up until 9 October 2026.
7. Open yards \$50 and covered yards \$100 for the duration of the event.
8. Day parking and truck tie up is available at \$10 per day.
9. Stables \$100 for the duration of the event. All stallions must be stabled when not being ridden. (stables & yards are limited)
10. Camping: Non-powered sites are \$75 for the duration of the event. These prices are per site (up to 5 people), not per person.
11. Equifest takes no responsibility for injury or loss to competitor, horse or gear.
12. DOGS – dogs are allowed but must remain in the camping area and on a lead at all times. No dogs around the yards or in the event zone.
13. All yarded & stabled equines are to have their name, the name of the person responsible and the telephone number clearly visible on their head collar and/or rugs