

## **Guidelines for Judging Ridden Clydesdales, NZ**

Please take note that these are only Guidelines and not rules, remember that the Clydesdale is a working harness breed and consideration to that affect must be taken.

### **Acceptable Style of Saddlery:**

English  
Stock  
Western  
Side saddle

### **Rider:**

#### **Riding Attire:**

*Helmets* – RAS tagged helmets must be worn (on all RAS affiliated grounds).

Hat covers appropriate to saddlery style, are acceptable.

*Riding clothes:* appropriate to style of saddlery chosen.

Tweed jackets may be worn with English style.

Back protectors permitted.

*Saddle and bridle:* to match one chosen style.

*Whips:* permitted, no longer than 76cm.

*Spur/s:* permitted, fitted and used correctly.

### **Turnout:**

\* Clean, Neat and tidy appearance of horse and rider.

### **Horse:**

\* 3 years old or over. RAS rule: **CDE 12. AGE OF RIDDEN EXHIBITS** Exhibits under three (3) years of age 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.

\* Obedience.

\* Paces – even rhythm.

\* Manners.

\* Conformation may be to be taken into consideration

### **Performance guidelines:**

\* To move forward freely and willingly.

\* To bend with head facing the direction of travel (not outwards when circling).

\* To move into upward paces with a forward and upward movement, rather than diving downwards i.e. (on forehand).

\* Rider to sit tall and be in balance with horse.

**Flat classes** - Walk, Trot and Canter may be asked, on both reins.

\*Suggest Judge inquires of the capability and confidence of rider, for the canter.

**Lead:** If any horse is led, handler must be over 16 years of age. No spurs.

**Remember** – Safety first! And Have Fun!

## Suggested workout to include

Active walk

Walk on the buckle

Steady and active trot

Calm Canter

Halt

Rein back

\* Usually it depends on the area you have available but large circles or figure of eights are the best to show off the paces, horse and rider.

EG.

1. Walk to the judge and halt
2. Trot away from the judge on the right rein to begin figure of eight
3. Change rein and complete figure of eight,
4. Repeat in Canter
5. Back to a walk to the judge
6. 3-4 strides rein back
7. Halt salute

It is suggested to keep it simple and dependant on the room available