



RULES OF SHOWING

**DONKEY & MULE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
(INC.)**

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GENERAL

1. Name of Donkey or Mule

To enter a show the exhibitor must use the complete name of the donkey or mule as it is shown on the registration certificate.

2. Height

In any class where height is stipulated, a current measuring certificate must be held and produced on demand. The official measure will be by the Metcalf Measurer or Society's Official Miniature Measurer

3. Judge

Judges are required to acquaint themselves with the Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand (Inc.) Rules of Showing and Breed Standards and to comply with those rules and standards.

4. Drugs

The use of stimulants or depressants or any performance enhancing drug is strictly forbidden.

5. Unruly Donkeys or Mules

An unruly donkey or mule may be excused from the ring by the Judge or Steward for reasons of safety.

6. Championship Awards

Championship classes will include the winners of the appropriate breed classes. Once the Champion has been selected the donkey or mule that was the second placegetter to the Champion in its breed class will be brought in to the ring and then be entitled to parade with the other first place winners in consideration for Reserve Champion.

7. Best Presented Classes

Handlers should strive to present themselves and their donkeys and mules in a neat and tidy manner and in appropriate attire. All tack should be clean, tidy and in good repair. The class is to be judged on overall appearance, cleanliness, appropriateness of attire, condition and presentation of donkey/mule and handler.

Donkeys and mules should be lined up in order for the Judge to inspect each animal and handler.

8. Novice Classes

A novice is a donkey or mule that has not won more than three first placings in a breed class at the time of the show, unless stipulated otherwise by the show concerned.

A maiden donkey or mule is an animal that has not won any first placings in a breed classes.

9. Donkey & Mule Society Trophies

Only donkeys registered with the Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand (Inc) and owned by financial members of the Society are eligible to compete for the Donkey & Mule Society of New Zealand (Inc.) trophies.

BREED SECTION

10. Jacks to Wear Bits

Jacks two years and over must be shown in a bit.

11. Handlers of Jacks

Jack handlers must be 14 years of age and over.

12. Geldings

Geldings are eligible for Championship Awards in Breed Classes and are to be judged on an equal basis with jacks and jennies.

RIDDEN SECTION

13. Hats

All riders should wear hard hats and this is compulsory for all riders..

14. Footwear

Boots or suitable shoes are to be worn by riders in riding classes.

15. Age of Ridden Donkeys

The minimum age of donkeys or mules in ridden classes is three years.

HARNESS SECTION

16. Jacks in Harness

When jacks are shown in harness, an adult must drive the turnout and there must be another adult on hand capable of giving assistance if required.

17. Age of Driven Donkeys

The minimum age of donkeys or mules in driving classes is three years.

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