



SHOWHUNTER WAITEMATA

About Showhunter

Showhunter is an equestrian sport, which is part of the Showjumping discipline.

Showhunter caters for a large range of riders from young people right through to riders in their 60's. Showhunter helps new riders and those returning to competitive events achieve a smoother, balanced, sympathetic, analytical ride. Showhunter trains both the rider and the horse. Its aim is to develop better schooled, safer jumping, more balanced, and confident horses.

Training events provide safe opportunities for inexperienced riders and opportunities for experienced riders to improve their riding skills and introduce green horses to jumping. Registered events provide a high level of competition for the Showhunter rider at local and national levels.

The Showhunter horse wears the minimal amount of tack and is well groomed and turned out. The judging of Showhunters emphasises style, manners and a quiet smooth way of covering the ground and jumping out of an even stride. The horse shows a proper bascule - head down, neck rounded into loose (not stiff) shoulders with the back following the arc of the jump and the hindquarters tipping generously to follow the same arc and the hind legs trailing tidily behind, then moving off from the jump in a kind and steady pace. A good Showhunter round should look like it was a pleasurable ride for both the horse and rider, with no signs of tenseness or insecurity.

Showhunter New Zealand has Horse of the Year titles for Open Horse, Open Pony Category's A, B & C, Junior Hunter and Amateur Hunter, together with a 'High Points' series that runs throughout New Zealand.

Showhunter Waitemata runs a Registered Summer Series with qualifying points for Horse of the Year, High Points classes on behalf of Showhunter New Zealand and a Winter Training Series.

We look forward to seeing you at a Showhunter event soon!