



2024 TRANS-TASMAN CHALLENGE

YOUTH team criteria

New Zealand - September 2024

New Zealand **Youth** team eligibility, procedures and requirements for the 2024 Trans-Tasman Challenge to be held in New Zealand in September 2024.

General

- Payments to be made by required deadlines
- Participate in all Youth fundraising endeavours where possible
- Selection of the team members by the panel of selectors will be made following the 2024 National Show
- Everyone nominated will be contacted via phone or email
- Events that every team member must compete in are as follows:
Note: there will be no rail classes or rail work in HSE and Horsemanship
 - Showmanship at Halter
 - Hunt Seat Equitation
 - Ranch Riding
 - Trail
 - Horsemanship
 - Versatility (tbc)

Requirements for 2024 Trans-Tasman Challenge

- Be a current Financial Member of AQHA-NZ for the 2023/24 Season and until after the completion of the Trans-Tasman competition
- The nominated Youth must be 18 years of age or under as of August 1 of 2024
- Completion of the Trans-Tasman Nomination form will be required to be sent to the AQHA-NZ office along with paying the nomination fee of \$250 by the 1st October 2023. If selected for the team this nomination fee will be used towards costs for the Trans-Tasman competition and if unsuccessful in selection, it is refunded to the applicant.
- When nomination is complete, this is your commitment to follow through with the requirements, meet all criteria and pay all costs incurred from the time of nomination until all costing's are finalised after the event. All costs involved in participation of the Trans-Tasman event is passed on to the team members (this includes, but is not limited to, uniforms, flights, accommodation, meals, team competition fees)
- Attend all Youth Trans-Tasman training camps
- Must compete in Youth classes in at least four AQHA-NZ and/or NZWRF approved shows in the 2023/2024 show season. Included in these four shows, you must compete at the 2024 AQHA-NZ National Show. All of these required shows must be ridden on your own, leased or family owned AQHA-NZ registered Quarter Horse.

- If, for any reason, you have to withdraw your nomination, it will be your responsibility to meet any costs incurred by yourself until the point that you send a letter, either in writing or via email, of withdrawal from the team to AQHA-NZ Council
- Have the ability to offer two suitable AQHA-NZ registered Quarter Horses and equipment required for both horses to compete if selected which are suitable for the Trans-Tasman competition requirements. Note; your second horse may be a borrowed horse.
- In the case of injury or illness to your competing horse, or yourself, during the qualifying time frame, it will be necessary to apply in writing within the month to AQHA-NZ council for dispensation to ride a leased/borrowed horse to complete the riding sections of the criteria, you will be notified of Council's decision in a timely manner.
- If for any reason you can-not attend any of the required shows or training sessions, you must apply in writing with your reason, to AQHA-NZ Council BEFORE the event in question to request a dispensation, you will be notified of Council's decision before that event.

AQHA-NZ YOUTH TRANS-TASMAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Respect

- All team members are to show respect at all times. This includes when in public at shows and any training sessions etc.
- Disrespectful conduct towards trainers, manager, coach and other team members will not be tolerated
- Safety and welfare for both horses and people to be shown at all times

Standard of Behaviour and Safety

- All youth team members must hold the highest standards of behaviour and safety at all times during all training sessions and during the Trans-Tasman event.

Youth trainings

- All team members are to arrange a suitable registered quarter horse to ride. If unable, dispensation must be sought prior to the training.
- Allow your horses to be swapped at these training sessions between team members
- Lateness – all team members must show up to training sessions on time.
- Alcohol and Drugs (unprescribed) are not acceptable in any form. Where a team member is taking prescribed medicines that may impact on their performance or behaviour then the training organiser/team manager must be informed.
- All team members are expected to help out, when required, during these training sessions
- Except for the team member – no person or family member is to ride in the arena that has been booked and paid for by AQHA-NZ while training is taking place
- A tagged safety helmet with harness is a requirement for all training sessions