



# AYRSHIRE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ON-FARM CHALLENGE 2020/21



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## INTRODUCTION

Ayrshire NZ is providing an opportunity for Ayrshire breeders to participate in a competition designed to discover and acknowledge the best functional type Ayrshires within NZ. The competition is designed to encourage all breeders to enter cows without the cost of traditional A & P shows and without cattle being fitted.

We know that there are very good cows spread around the country that do not leave the farm to compete at shows and this competition is a great way to promote your herd.

The competition will run nationally and be judged by one judge selected by Ayrshire New Zealand. The 1st and 2nd highest pointed cows in each age group within each ward will receive ribbons. The highest pointed cow overall in each age group will be announced at the National AGM in June. The highest overall pointed cow through all age groups will receive a special award.

## RULES

All cattle entered must be minimum S2A and be registered in the Ayrshire New Zealand Herd Book by 30 October

1. Cattle must be in milk and have a readable ear tag in her ear, that corresponds with the entry form.
2. Cattle may have their tail and udder clipped. Unless entrant has proof that the animal has been to a recent show. Cattle must not be haltered or lead. Cattle may be washed.
3. Cattle are to be judged on a suitable concrete surface.
4. Cattle may be bagged appropriately but no alteration to udders or teats is permitted.
5. No replacements will be allowed on the day of judging. All replacements must be communicated through the office.
6. The judge will use the scoring sheet provided by Ayrshire New Zealand.
7. Entries will need to be posted or emailed to Ayrshire New Zealand by 30 October 2020
8. Entry is \$10 per animal entered. Each breeder may enter a maximum of 2 cows per age group. No entry will be judged without payment prior to judging day. Payment accepted in a cheque to Ayrshire New Zealand or debited from my Ayrshire account.
9. Overall Age Group winners will be announced and presented at the Ayrshire New Zealand AGM in June.
10. The age groups are as follows:
  - Class 1 - 2yr - born 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018.
  - Class 2 - 3yr - born 01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017.
  - Class 3 - 4-5yr – born 01/01/2015 – 31/12/2016.
  - Class 4 - 6,7,8yr - born 01/01/2012 – 31/12/2014.
  - Class 5 - Veteran cow 9yr and over – born 31/12/2011 and prior.
  - Class 6 - Team Entry - Minimum of 1x entry in each class.
11. Teams:
  - If more than 1 entry per class, higher placed animal will progress to team
  - Class 6 is the highest placed average of conformation.

**ENTRIES CLOSE 30 October 2020** Judging will begin early December