

AYRSHIRE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ON-FARM CHALLENGE 2026/27



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Name: as you would like this written on certificates

PTPT:

Shed Address:

Supply Number:

Contact Phone:

Email:

Enter into a team? YES / NO Check the Rules page for information on team entries.

December Herd Test Date: /12/2026 Ayrshire club you are a member of:

January Herd Test Date: /1/2027

AGE GROUP CLASSES

Maximum 2 entries per class

Animal Name	Birth ID	Class	D.O.B	Herd Number

Class 6: A & M Scott Memorial Shield - (three daughters by the same sire)

Sire Name	Sire Code	Daughter Birth ID

Rules of the Ayrshire New Zealand On-Farm Challenge are established by Ayrshire New Zealand. Any queries are to be directed to Ayrshire New Zealand.

Online Entry form can be found on the Ayrshire New Zealand website: <https://ayrshire.org.nz/comps/on-farm/>

Entries to be emailed to info@ayrshire.org.nz or mailed to:
Ayrshire New Zealand PO Box 1132, Hamilton 3240

JUDGING

Entrants may put forward a maximum of 12 animals in total.

ENTRY FEES

An entry fee is payable to Ayrshire New Zealand as follows:

- \$20 (plus GST) per animal entered

ENTRY

All animals entered must be registered and meet competition criteria by closing date of 30 October 2026.

ENTRIES CLOSE 30 OCTOBER 2026

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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 highest pointed cow overall in each age group will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner. The highest overall pointed cow through all age groups will receive the Glengordon Trophy.

For the purposes of the On Farm Challenge only, the Ward boundary between Wards 8 and 9 will be the Waitaki River and Ward 7 will be removed.

RULES

All entrants must be a member of Ayrshire New Zealand.

All cattle entered must be minimum S2A and be registered in the Ayrshire New Zealand Herd Book by 30 October 2026.

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 Ayrshire New Zealand office.
6. The judge will use the scoring sheet provided by Ayrshire New Zealand.
7. Entries will need to be received by Ayrshire New Zealand by 30 October 2026.
8. Entry is \$20 per animal entered. Each breeder may enter a maximum of 12 animals in total and can enter more than one progeny team if they are also entered in the age group classes. Entry fees will be invoiced to the entrants' Ayrshire New Zealand debtors account, and it is the expectation that entry fees will be paid prior to judging. However, if entry fees remain unpaid at 31 December, the Judging Committee reserves the right to withdraw entries prior to the announcement of the regional results.
9. Overall Age Group winners will be announced and presented at the Annual Awards Dinner.
10. The age groups are as follows:
 - Class 1 - 2yr - born 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024
 - Class 2 - 3yr - born 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023
 - Class 3 - 4-5yr – born 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2022
 - Class 4 - 6,7,8yr - born 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2020
 - Class 5 - Veteran cow 9yr and over – born 31/12/2017 and prior
 - Class 6 - A & M Scott Memorial Shield - three daughters by the same sire, the three daughters may or may not also be entered in age group classes
 - Class 7- Team Entry - to qualify for a team entry, an entrant must have a minimum of 1 entry in each class 1-5
11. Teams:
 - If an entry has more than 1 entry per class, higher placed animal will progress to team
 - Class 7 is calculated on the highest total on conformation
12. GLENGORDON TROPHY - The Glengordon Trophy will be awarded to the overall highest pointed cow in the Ayrshire On Farm Challenge annually.

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