

Semex National Jersey Challenge for 2017

Sponsored by Semex NZ Ltd

Rules of the 2017 Semex National Jersey Challenge Competition

Jersey NZ establishes rules of the Semex Competition in conjunction with Semex NZ Ltd. Any queries are to be directed to Jersey NZ.

REGIONS

The five regions for this competition are defined as follows:

- Northland
- West Waikato
- East Waikato/Bay of Plenty/Thames Valley
- Lower North Island
- South Island (entire)

For more clarity on the boundaries for the regions, see the attached map of New Zealand

JUDGING CATERGORIES

Team Competition

- 1) Each membership may enter a maximum of one team.
- 2) The number of animals to be included in each team is dependent on the entrants herd size per below:

<i>Herd Size</i>	<i>Initial Team</i>	<i>Extra Numbers</i>	<i>Total Team numbers</i>
001 – 200	5	0	5
201 – 300	5	1	6
301 – 400	5	2	7
401 – 500	5	3	8
501 – 600	5	4	9
601 – 700 plus	5	5	10

NB: Your herd size will be the number of J14 – J16 animals. That is, if you have animals that are J13 or less they are not eligible for the competition therefore they are not included in your overall herd size.

- Every team will have their accumulated score averaged – this average will be the figure by which the teams are ranked.
- Animals in the team must be owned by the named entrant or other family members of the named entrant (leased cows do not qualify).
- Each member of the team must all be registered with Jersey New Zealand and be J14 or higher.

- All cows in teams are automatically considered for the individual conformation only classes.
- All Semex bred cows from the teams are automatically considered for the Highest Semex Conformation Class.
- All cows in the teams will be automatically entered in the Team Conformation Class.

CONFORMATION CLASSES

Entrants may put forward animals for one or more conformation class without having to enter the Team competition.

a) 2 year old conformation class

Every membership may put two animals forward for this category (additional to those already featuring in the team competition)

b) 3 year old conformation class

Every membership may put two animals forward for this category (Additional to those already featuring in the team competition)

c) 4 and 5 year conformation class

Every membership may put two animals forward for this category (Additional to those already featuring in the team competition)

d) 6, 7 and 8 year's conformation class

Every membership may put two animals forward for this category (Additional to those already featuring in the team competition)

e) 9 years and older conformation class

Every membership may put two animals forward for this category (Additional to those already featuring in the team competition)

All Semex bred cows from the Conformation Classes are automatically considered for the Highest Semex Conformation Class.

REGIONAL JUDGING

1. One Judge (appointed by Jersey NZ) will complete the judging for each region separately for both Team and each Conformation class.
2. The top ten from all combined regions in the Regional Conformation Class will advance to a National “Final”
3. The top ten from all combined regions in the Regional Team Competition will advance to a National “Final”
4. Each National winner in the conformation classes will advance to a Supreme Conformation final where the highest conformation animal over the four classes will be deemed the Supreme Conformation Winner.
5. Judging will take place on the entrant’s farm and will be carried out **through the first two weeks of December 2017.**

JUDGING ON THE DAY

- a) Time – Due to an extremely tight schedule, you are required to have your animals ready for judging prior to the time stated on the form.
- b) Animals are to be judged, on the yard or on very short grass.
- c) To make judging easier we would prefer to see animals penned off as per below.

Team	2 year Conformation Class	3 year Conformation Class	4 & 5 year Conformation Class	6, 7 & 8 year Conformation Class	9 year & older Conformation Class
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ALLOCATION OF POINTS FOR TEAM COMPETITION

1) Production – each animal that has PW 177 or above (being in the top 10% for PW for Jerseys as at 1st October 2017) will receive the maximum of 12.5 points for this category. For animals with less than PW 177 0.1 points will be deducted for every unit of PW less than 177 (maximum 12.5 points deducted)

2) Genetic Merit – each animal that has BW 138 or above (being in the top 10% for BW for Jerseys as at 1st October 2017) will receive the maximum of 12.5 points for this category. For animals with less than BW 138 0.1 points will be deducted for every unit of BW less than 138 (maximum 12.5 points deducted).

3) Conformation – points are awarded by a judge with a maximum of 25 points for each animal.

4) The PW and BW indexes used for the team competition will be based on the 5th November 2017 Animal Evaluation run for all entries. Jersey NZ sources this information directly from the national database. This ensures that entries are not affected by the annual economic update for animal evaluation that happens in February 2018, and allows members to plan their entries with certainty about the indexes that will be used for the purposes of the competition.

ALLOCATION OF POINTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFORMATION CLASSES

1) Conformation – points are awarded by a judge with a maximum of 25 points for each animal.

COMPETITION PRIZES

Prizes for the competition are product prizes sponsored by Semex NZ Ltd.

Youth Competition

Youth prize for each age group class presented to the highest placed animal in each class with an owner aged 30 or less: \$100 per class.

Team Competition

Regional Winners: \$100 per region

National Winners: \$300 first place, \$200 second place

Conformation Classes

National 2-year-old Winners: \$300 first place, \$200 second place

National 3-year-old Winners: \$300 first place, \$200 second place

National 4 & 5 year Winners: \$300 first place, \$200 second place

National 6, 7 & 8 year Winners: \$300 first place, \$200 second place

National 9 year & older Winners: \$300 first place, \$200 second place

Team Conformation Class Winners: \$300 first place, \$200 second place

Highest Semex Conformation Winner

Overall Highest Conformation Winner: \$500 (one winner across all five classes)

Supreme Conformation Winner

Overall National Supreme Conformation Winner: \$500 (one winner across all five classes)

ENTRY FEES

An entry fee is payable to Jersey NZ as follows:

- \$50 (plus GST) per team entered
- \$15 (plus GST) per Conformation animal entered in addition to the team



ENTRY FORM

To enter you will need to complete the Semex Competition Entry form that will automatically be mailed to past entrants, or mailed on request. This form can also be downloaded from our website.

Please note: Cow ages to be as of 1st June

The closing date for entries is 15th November 2017 and judging will be carried out through the first two weeks of December 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

All Regional Results will be announced at the completion of the judging (rankings only, no scores)

National Winners will be announced at the Jersey NZ AGM & Conference.

PHOTOS AND VIDEO FOOTAGE DURING JUDGING

Jersey NZ and Semex NZ Ltd will, where possible accompany the Judge during the competition and take still shots or video footage for use during the National presentation of winners.

Upon entry to the competition, all entrants agree that Jersey NZ or Semex NZ Ltd. can use any such footage or photos in this capacity.

AGM PRESENTATION

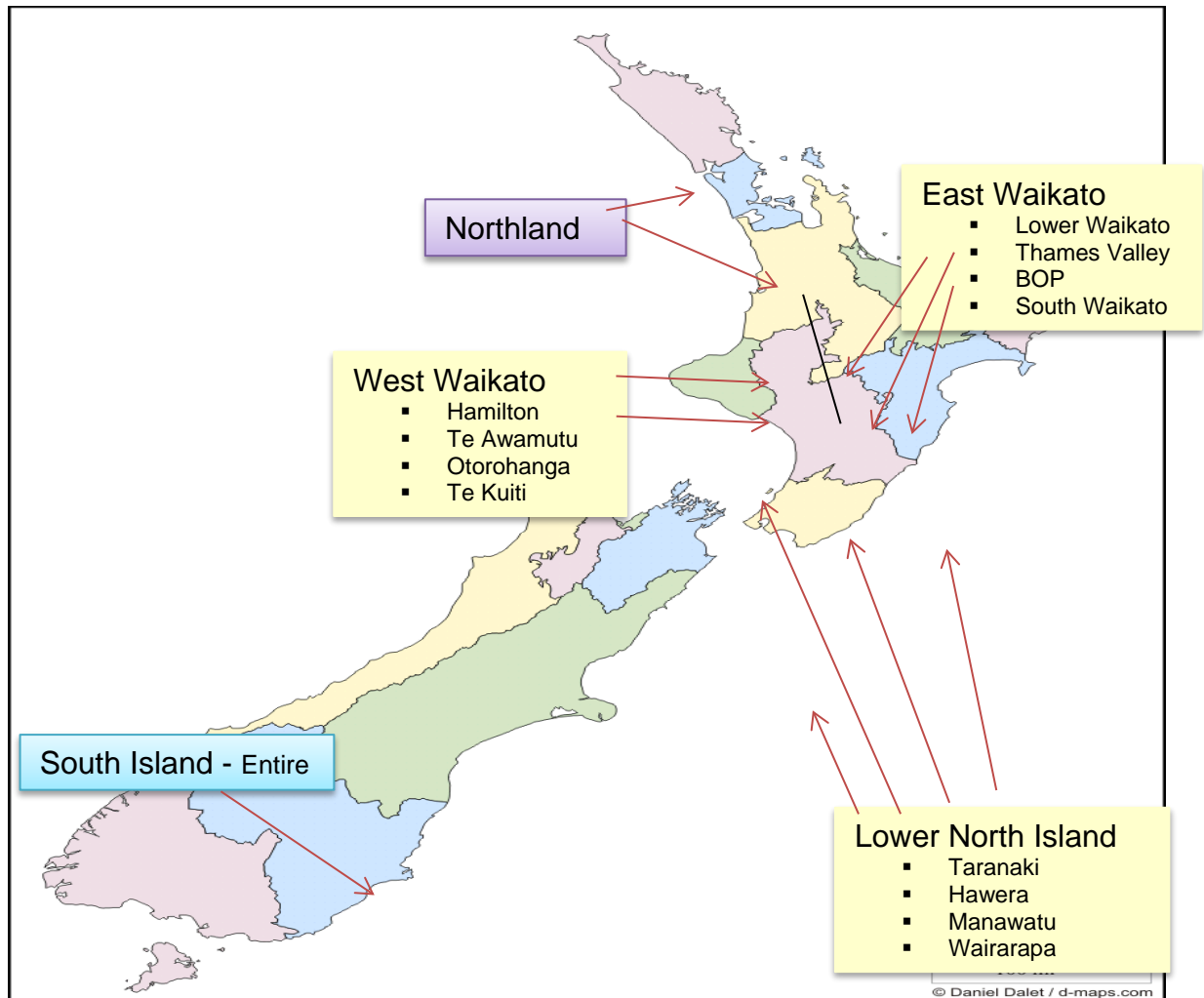
Jersey NZ will prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the announcement of all National winners at the AGM Awards night.

Photos will be required of the National winner, in all classes including the team class for this presentation. Where possible the judge will speak to the presentation, and a Semex representative will present the prizes.

Jersey FOCUS & WEBSITE

All photos of all National winners will also be printed with the National results in the Jersey FOCUS, and displayed on the Jersey NZ website and Facebook page.

MAP OF REGIONS:



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- The number of animals to be included in each team is dependent on the entrants herd size (*refer page 1*)
- Entrants may put forward animals for one or more conformation class without having to enter the Team competition. (*refer page 2*)
- All Regional Results will be announced at the completion of the judging (rankings only, no scores) and National Winners will be announced at the AGM & Conference (*refer page 5*)