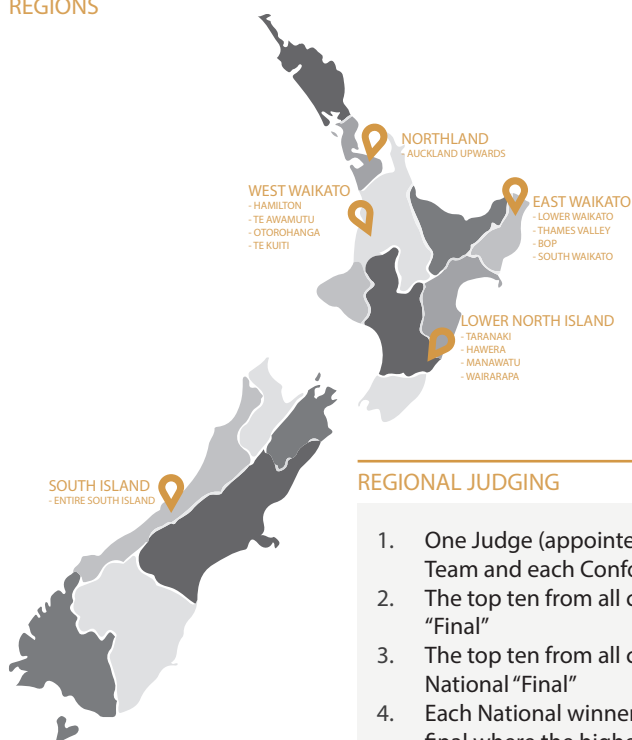


RULES AND INFORMATION

Rules of the 2023 Semex National Jersey Challenge Competition

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

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)

REGIONAL JUDGING

1. One Judge (appointed by JerseyNZ) will complete the judging for each region separately for both Team and each Conformation classes.
2. The top ten from all combined regions in Regional Conformation Classes 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 2023.

ALLOCATION OF POINTS FOR TEAM COMPETITION

1. Production – each animal that has a PW in the top 10% for PW for Jerseys as at 14 October 2023 will receive the maximum of 12.5 points for this category. For animals outside the top 10%, 0.1 points will be deducted for every unit of PW less than the specified limit (see point 5).
2. Genetic Merit – each animal that has a BW in the top 10% for BW for Jerseys as at 14 October 2023 will receive the maximum of 12.5 points for this category. For animals outside the top 10%, 0.1 points will be deducted for every unit of BW less than the specified limit (see point 5).
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 14 October 2023 LIC Evaluation run for all entries. JerseyNZ sources this information directly from LIC. This ensures that entries are not affected by the annual economic update for animal evaluation that happens in February 2024, and allows members to plan their entries with certainty about the indexes that will be used for the purposes of the competition.
5. Members will be advised of the cutoff 10% for PW and BW by e-mail on Monday 16 October 2023

SEMEX NATIONAL JERSEY ON-FARM CHALLENGE

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ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to financial members of JerseyNZ.

JUDGING CATEGORIES

CONFORMATION CLASSES

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

Each entry must be J14 or over and registered with JerseyNZ.

There is no limit on entries placed in the conformation classes.

- 2 year old conformation class
- 2 1/2 year old conformation class (autumn born)
- 3 year old conformation class
- 3 1/2 year old conformation class (autumn born)
- 4 and 5 year old conformation class
- 6 and 7 year old conformation class
- 8 and 9 year old conformation class
- 10 years and older conformation class

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

TEAM COMPETITION

1. Each member 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:

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.

Herd Size	Initial Team	Extra Numbers	Total Team Numbers
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
600+	5	5	10

- 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 be registered with JerseyNZ 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.

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. If possible and to make judging easier we would prefer to see animals penned off as per the following:

TEAM	2 Year Olds	2 1/2 year olds	3 Year Olds	3 1/2 year olds	4 & 5 Year Olds	6 & 7 year olds	8 & 9 Year Olds	10 yrs & older
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ALLOCATION OF POINTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFORMATION CLASSES

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

RULES AND INFORMATION

COMPETITION PRIZES

Prizes for the competition are product prizes sponsored by Semex NZ Ltd, with the exception of the two autumn born classes.

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. Sponsored by the Jersey Governance Development Programme.

Team Competition

Regional Winners: \$100 per region

National Winners: \$200 first place, \$150 second place

Conformation Classes (National Level)

2-year-old:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place
2 1/2-year-old:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place
3-year-old:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place
3 1/2-year-old:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place
4 & 5 year:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place
6 & 7 year:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place
8 & 9 year:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place
10 years & older:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place
Team Conformation:	\$300 first place, \$150 second place

Highest Semex Conformation Winner

Semex bred cow with Overall Highest Conformation: \$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 JerseyNZ as follows:

- \$50 (plus GST) per team entered.
- \$20 (plus GST) per Conformation animal entered in addition to the team.
- This will be invoiced to your JerseyNZ account.

ENTRY FORM

To enter you will need to complete the Semex Competition Entry form. This form can be downloaded from our website: www.jersey.org.nz

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

The closing date for entries is 27 October 2023 and judging will be carried out through the first two weeks of December 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

All Regional Results will be announced at the completion of the judging (rankings only, no scores) via email to members prior to Christmas.

National Winners will be announced via Facebook Video over a period of one week in January 2024.

JERSEY FOCUS & WEBSITE

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

AGM PRESENTATION

JerseyNZ will prepare a PowerPoint presentation for all awards at the Annual Conference 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.

PHOTOS AND VIDEO FOOTAGE DURING JUDGING

JerseyNZ 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 JerseyNZ or Semex NZ Ltd. can use any such footage or photos in this capacity.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Note: age groups in conformation classes with two autumn born classes.
- The number of animals to be included in each team is dependent on the entrants herd size (refer page 2)
- 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 in January 2024.
- There is no limit on entries placed in the conformation classes.