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NEW ZEALAND PLOUGHING
ASSOCIATION INC

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WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

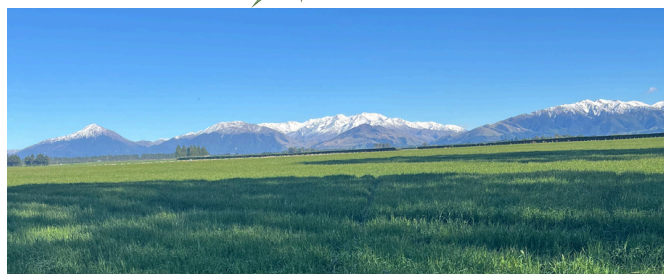
- 9am – 4:30pm Official Practice- *Dip Road*
Competitors & ploughs on site by 12am
Practice Day Lunch available (own cost)
- 5:30pm Gluyas Motor Ice Breaker evening -
bowling club- 23 *Methven Chertsey Road, Methven*
Plot Draw – Health & Safety Briefing

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

- 9am – 4:30pm Official Practice
Practice Day Lunch available (own cost)
- 2pm- Judges & head stewards briefing (on site)
Tractors and ploughs to be in compound by 5 pm
- 7pm- NZPA AGM at the *Methven Resort -51 Main Street, Methven*

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

- 9am Church service @ All Saints Anglican Church -1
Chapman Street, Methven
- 10am Mayoral Reception, Morning Tea
- 11am Bus Tour- around the area includes lunch & a jet
boat ride- leave the All Saints church following the
Mayoral reception



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SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

– Stubble Competition

- 9:45am Plot Stewards Briefing- *NZPA Tent*
- 10am Competitors Briefing
- 10.10am Parade to Plots
- 11am Ploughing Commences
- 11.20am Opening Split Completed
- 12pm Ploughing Commences
- 1pm Bar Opens
- 1pm- Vintage Parade
- 2.40pm Ploughing Finishes
- 3:10pm Parade from Plots to Compound-In order:
through site, announced
- 5 pm -Bar closes

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

– Grass Competition

- 8.45am Plot Stewards Briefing – *NZPA Tent*
- 9 am Competitors Briefing
- 9.10 am Parade to Plots
- 10:am Ploughing Commences
- 10.20am Opening Split Completed
- 11 am Ploughing commences
- 1.40pm Ploughing Finishes
- 1 pm bar opens
- 1pm- Vintage Parade
- 2:10pm Parade from Plots to Compound-In order:
through site announced
- 3:50pm Colouring Competition Results Announced
- 4pm Ploughing Results Announced on Site
- 5-7pm Bar Happy Hour
- 7pm Awards Ceremony at the *Methven Resort-51
Main Street, Methven*



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ACCOMODATION

APRIL 18th & 19th 2026

Hotels

- Methven Resort – 03 302 8724 (*awards dinner venue*) *book directly through resort and mention ploughing for special rate which includes continental breakfast.*
- The Blue Pub - 03 302 8046
- The Brown Pub- 03 302 8045
- Southern Cross Lodge – 03 302 8464
- Brinkley Resort – 03 302 8885

Motels & Apartments

- Cedar Chalets – 03 302 8721
- Methven Motels & Apartments – 03 302 9200
- Mt Hutt Lodge – 03 318 6898
- Mt Hutt Motels – 03 302 8382
- Ski Time Apartments – 03 302 8398
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Lodges – Bed & Breakfast

- Abisko Lodge – 03 302 8875
- Barkers Lodge – 03 302 8721
- Ski Time Lodge – 03 302 8398
- Southern Cross Lodge – 03 302 8464
- Red Cottages – Staveley – 02 171 8398
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Lodges – Self Catering & Backpackers

- Snow Denn Lodge – 03 302 8999
- Southern Cross Lodge – 03 302 8464
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Camping Grounds

- Abisko Lodge Campsite – 03 302 8875
- Methven Golf Club & Driving Range – 027 502 8439
- Methven Camping Ground – 03 302 8005

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Marshalling

Area will be for designated personnel only. Only those who attend the safety briefing meeting will be allowed inside the marshalling area. It is expected that all competitors, stewards, judges, pole pullers, and officials attend the safety briefing.

Competitors:

All competitors will be required to operate their or any machinery, equipment within the manufacturer's specifications, and in a safe and capable manner to comply with NZ HSWA 2015.

RULES OF DAYS EVENTS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. Be aware and consider the safety of others, ensure the covering of sharp edges, lay coulter down flat, also lay flat, additional wheels and strikeout poles.
2. Tractors – drive slowly all together when in a parade formation through the crowds, ensure travel speed is approximately walking pace, with a distance of approximately 5 metres between vehicles / machines.
3. Have poles and or tools secured adequately to tractor or plough when parading to and from plots.
4. Passengers on plant, machines or equipment is not permitted.
5. Do not mount/dismount from a moving tractor/machine.
6. Use 3 points of contact, facing the tractor, when entering and exiting tractor, machine or equipment, and all plant is to be stationary.
7. Ensure that no-one of underage drives/operates any vehicle or machine.
8. All drivers must be seated on their tractor to start the engine, (if electric start)
9. All drivers must not be operating machinery under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
10. Ploughs must be lowered when not in use.
11. Safety stands for ploughs must be used at all times during underside adjustments and be of sufficient strength to hold the weight of the plough.

Personal Safety:

Please ensure that you keep yourself and any one in the care of you hydrated, use sunscreen, hearing protection if required. If needed, see a steward for any first aid, or first aid equipment needed. Keep any loose-fitting clothing away from levers, drive and tail shafts or any unshielded moving parts etc. Wear good fitting closed in boots at all times. No smoking on the grounds, (this is to reduce the risk of fire in stubble.)

Vintage:

All trailing ploughs need to have a lock on the trip lever and must be used when making underside adjustments.

Horses:

Ensure that there is no riding on ploughs unless there is a seat provided. No standing on ploughs. Horses are to be led through crowds.

Public:

A: All public are requested to keep well clear of moving machinery at all times.

B: All public must remain behind fences and roped off areas.

C: All NZPA officials are safety officers, empowered to enforce safety standards

D: Instructions from officials must be obeyed at all times.

Environmental:

A: Any HSNO spills (Fuel, oils, coolant etc) must be contained as soon as possible to keep soil contamination to a minimum, also notify a NZPA official as soon as practicable so a clean-up plan can be implemented. (A spill kit is kept in the NZPA plough box)

B: Maintain compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, including the Resource Management Act 1992.

C: Ensure all equipment is clean before transporting to event site, as not to import any contaminated soil to farm site.

D: Ensure all equipment is clean before transporting off event site.

E: Any refuelling of plant and equipment must be performed in a refuelling area designated by an onsite NZPA official.

GENERAL:

If you need help, advise a steward or an official. They will pass on your message to Head Stewards in the NZPA tent and they will notify the appropriate people and record any issues or incidents in a site safety register.

Any safety concerns at all, contact a Head Steward or any NZPA official

The NZPA safety policy must be sighted with this form.



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**SAFETY
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You are entering a multi hazard area with working vehicles, tractors and or machinery.

Follow instructions of officials at all times.

Please observe the following rules:

1. Safety is everyone's responsibility.
2. Safety must be an integral part of the day's activity, A responsible attitude to safety by all on site is vital to the success of this event.
3. All children under 16 must be under the supervision of an adult.
4. All personnel / must stay behind the safety roped off event area, except persons taking part in the event at that time.
5. Keep a safe distance from all machinery (moving or stationary)
6. In the event of an accident or incident notify a Head Steward or an official at the NZPA tent as soon as practicable.
7. In case of an emergency - the assembly point is adjacent to the NZPA tent.
8. Please be aware of barbed wire, electric fences, water areas and open ditches, we ask that you do not climb over or through these.
9. Be aware, this is a working farm, we ask that you do not venture past the boundary's of this event without further induction of the property's H&S policy and rules.
10. If you, for any reason, feel unsafe at this event, you are welcome to leave at your convenience in a safe manner.
11. If you see an unsafe act, or item, please stop all movements around affected area and contact an NZPA official or Steward immediately.
12. Any HSNO spills (Fuel, oils, coolant etc) must be contained as soon as possible to keep soil contamination to a minimum, also notify a NZPA official as soon as practicable so a clean up plan can be implemented.

LIABILITY

The New Zealand Ploughing Association Inc and the property owners, its directors, officers, employees, agents, stockholders, sponsors and affiliates have no liability from and or against all claims, accept no responsibility or liability for any occurrence resulting in injury, death or damage to property, vehicles, personnel items, lost or stolen property at this event.

SITE SPECIFIC HAZARDS:

- Loading bank - trip hazards, uneven ground
- Road - moving vehicles, be aware of traffic obeying road rules. Obey traffic management plan in place
- Keep well away from fenced off areas
- On site there will be moving vehicles, possible uneven ground, tape boundary fences

First Aid kits will be located at the NZPA tent and also in the point's compilers caravan. In the event of an emergency, immediately contact 111.

First Aiders will be advised on the day.

Any breach of these rules could result in you or someone else being seriously injured and or harmed.

I agree to the following: -

I WILL

- Keep myself safe during all functions of the ploughing event.
- Comply with all instructions and safety instructions provided by the NZPA officials.
- Ensure that only one person (the driver) is on a moving tractor.
- Operate the tractor and plough at all times, to ensure the public's safety.
- Not to operate machinery if I'm affected by drugs or alcohol.
- Not operate a phone whilst operating the tractor and or plough.
- Immediately stop and shut down equipment on request from any NZPA Official.
- Comply with the current NZPA rules as per Rule Book 2021 (and any amendments issued to it)
- Comply with the HSWA (Health and Safety at Work Act) 2015.

I have read and understand the above instructions and agree to comply with the above requirements.

I agree to abide by any Health and Safety Induction that I may face

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Merry Christmas
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World Ploughing Contest 2026 Applications are open for the positions of Manager/Coach/Judge



71st World Ploughing Championship
September 4th - 5th
Osijek-Baranja County
CROATIA 2026

Interested applicants are required to meet the following criteria: -

- Have a sound knowledge of World Ploughing Contest procedures
- Have a sound knowledge of ploughs (conventional/reversible)
- Have excellent communication skills
- Have the confidence of the NZPA to act on their behalf if required

The New Zealand Ploughing Association Executive, following consultation with the New Zealand competitors will appoint the above positions. The NZPA Executive, after considering the applications and recommendations may consider combining some roles.

If combining roles, applicants will receive the highest valued funding to which they are appointed. Travel reimbursement as per NZPA policy

All applicants must clearly identify which position the applicant is applying for.

Please apply to the General Secretary before 1 January 2026

Please contact any executive member if you have any questions.

Judge

Previously judged at NZ Ploughing Championships

Attend all WPO Competitors briefings events

Judge for the duration of the World Contest

Provide a report to NZPA after the event.

Assist with the judges briefing meeting at the NZ Ploughing Championships following the world contest.

Reversible/Conventional coach/coaches

Be available to help competitors set up tractors and ploughs

Attend all practice sessions, offering support and advice

Attend all WPO Competitors Briefings events

Assist the competitors to achieve the best results possible

Provide a written report to the NZPA after the event



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Manager

The role of Team Manager is to support and take the pressure off the competitors so they can concentrate on competing. While away, the Team Manager is the voice of the team and the window to what is going on for those back in New Zealand. Regular reports and photos are essential to keep our sponsors and supporters involved. Reports can be delegated to others and must be forwarded to the NZPA Executive for approval before being made public.

In consultation with the team and World Board Member:

- Ensure that the team and their partners are registered with the host country and have pre event accommodation and vehicle
- Liaise with the team for pre- practice ground
- Manage clothing/uniforms
- Co-ordinate travel arrival dates and times with the rest of the team and the Executive

Remain with the competitors onsite for the amount of time agreed between the contestants/Manager and the NZPA Executive

Send regular photos and reports back to NZ for approval and distribution to NZPA members, sponsors, Facebook and website. (Reports must focus on the positives).

Send results back to NZ for distribution

Write a report to the NZPA after the event

Provide NZPA with a balance sheet of expenses, after the event



We are sorry to hear of the passing of Rob Scott who competed at 5 World Ploughing Contests representing Zimbabwe. After moving to New Zealand, Rob judged at North Island qualifying events and also at a New Zealand Ploughing Championship.



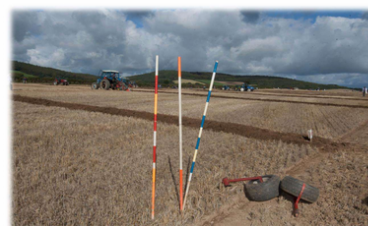
ravensdown

Applications are also open for the use of the Ravensdown plough. Please contact the General Secretary if you would like to apply for the use of this before January 1st 2026

BRIEFING OF JUDGES & COMPETITORS

NZPA recommend that all judges and competitors read this valuable resource from the World Ploughing Organisation. There are brilliant photos and judging points to focus on. This can be found on the World Ploughing website or by clicking this link:

[WPO Judging Guidelines](#)



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REGISTRATION FORM

NAMES:				
EMAIL:	PHONE:			
PLEASE CIRCLE:	COMPETITOR	JUDGE	STEWARD	SUPPORTER
REGO PACK	ICE BREAKER	CHURCH SERVICE & MAYORAL RECEPTION	BUS TRIP	AWARDS DINNER
\$10	\$20	\$10	\$95	\$75
			Kids price \$85	Kids 12yrs & under \$25
EXTRA 2 DAY PASS				
\$20				Late fee \$50
PAYMENT TO: Methven Ploughing Association 03-1719-0001607-001				
Please use your name as reference & note confirmation email once payment is received				
**Please sign that you have read & agree to the health & safety plan attached.				

Please email: methvenploughing@gmail.com or any queries to

Sandy Redmond 0273221246
Tryphena Carter 021529715

• **Registrations close March 1st 2026**

• Any dietary requirements please email before March 1st 2026 with rego form