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Dear Member

Please find enclosed the updates to your Equestrian Rulebook, as a result of the Remits that were voted in by members in June 2024...

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Thank you for all your time and support as a Member – wishing you all the best for the 2024.2025 show season.

Kind Regards

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# **EQUESTRIAN RULES**

## **including Donkeys & Mules**

### **for**

## **RAS Affiliated Shows/Events,**

## **Competitors, Exhibitors and Judges**

### **Equestrian Rules (ER)**

- ER 1.** These Rules and Schedules are the basis of all Equestrian activities of the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ (RAS), trading as Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- ER 2.** These Rules and Schedules are copyright ©, and cannot be reproduced in whole or part, without the permission of the RAS, trading as Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- ER 3.** These Rules and Schedules cannot be used either in principle, in whole, or in part for the judging of competition unless the Organising Committee or body is an affiliated Member of the RAS, trading as Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- ER 4.** For clarity, these rules are the pre-eminent rules for equestrian events and cannot be changed or altered for the convenience of a Show/Event.
- ER 5.** Where there are local rules and/or procedures these cannot contradict or compromise the classes or events covered by these rules.
- ER 6.** Affiliated Breed and Kindred Societies rules cannot contradict or compromise the classes or events covered by these rules.

### **ER 7. INTRODUCTION**

- a) All Members of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand (RAS), its Affiliated and Kindred Societies competing at Agricultural and Pastoral Shows/Events and functions sanctioned by the Royal A&P Society New Zealand, and competitors/exhibitors at affiliated Shows/Events are expected to abide by the Rules. All are bound, by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand and those of the particular host Affiliated Society or host Kindred Society.
- b) This section contains the Royal A&P Society of New Zealand (RAS) rules for competitors, exhibitors, judges, and owners. The basis of a 'good positive day' at the Show/Event is

all about Shows/Events, Competitors/Exhibitors and Judges working together from a fair and clear set of rules that are applied equally to everyone. When showing, we all have similar expectations.

- c) The Rules are intended to ensure that all compete against each other in competitions under the fairest possible conditions and to ensure that the Rules and Regulations are observed at all times.
- d) The Judges to adjudicate positively and to show no breed or competitor/exhibitor prejudice.
- e) The 'Best Exhibit' on the day, regardless of breeding, to be declared the winner.
- f) The Judges to adjudicate based upon the correct observance of the conformation and the overall work of the exhibit, and consequently select the best exhibit as set out in the rules in this Rulebook.
- g) All involved to be good sportspersons – this means such things as fairness, courteous relations to others and graceful acceptance of results etc.
- h) With co-operation from all of those involved, we can ensure everyone will have a 'good positive day' at the Show/Event!
- i) All Competitors, Members, Member Organisations and Breed Societies should be familiar with the RAS Code of Conduct in regard to Social Media and their responsibilities in this regard. The full requirements of this policy and the outcome for non-compliance are listed on the RAS website.
- j) The Royal A&P Society New Zealand has the power to discipline and impose on Members, Competitors/Exhibitors and Judges in the event of failure to observe any provisions of these Rules and/or any other Rules and Regulations of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand. The Royal A&P Society New Zealand Executive, Horse Stewards Council Executive, District Equestrian Chairpersons, Exhibitors/Competitors and Judges are to ensure that the Rules are upheld. Ignorance of the Rules is no excuse.

## **ER 8. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **a) Business Partner**

A person who is party to contractual and/or verbal agreement between two or more persons carrying on a business venture.

b) **Class**

This is a competition advertised on an organisation / agricultural society's programme or schedule for the exhibition of horse/pony and / or rider, led and/or ridden or driven. This may be an individual event or a team event or any other combination.

c) **Classification (Section) Nominated**

Choice made by owner at the time of the horse/pony's first adult measure as to which classification they wish to show in. The classifications are as follows: Horse – Park Hack, Hack, Saddle Hunter, Riding Horse; Pony – Show Pony or Saddle Pony.

d) **Competitor/Exhibitor**

The person or persons owning / leasing / in partnership / person responsible (PR) / representative of the said owner, or riding / leading / driving the exhibit in competition, at an official or non-official event, run specifically for the presentation of horses/ponies.

e) **Constitution**

Constitution of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.

f) **Employer**

A person employing/hiring another in a business.

g) **Exhibit**

- i. The combination of horse/pony and competitor/exhibitor. The competitor/exhibitor may be the owner, lessee/partner, person responsible (PR), or the representative of the said owner. Both horse/pony and competitor/exhibitor must be eligible to compete in the particular class.
- ii. The word exhibit refers to all - led or ridden ponies/horses, or representatives of breeds/kindred bodies affiliated to the RAS or breeds/sections (e.g., Stock & Station, Western etc.) not affiliated to the Royal Agricultural Society but catered for by individual Shows/Events.

h) **Family**

Brother, sister, child, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, parents, grandparents, grandchildren (including in-law, step, half, and defacto, partner and civil relationships).

i) **Judges**

National Judge's Convenor, Six (6) District Judge Convenors, Tutor Judges, Listed Judges (Grades - International, 1, 2 & 3.)

j) **Knowingly**

Acquainted/aware of the truth. Informed of the facts. Where this situation exists it shall be presumed that any breach is intentional.

k) **Lease/Partnership**

- i. Where the possession of a horse/pony, but not the ownership is transferred to another person. Only leases/partnerships registered with the RAS are recognised or, in the case of breed classes, leases/partnerships are registered with the affiliated Breed Society and copied to the RAS.
- ii. For any horse/pony that is not under the control of the owner, and where there is no formal registered lease/partnership lodged with the RAS, any issues arising in relation to that horse/pony becomes the responsibility of the competitor/exhibitor, handler, driver, or person resident of New Zealand or otherwise, in charge of the horse/pony that is exhibited at the Show/Event.

l) **Member**

A person admitted to membership of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand, as defined under the Constitution.

- m) **Novice** - A Novice exhibit or rider is one that has yet to win six (6) classes in any division within the competitions provided at any A & P Show/Event.

n) **Owner**

Person(s) named as the owner on the RAS certificates, and/or registration papers issued by an affiliated Breed Society.

o) **Person Responsible**

Means any exhibitor, owner, lessee/lessor, rider, handler, driver or person 18 years of age or over, resident of New Zealand or otherwise, in charge of any horse, pony, donkey or mule exhibited at a Show or Event affiliated to the RAS, who has responsibility and liability for the welfare of the exhibit, and any incident, ruling or outcome in relation to that horse, pony, donkey or mule.

p) **Rap**

Rapping a horse anywhere on a show ground (which includes lifting the jump pole as the horse leaves the ground or adding or applying to a jump pole or the top of a fixed type jump or complete obstacle any items that might be considered abrasive or set to pierce the skin of a horse and cause pain) is prohibited.

q) **RAS**

Royal A&P Society New Zealand (RAS), also known as the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ (RAS).

r) **RAS Certificate**

- i. RAS issued Annual or Life Height Certificate, or Horse/Pony Identification Form. Previously known as Height Certificate and Performance Card.
- ii. The RAS Certificate and related intellectual capital, is the property of the RAS. The certificate is to remain with the horse/pony for the duration of its natural life and entitles the owner/lessee/partner of the horse/pony the right of use.





## CLASSES, DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY

### CDE 1. RAS CERTIFICATE & HORSE/PONY CLASSIFICATION

- a) Where classes are defined by height, competitors/exhibitors must carry a current RAS Certificate for their horse/pony, except a foal up to 6 months of age, at all RAS affiliated Shows/Events, and must produce it upon request to any authorised Show/Event personnel. Any competitor unable to produce such a certificate means that the exhibit is ineligible to compete, and will forfeit any awards. Horses/Ponies to be presented to a showing ring with true and correct markings that match the markings on their height certificate. Any competitor found to have false markings on their horse/pony when they are presented to the gate to go into the showing ring will be disqualified by the show from their class/section.
- b) Height of horse/pony shall be the deciding factor when entering in classes defined by height at affiliated shows/events.
- c) The classification (section nominated) of a horse or pony must be made at the time of its first adult measure (from 1/8/15) or from the 1 August 2018 at the time the horse/pony is first registered prior to its first measure (whichever occurred first) however, a change to this classification (section nominated) (with the exceptions listed in rule CDE 1 d) may be made by making application to RAS Head Office (download the application from the website [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz)). Any subsequent changes will require a full submission with the final decision on granting further changes resting with the RAS Executive.
- d) Regardless of Rule CDE 1 c), equestrian title winners, of open conformation titles, at Royal A&P Shows/Events, Showing Championships endorsed by the RAS or HOY are not entitled to change classification (section) after winning a title class at any of these events and must stay within their nominated classification (section) with the exception if the horse/pony is under eight (8) years of age, a change of classification may be made upon application to, and approval of, the RAS Executive.

### CDE 2. LEAD REIN

- a) Lead Rein Ponies should be safe and suitable. They should possess a good front, even gaits and not be too wide for their small riders. The stride should not be too long, as they would unseat the rider and cause the rider to lose balance.
- b) Lead rein classes are designed for children on ponies 128cm and under. These children are those as yet unable to ride without assistance from a leader or attendant and should be judged accordingly.
- c) Riders taking part in this section are excluded from taking part in other sections of the show.
- d) The lead must be attached to the cavesson of a simple snaffle bridle—refer to Appendix B.
- e) The attendant/leader, must be 14 years or over, and hold the rein with their left hand so the right hand is free to assist the rider if necessary.
- f) Spurs are not allowed.
- g) A cane or a whip not exceeding 76cm in length, which includes a flap 2cm wide by 4cm long, may be carried by riders in the Lead Rein Section.
- h) Judging Criteria: Judged on - 60 % suitability, temperament and safeness;  
- 40% conformation and paces.

- i) Riders will not be asked to canter.
- j) A Best on Parade, Best Turned Out or Unity class is the only competition within this section when the costume or dress of the leader may also be taken into account.  
If it is the intention of the Show/Event to include the attendant/leader (14 years and over) as a part of the unit, this must be stated in the schedule. If the intention of the Show/Event is not properly stated it is reasonable for all parties connected with the horse/pony in the ring to assume that only the horse/pony and rider will be judged.
- k) Riders who have competed in the First Ridden, Novice and Open Pony Sections are no longer eligible for the Lead Rein section.

### **CDE 3. FIRST RIDDEN**

- a) To provide a transition from the Lead Rein section to the open ridden section, where a rider does not have to canter on the circle in company. For that reason First Ridden Ponies should be safe and suitable. They should possess a good front, even gaits and not be too wide for their small riders. The stride should not be too long, as this would unseat the rider and cause the rider to lose balance. Ideally the First Ridden Pony is a little more scopey in both conformation and movement than the Lead Rein Pony, although many ponies compete successfully in both sections.
- b) A First Ridden Rider is only able to compete in this section for a maximum of twenty-four (24) months.
- c) First Ridden Ponies not to exceed 138cm.
- d) First Ridden Ponies must be ridden in a snaffle bridle with a cavesson noseband, a snaffle bit and a single rein – refer to Appendix B.
- e) A First Ridden Pony may compete in the Open ring with a different rider.
- f) No spurs to be worn.
- g) A cane or a whip not exceeding 76cm in length, which includes a flap 2cm wide by 4cm long, may be carried by riders in the First Ridden Section.
- h) Judging Criteria: Judged on - 60% suitability, temperament and safeness  
- 40% conformation and paces.
- i) All ponies to walk and trot in company, but may be asked to canter in their individual workout.
- j) Before finalising the workout the Judge must ascertain if the children can all manage canter work. If the children are not confident with canter this pace should not be included in the work out. Whatever paces the workout finally contains, it must be simple and designed to show that the child can manage a change of direction and a recognisable circle as a demonstration of the control and understanding expected at this level and age. Good manners and willingness from the pony and the balance and degree of control from the rider should each be taken into account. Conformation of the First Ridden Pony should be taken into account if more than one First Ridden class is offered and if this intention is clearly stated in the class description.
- k) The same Rider and Pony cannot enter in both the Lead Rein Section and the First Ridden Section or in an open ring, but a pony that has been entered in the Lead Rein, Group B or Group C Sections can be entered in the First Ridden Section with a different rider (who is eligible to compete in this section).
- l) A rider who has moved from the First Ridden into the open rings forfeits the right to compete again in any First Ridden Events at any A&P Show, affiliated show or event, or any show that the RAS may from time to time designate as a show requiring specific qualifications (e.g. Horse of the Year)

## **CDE 10. WORKING HUNTERS**

- a) Working Hunters are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances.
- b) They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%.
- c) Exhibits will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

## **CDE 11. AGE OF RIDERS & HANDLERS**

- a) Rider/Handler's age and eligibility is determined as per the 1 August i.e. Riders/handlers who are of age for any division/section on the 1 August complete the show year/season in that division/section.
- b) Lead Rein classes are restricted to riders under eight (8) years of age with a minimum age of four (4) years, who are not competing in any other sections at any A&P Show/Event. To be led by an attendant fourteen (14) years of age or over.
- c) First Ridden classes are restricted to riders under ten (10) years of age, who are not competing in any other sections at any A&P Show/Event.
- d) Novice pony exhibits (except Novice Pony Stallions) may be ridden by a rider of any age, in novice pony classes only.
- e) Novice pony stallions must be led or ridden by a rider fourteen (14) years and over.
- f) Open pony exhibits (also see CDE 12 h) must be ridden by riders under seventeen (17) years of age.
  - i. Novice and Open pony exhibits (except Pony Stallions) may be ridden by a rider of any age in affiliated Breed or Kindred Society section classes only when the rules of that affiliated Breed or Kindred Society allows.
- g) Open pony stallions must be ridden by a rider fourteen (14), or fifteen (15), or sixteen (16) years of age, led handlers must be fourteen (14) years and over.
  - i. Novice and Open pony stallions may be ridden by any rider aged fourteen (14) and over in affiliated Breed or Kindred Society section classes only when the rules of that affiliated Breed or Kindred Society allows.
- h) Riders, riding exhibits over 148cm must be twelve (12) years and over.
- i) Stallions over 148cm must be led or ridden by a rider seventeen (17) years of age or older.

## **CDE 12. AGE OF RIDDEN EXHIBITS**

Exhibits three (3) years of age and under are not permitted in any ridden or driven (harness) class no matter what the rules of any affiliated Breed Society or Kindred Society may prescribe.

### **CDE 13. MARES**

- a) 'Dry' mare is a mare not to foal during the current show season (1 August to 31 July).
- b) Mares shown in Brood Mare classes must have a foal at foot or present a veterinary certificate of pregnancy that includes a projected foaling date. Mares shown in the summer season without a foal at foot, would be expected (before Christmas) to be late foaling in the summer or autumn, or (after Christmas) to have weaned an early foal and be back in foal with a spring due date. Mares falling into either of the above categories should prove their eligibility with a veterinary certificate. Anything less will be unacceptable.
- c) Broodmares with foal at foot are ineligible for ridden and harness classes.

### **CDE 14. STALLIONS and COLTS**

- a) All stallions and colts must be shown in a bit with the exception of Foals and Miniature Horses, and Shetland Pony Yearlings. In the case of Miniature Donkey Jacks 86cm and under, they must either be shown in a bit or a halter with a stallion chain. If utilizing the option of a halter and a stallion chain, then the donkey's original RAS height certificate must be carried at the time of showing, to show proof of height. A Steward will order any stallion/colt considered out of control or to be causing undue disquiet to other horses from the ring without recourse from the stallion/colt's owner/exhibitor/competitor.
- b) It is compulsory for all stallions and colts, except foals, to wear two (2) official 'S' identification badges, one attached to each side of their bridle, at all Shows/Events at all times. The rider/handler must also wear two RAS official (2) armbands (one on each arm) when in the ring. 'S' badges to be purchased from RAS Head Office or ESNZ; armbands from RAS Head Office.
- c) Handlers and Riders of stallions/colts must wear an approved Hi Viz vest at Shows/Events when outside the showing ring. Vests can be purchased from RAS Head Office.



## GENERAL RULES

### GR 1. RULES

- a) The RAS rules prevail in all RAS classes; however a Breed Society or an affiliated show/event may add additional rules to suit, as long as they do not contradict the RAS rules, with the exception of GR 1 b.
- b) In ESNZ classes or rings (show jumping, show hunter and dressage), ESNZ rules prevail.
- c) For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, Conformation classes rank first.
- d) Rule changes will be advised, through the RAS website, official Newsletter and Show/Event schedules.

### GR 2. INFRINGEMENTS

- a) The policing of these rules will be self-regulatory. Anyone associated with the show who feels they have good reason to lodge a complaint / protest, including Members, Exhibitors, Competitors and those directly associated with their entry, Judges and Show Officials, have the right to lodge a protest / complaint.
- b) The procedure to follow is the RAS Resolution Process, which is available to view on the RAS website - [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz) and this includes the RAS Yellow Card system.
- c) Show/Event schedules will include a summary of the RAS Resolution Process.
- d) Regardless, the RAS Executive has the right to make any enquiry as it considers appropriate into any incident or behaviour at any time which they deem may not be in the best interests of the A&P movement and the RAS as an organisation as a whole. Any enquiry will follow the procedure described in the RAS Resolution Process.

### GR 3. CONDUCT

- a) Each Member, Owner, Lessee, Partner, Competitor and/or Exhibitor shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations for the time being of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- b) No Member, Owner, Lessee, Partner, Competitor and/or Exhibitor or registered owner shall exhibit any horse/pony recorded by the Society or any affiliated Breed Society in any Show/Event or exhibition or advertise any horse/pony in any paper or periodical or pamphlet under any but its registered or recorded name or as having attained any wins not recorded in the results of affiliated Shows/Events.
- c) No Member, Owner, Lessee, Partner, Competitor and/or Exhibitor shall so conduct themselves or be guilty of such conduct as to bring the Society or any affiliated Show/Event into discredit or as to bring themselves as an exhibitor or breeder or as a member into discredit. (Refer to the Royal A&P Society New Zealand Constitution).
- d) All Members, Owners, Lessees, Partners, Competitors and/or Exhibitors are reminded that the decision of a Judge is final. Any defamatory comments on any social media is strictly prohibited, and if found, could result in legal action and/or suspension from competing at affiliated RAS Shows/Events.
- e) The Judge's decision as to the winners and the place getters in the class shall be final, bearing in mind any exhibit that will not stand to be presented in a safe manner forfeits its award. Only if infringement of the rules is proved can the Show/Event Officials change the places. See also J19.

#### **GR 4. HATS and SAFETY HELMETS**

- a) In all cases current WorkSafe New Zealand rules prevail.
- b) All riders, including harness drivers/with the exclusion of heavy horse (Clydesdale) working classes, competing at RAS affiliated A&P Shows/Events must wear protective headgear, which includes a retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. Such headgear must be worn with the chinstrap properly adjusted and fastened when in the arena or ring, the practice area, collecting rings or anywhere else within a Showgrounds or the grounds of an affiliated Event.
- c) Hats/helmets must conform with one of the current approved safety standards. These standards may be subject to change but the latest list can be found at <http://www.ras.org.nz> – equestrian. RAS will advise any changes via their website and Facebook.
- d) All hats/helmets that conform as per c) must be identified by the current tag system implemented by NZPCA, ESNZ and RAS.

#### **GR 5. SADDLERY and ACCESSORIES**

- a) Whips in Ridden classes (Main rings) shall not exceed 76 cm in length;  
Whips in Lead Rein and First Ridden sections shall not exceed 76cm including the flap (2cm wide and 4cm);  
Whips in Led classes shall not exceed 120cm;  
Side saddle – length of cane should not exceed 1m;  
A Dressage whip is also permitted in Side saddle section (as per the NZ Side Saddle Association Rules);  
In Hand Stallion – whips not exceeding 120cm are permitted if the exhibit is a stallion or a colt.
- b) Exhibits showing welts from whip abuse will be immediately dismissed from the ring and disqualified without further recourse for the remaining events at that Show/Event.
- c) Saddlecloths or numnahs are optional in all ridden events. It is preferred that saddlecloths or numnahs used in showing classes, are at least cut to the shape of the saddle.
- d) The following are not allowed when horses or ponies are being ridden on the grounds at affiliated shows/events, nor shall a rider be lunged on a Horse or Pony with any of the following equipment attached to a bridle: Nosebands other than cavesons combined with Double Bridles or Rugby Pelhams, attachments to the curb rein of a Double Bridle, or running reins used in conjunction with Double Bridles or other curb bits, Market Harborough, Bearing reins, Tie downs, Gags, Side reins, or any other equipment not specifically listed here that could force or tie a horse or pony into a frame, and thereby be deemed cruel or come under the mistreatment rule – GR 6.
- e) In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and outside the flap. The rider must not directly or indirectly tie any part of their body to the saddlery, unless it is stated otherwise on a current RAS issued competitor's/exhibitor's disability card.
- f) Electronic and Audio Equipment - Any electronic or audio equipment carried on a competitor/exhibitor deemed to be possible of rendering outside assistance to a competitor is banned (unless this is stated otherwise on a current RAS issued competitor's/exhibitor's disability card), from all competitions at any RAS or Affiliated Shows/Events, with the penalty of forfeiting all prize money, awards and qualifications and elimination from any further classes at that Show/Event.
- g) Exhibitors Disability Card - An Identification Card is available for Exhibitors with a

disability who may require accessories or aids for competing. These aids might include (but not be restricted to) special tied stirrups, hearing equipment, monkey straps etc. All aids to be used must be stated explicitly on the application form and shall be transposed onto the card the rider carries at show. An application form is available on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz)

## **GR 6. ABUSE OF EXHIBITS**

- a) Any complaints of exhibit abuse, will be dealt through the RAS Resolution Process / Yellow Card – view on [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz)
- b) Abuse can be defined as intentionally acting in a way, which may cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse. As examples, but not limited to;
  - i. Whip or beat an exhibit excessively
  - ii. Subject an exhibit to any kind of electric shock device
  - iii. Excessive or persistent use of spurs, or to jab the exhibit in the mouth with the bit.
  - iv. Remount, or attempt to remount, an obviously exhausted, lame or injured exhibit
  - v. 'Rap' an exhibit anywhere in or outside the grounds of the event
  - vi. Hyper sensitise any part of an exhibit
  - vii. Leave exhibit without adequate food, drink and exercise.

## **GR 7. TEMPORARY PENS**

- a) The RAS shall from time to time endorse temporary pen systems that meet an agreed safety requirement; the nature of and the description of these pens (if any) will be published on the RAS Web Site
- b) Penning other than fixed permanent installments provided by a host show/event or approved by the RAS as in (a) above is banned at all RAS and affiliated shows/events and includes but not restricted to tape, strings, ropes, chains.
- c) Stallions and colts can only be tied to a truck or float if they are under constant supervision, or are tied within an approved solid framed portable yard (see (a) above) that is attached to the outside of the truck or float. Otherwise, they must be confined in stables, suitable yards, or within their floats or trucks.







## **MINIMUM STANDARD QUALIFYING SECTION SCHEDULE FOR ALL AFFILIATED SHOWS/EVENTS**

### **MSS 1.**

- a) Showing classes are standardised throughout New Zealand. The Standard Qualifying Section Schedule is therefore the basis for all Show/Event Schedules.**
- b) A Standard Qualifying Section Schedule (see MSS 2) is to be offered, so competitors and horses/ponies can qualify for Royal A&P Shows/Events, Showing Championships endorsed by the RAS or NZ Horse of the Year (HOY). Shows/Events are not obliged to run all the sections, they can choose the sections they have the ability to run or suit their region, however the sections they choose must be run as a complete unit as stated. (i.e. classes cannot be substituted, changed or deleted)**
- c) Shows unable to offer any of the sections in total of the standard qualifying section schedule may construct their own programme; however it must state clearly in their schedule that their show does not qualify competitors or horses/ponies for any Royal A&P Shows/Events, Showing Championships or HOY. A sample non qualifying schedule is available from RAS Head Office.**

### **MSS 2. MINIMUM STANDARD QUALIFYING SECTION SCHEDULE FOR SHOWS/EVENTS**

- a) The Standard Qualifying Section Schedule as presented is the Section Schedule to be offered by all affiliated Shows/Events wishing to qualify horses and ponies for the Royal A&P Show/Events and the HOY.
- b) Qualifying Shows/Events must use all or some of the sections listed; however when using a section (e.g. Saddle Hunters) they must use the entire list of classes within that section (i.e. classes cannot be substituted, changed or deleted)
- c) Shows/Events are encouraged to add classes as local conditions and level of entries support. Examples of additional classes that may be added to the standard qualifying section are; Best on Parade, Novice no wins, Led Mares, Led Thoroughbreds, Pairs and Teams Classes, Sash Classes such as the Pony Breeders Society of NZ (Inc) Ridden Sash etc.
- d) All Novice pony classes are open to riders of any age, in novice pony classes only, except that special rules are in place for ridden stallions (see Age of Riders).
- e) Owners of horses/ponies that fall outside the parameters of the sections scheduled at a Show/Event not using the entire range of sections, will find other events that suit them at a show that does catalogue their section.

## **MSS 2.1 Minimum Standard Qualifying Sections for Schedule**

### **a) Lead Rein**

In this section, the judging criteria is 60% suitability, temperament and safeness, and 40% conformation and paces.

Riders in this section may not enter any other section, unless in a Lead Rein class(s) in a Breed section. Riders must be under eight (8) years of age, with a minimum age of four (4) years. Ponies to be led by a leader/attendant (14 years and over) with the lead rein attached to the cavesson noseband of a snaffle bridle – refer to Appendix A. Ponies will be asked to walk and trot – no cantering under any circumstances. Running or bearing reins or similar tackle are not allowed.

Class xxx Novice Lead Rein Pony, not exceeding 128cm – 0-5 wins.

Class xxx Open Lead Rein Pony, not exceeding 123cm

Class xxx Open Lead Rein Pony, over 123cm and not exceeding 128cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Lead Rein Pony

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx.

Second placed Lead Rein Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Open Paced & Mannered Lead Rein Pony

Class xxx Best Rider

### **b) First Ridden**

This is a transition ring from being led to riding on your own. Riders in this section may not enter any other section, unless in a First Ridden class(s) in a Breed section.

A First Ridden Rider is only able to compete in the First Ridden Section for a maximum of twenty-four (24) months from the date of their first Show.

The age limit in the First Ridden Section is under 10 years.

In this section, the judging criteria is 60% suitability, temperament and safeness, and 40% conformation and paces.

Class xxx Novice First Ridden Pony, not exceeding 138cm - 0-5 wins

Class xxx Open First Ridden Pony, not exceeding 128cm

Class xxx Open First Ridden Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm

Champion and Reserve Champion First Ridden Pony

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed First Ridden Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered First Ridden Pony 0-5 wins

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered First Ridden Pony

Class xxx Novice Rider (First Ridden Section) 0-5 wins

Class xxx Open Rider (First Ridden Section)

c) **Show Ponies**

A Pony may only be entered in the Show Pony Section or the Saddle Hunter Pony Section - not both

All novice pony classes are open to riders of any age.

The Show Pony Section may be split into height sections or rings:

For example:

Group A Show Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

Group B Show Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm

Group C Show Pony, not exceeding 128cm

Should these divisions be offered the minimum height classes would be:

Group A;

Show Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 143cm

Show Pony, over 143cm and not exceeding 148cm

Group B;

Show Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 133cm

Show Pony, over 133cm and not exceeding 138cm

Group C;

Show Pony, not exceeding 123cm

Show Pony, over 123cm and not exceeding 128cm

Or;

Offer the group A as illustrated above and combine groups B & C as one ring

Or;

Combine A, B and C as per below. This is able to be run by A&P Shows who have limited space or time; however Royal Shows/Events and accredited shows must run the minimum heights classes within the divisions.

Note: Shows can still run a Novice 0-2 class as well as the Novice 0-5 class and then have a Novice Championship for these two classes, if they so choose.

Class xxx Novice Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Open Show Pony, not exceeding 128cm

Class xxx Open Show Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm

Class xxx Open Show Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Show Pony

(To be judged from classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Show Pony

#### d) **Saddle Hunter Ponies**

A Pony may only be entered in the Show Pony Section or the Saddle Hunter Pony Section - not both.

All novice pony classes are open to riders of any age.

Note: Shows can still run a Novice 0-2 class as well as the Novice 0-5 class and then have a Novice Championship for these two classes, if they so choose.

- Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter Pony, not exceeding 128cm
- Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm
- Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter Pony  
(To be judged from classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Saddle Hunter Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter Pony

#### e) **Hack Rings**

- i. A number of Shows have limited space to facilitate every section. Therefore an either or option is offered when it comes to staging Park Hacks and Hack Divisions.
- ii. Option One is to stage them as listed separately below.
- iii. Option Two is an approved alternative whereby both sections are merged and offer a small hack and large hack championship within the combined section thereby covering all sizes for Royal Show and HOY Qualification (the merged section is listed below the minimum schedule for hacks)

#### f) **Park Hacks – over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm. Option One.**

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both.

Note: Shows can still run a Novice 0-2 class as well as the Novice 0-5 class and then have a Novice Championship for these two classes, if they so choose.

- Class xxx Novice Park Hack, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Park Hack, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Park Hack, over 148cm and not exceeding 153cm
- Class xxx Open Park Hack, over 153cm and not exceeding 158cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Open Park Hack  
(To be judged from Open height classes only. Second placed Park Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Park Hack  
OR
- Class xxx Open Park Hack - Best Paces to be Judged
- Class xxx Open Park Hack - Best Manners to be Judged

**and**

**g) Hacks – over 158cm. Option One**

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both.

Note: Shows can still run a Novice 0-2 class as well as the Novice 0-5 class and then have a Novice Championship for these two classes, if they so choose.

- Class xxx Novice Hack, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Hack, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 158cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 163cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Open Hack  
(To be judged from Open height classes only. Second placed horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Hack  
OR
- Class xxx Open Hack - Best Paces to be Judged
- Class xxx Open Hack - Best Manners to be Judged

**Or**

**h). Hack Ring (Merged). Option Two.**

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both.

Note: Shows can still run a Novice 0-2 class as well as the two Novice 0-5 classes and then have a Novice Championship for these two classes, if they so choose.

- Class xxx Novice Small Hack to 158cm, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Novice Hack over 158cm, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Hack, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 148cm and not exceeding 153cm
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 153cm and not exceeding 158cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Open Small Hack  
(To be judged from Open height classes only. Second placed Small Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion Open Small Hack)

**AND**

- Class xxx Open Hack, over 158cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 163cm  
Champion and Reserve Open Large Hack  
(To be judged from Open height classes only. Second placed Large Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion Open Large Hack)
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Small Hack, over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Large Hack over 158cm

OR

The above two classes can be extended by offering separate classes for manners and paces in each height division.

**i) Riding Horse – over 148cm**

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both. Horses will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

The Novice status of the horse from previous Show Hack, Park Hack or Saddle Hunter competitions will apply to this 'Riding Horse' section.

Note: Shows can still run a Novice 0-2 class as well as the Novice 0-5 class and then have a Novice Championship for these two classes, if they so choose.

Class xxx Novice Riding Horse, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Novice Paced & Mannered Riding Horse, 0 – 5 wins

Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 148cm, and not exceeding 163cm

Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 163cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Riding Horse (To be judged from the winners of Open height classes only. Second placed Riding Horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion).

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Riding Horse

OR

Class xxx Open Riding Horse – Best Paces to be Judged

Class xxx Open Riding Horse – Best Manners to be Judged

**j) Saddle Hunters – over 148cm**

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section.

An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both. Horses will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

Note: Shows can still run a Novice 0-2 class as well as the Novice 0-5 class and then have a Novice Championship for these two classes, if they so choose.

Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter, 0-5 wins.

Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm

Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter, over 163cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter (To be judged from the winners of Open height classes only. Second placed Saddle Hunter to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve)

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter

OR

Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter – Best Paces to be Judged

Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter – Best Manners to be Judged



## k) **Rider**

These classes could be added to the appropriate ring according to the manner in which the sections have been divided and how the timetable is set or Rider Classes could make up a separate ring.

The classes below are a minimum with males and females competing against one another.

Shows are encouraged to offer separate classes for males and females wherever possible.

Class xxx Best Novice Junior Rider, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Best Rider, 11 years and under

Class xxx Best Rider, 12, 13 and 14 years

Class xxx Best Rider, 15 and 16 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider

(To be judged from the winners of classes excluding any Novice class.

Second placed Junior Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Best Novice Rider, 17 years and over, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Best Rider, 17 years and under 21 years

Class xxx Best Rider, 21 years and over

(Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Rider. To be judged from the winners of classes excluding any Novice class. Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

## l) **Cobs**

Cob classes are supported in some regions and unknown in others; the classes below are the minimum to be used if a Cob Section is included.

The Cob Section is not a requirement of any show and should only be included if local demand is evident.

Note: Shows can still run a Novice 0-2 class as well as the Novice 0-5 class and then have a Novice Championship for these two classes, if they so choose.

Class xxx Novice Cob, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Novice Paced & Mannered Cob, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Cob, over 150cm and not exceeding 155cm - capable of carrying 95 kgs

Class xxx Cob, up to and including 150cm - capable of carrying 83 kgs

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Cob

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Cob to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Cob

OR

Class xxx Open Cob – Best Paces to be Judged

Class xxx Open Cob – Best Manners to be Judged

### m) **Working Hunter Ponies**

Working Hunter Ponies are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of good strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances. They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%. Ponies will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved. No boots or bandages permitted.

- Class xxx Novice Working Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Pony, not exceeding 138cm
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter Pony  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes only. Second placed horse to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve)

### n) **Working Hunter Horses**

Working Hunters Horses are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of good strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances. They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%. Horses will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved. No boots or bandages permitted.

- Class xxx Novice Working Hunter Horse, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Horse, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Horse, over 163cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter Horse  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes only. Second placed Working Hunter Horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

### o) **Hunter Jumping**

Additional classes that may be added to the schedule are; additional Novice classes, Wire Jump, Qualified Hunters, Handy Hunter, Lady's Hunter, Gentleman's Hunter. These classes are not eligible for Championship judging.

#### **i. Ponies - not exceeding 148cm**

- Class xxx Novice Pony Hunter over fences, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Pony Hunter over fences, not exceeding 138cm
- Class xxx Open Pony Hunter over fences, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Hunter Jumping Pony.  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes and any additional classes, except novice, noted above. Second placed Hunter Jumping Pony to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve).

#### **ii. Horses - over 148cm**

- Class xxx Novice Hunter over fences, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Hunter over fences, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm

- Class xxx Open Hunter over fences, over 163cm  
 Class xxx Open Hunter over fences.  
 Champion and Reserve Champion Hunter Jumping Horse.  
 To be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placegetters in the Open Hunter over fences class.
- Class xxx Lady's Hunter over fences – to be ridden by a lady  
 Class xxx Gentleman's Hunter over fences – to be ridden by a gentleman

p) **Rider Over Fences**

These classes could be added to the appropriate ring according to the manner in which the sections have been divided and how the timetable is set or Rider Classes could make up a separate ring.

The classes below are a minimum with males and females competing against one another.

Shows are encouraged to offer separate classes for males and females wherever possible.

Additional Open Rider classes can be added to the Championship.

- Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 14 years and under  
 Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 15 and 16 years  
 Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider over Fences  
 (To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 17 years and under 21 years  
 Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 21 years and over.  
 Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Rider over Fences  
 (To be judged from winners of classes xxx, and xxx. Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

q) **Led Pony**

- Class xxx Adult Male, 4 years and over, not exceeding 148cm  
 Class xxx Adult Female, 4 years and over, not exceeding 148cm  
 Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Led Pony  
 (To be judged from the winners of classes xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Foal or Pony Yearling, not exceeding 140cm  
 Class xxx Pony, 2 years, not exceeding 146cm and Pony, 3 years, not exceeding 148cm  
 Youngstock Led Pony Champion and Reserve Champion  
 (To be judged from winners of classes xxx, and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Please note: When splitting Youngstock into more than one class, the following heights must be used:

- |                 |    |                                    |
|-----------------|----|------------------------------------|
| Yearlings       | a) | Under 123cm                        |
|                 | b) | Over 123cm and not exceeding 133cm |
|                 | c) | Over 133cm and not exceeding 140cm |
| Two Year Olds   | a) | Under 125cm                        |
|                 | b) | Over 125cm and not exceeding 136cm |
|                 | c) | Over 136cm and not exceeding 146cm |
| Three Year Olds | a) | Under 128cm                        |
|                 | b) | Over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm |
|                 | c) | Over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm |

r) **Led Horse**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Class xxx | Adult Male, 4years and over, over 148cm   |
| Class xxx | Adult Female, 4 years and over, over 148cm  |
|           | Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Led Horse<br>(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)        |
| Class xxx | Foal or Yearling to mature over 148cm   |
| Class xxx | Two Years Old, to mature over 148cm & Three Year Old, to mature over 148cm  |
|           | Champion and Reserve Champion Young stock Led Horse<br>(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion) |

s) **Breed and Kindred Sections**

Breed and Kindred Society Sections are governed by the Standard Schedules as submitted by the affiliated Breed and Kindred Societies and are listed on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz).



## EEFSL 6. Results

- a). All affiliated Shows/Events must have their full Equestrian Results, including Champion, Reserve & Supreme Champion results published on the RAS website within five (5) working days of the Show/Event.

## EEFSL 7. Exhibitors/Owners/Competitors

- a). A Competitor is **ineligible** to compete under a Judge if (refer also to Judge rule J 25)
  - i. The competitor is a member of the Judge's family.
  - ii. The exhibit is owned or has been owned by the Judge, or Judge's family/business partner/employer within the last six (6) months.
  - iii. Any exhibit that has been leased or in partnership by the competitor from the Judge, or Judge's family/business partner/employer within the last six (6) months or the duration of the lease/partnership whichever is the longer.
  - iv. That Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer has owned the exhibit being competed with, under that Judge, on that day, within the last six (6) months.
  - v. The exhibit being competed was bred by the Judge or Judge's family/ business partner/employer and was sold within the last six (6) months, no matter who was the seller.
  - vi. The Judge has been accommodated within one (1) calendar month prior to the event at the competitor's/exhibitors residence/family residence/competitor's business partners' residence/employers residence.
  - vii. Either the exhibit being exhibited on that day, under that Judge or the competitor him/herself, or any part of the combination have been involved in tuition/schooling by the Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer, within the past six (6) months, or vice-versa.
  - viii. If the Judge has been a representative under competition conditions for the competitor/exhibitor's family/business partner/employer and his/her exhibit or any part of the combination within the past six (6) months no matter who owned the exhibit during this period.
  - ix. The Judge or Judge's family/business partner has employed the competitor/exhibitor within the last six (6) months.
  - x. The competitor's/exhibitor's exhibit is in the incorrect height group (class) or if that competitor/exhibitor cannot produce a current RAS Certificate on the day.
  - xi. The competitor/exhibitor has entered the exhibit in the incorrect class, the competitor entered in the incorrect age grouping of either the exhibit or the competitor.
  - xii. The competitor/exhibitor has not entered the exhibit under its correct registered name; colour, markings, and/or brands differ from those on the exhibit's registration card.
- b) Ownership - All exhibits entered in competitive classes - ring events or parading (whether by invitation or by entry) must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner. All animals must be named at time of entry, as on their RAS Certificate where applicable.
- c) Leases/Partnerships - A lease/partnership lodged with the RAS must cover each leased or partnered exhibit competing at any Show/Event. A lease or partnership must be recorded with the RAS on a recognised form to be acceptable. All benefits and penalties relating to an exhibit shall be attributed to the lessee or partner. If the exhibit is registered with an affiliated Breed Society the lease/partnership must also be registered with that Society.

Leases or Partnerships must be for no less than a six (6) month period and shall commence, on receipt of confirmation from the RAS that it has been received.

- d) Lent or Borrowed - If an exhibit is lent or borrowed (Lease or Partnership not filed) by the owner to compete, the owner will remain the Person Responsible for that Exhibit.
- e) No competitor/exhibitor shall deface or alter registration papers, or RAS documents. Damaged cards, certificates, or registration papers are not acceptable and must be replaced.
- f) Exhibits must be shown in their current recorded height group and classes.
- g) Where classes are defined by height, competitors/exhibitors must carry a current RAS Certificate for their exhibit at all RAS affiliated Shows/Events, and must produce it upon request to any authorised Show/Event personnel. Any competitor unable to produce such a certificate means that the exhibit is ineligible to compete, and will forfeit any awards. It is the responsibility of all competitors/exhibitors to ensure that certificate/form is completely filled in by the Measuring Stand personnel.
- h) Inevitably circumstances will arise which are not precisely covered. In such circumstances where ever possible the spirit of the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations will be followed to produce the fairest result for all.





# Royal Agricultural Society Clean Sport Rules

## Clean Sport (CS)

The Rules of the Royal Agricultural Society in regard to Clean Sport Apply.

### Definition of Clean Sport Terms;

**Clean Sport Judicial Committee (CSJC)** - Executive Member with the Equestrian Portfolio, the Horse Stewards Council Chair and the National Clean Sport Convenor.

**Clean Sport National Convenor** – A person nominated by the Council and approved by the RAS Executive to fulfil this role.

**Clean Sport Steward** – A person appointed and approved by the RAS Executive to act and require that a horse, pony, donkey or mule is tested for Forbidden Substances. That person will have attended the two-yearly seminar as required.

**Council** – Horse Stewards Council of the RAS being appointed delegates from A&P Associations and Equine Breed/Kindred Societies affiliated to the RAS.

**District Council** – Regional Horse Stewards Council representing A & P Associations and Equestrian Breed/Kindred Societies in a District, with delegates appointed to Council.

**Forbidden Substance** - Any substance capable of affecting the speed, stamina, courage or conduct of a horse, pony, donkey or mule by its action upon the central or peripheral nervous system or the cardio-vascular, respiratory, alimentary, digestive, musculoskeletal or urogenital systems.

**HS Council Executive** – RAS Executive Member with the Equestrian Portfolio, the Horse Stewards Council Chair and the National Clean Sport, Judge and Measuring Convenors, who will act as an advisory body to the RAS Executive.

**Person/Person Responsible** – Means any exhibitor, owner, lessee/lessor, rider, handler, driver or person 18 years of age or over, resident of New Zealand or otherwise, in charge of any horse, pony, donkey or mule exhibited at a Show or Event affiliated to the RAS, who has responsibility and liability for the welfare of the exhibit, and any incident, ruling or outcome in relation to that horse, pony, donkey or mule.

**RAS** – Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand

**RAS Executive** – President, Vice President and four elected members as per RAS Constitution.

**Shows/Events** – All Shows or Events who are affiliated with the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ, that run under their rules and regulations.

**CS1.** These rules shall apply to all equestrian events, including Donkey and Mule Sections, at all Shows and events held by A&P Shows and affiliates to the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) and be binding on:-

- a) All Shows/Events and every other body having approved Shows/Events on any of its programmes and the Stewards Committee and Officers, Officials and Servants of every such Show/Event.
- b) All persons working in or about any Show/Event, stable or associated with the management, care, control or superintendence of Show Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and Mules and their handling, training, riding or driving.
- c) All owners, lessees, exhibitors, riders, handlers, drivers and all persons entering or nominating any horses, ponies, donkeys, mules for any Show or Event whether such

owners, lessee/lessor, exhibitors, riders, handlers, drivers or persons in charge be resident in New Zealand or otherwise.

- d) If a conflict should occur when a competition or class is held under the jurisdiction of the Equestrian Sports New Zealand Rules and Regulations the ESNZ Rules and Regulations shall take precedence.
- e) A Clean Sport Steward must carry out any testing for forbidden substances with the exception of d) above.
- f) Every person who aids, abets, counsels or procures a breach of these rules and such person shall be liable to the same penalty as is provided for the actual breach.
- g) Every person who so acts as to bring himself/herself within the purview of these Rules.

**CS2.** All Listed Clean Sport Stewards and their Trainees must attend a Clean Sport Seminar at least once in every two-years beginning 1st August 2010. Failure to attend Seminars (unless a reasonable explanation is received by the National Clean Sport Convenor) will mean the Steward is removed from the current list.

**CS3.** a) From the time any horse, pony, donkey or mule enters the ground of any Show, measuring stand or event or competes in any class or event, a Clean Sport Steward shall have the powers to order:

- i) that any person take and maintain possession of any horse, pony, donkey or mule at any place for such period and under such conditions as the Clean Sport Steward specifies:

and/or

- i) That the horse, pony, donkey or mule be examined and/or tested and/or have any sample taken from the animal, including a sample of its urine and/or blood.
  - ii) that any horse, pony, donkey or mule selected for a drug test be held under supervision for a urine sample for a maximum 1 hour after the forbidden substance testing procedure begins at the testing facility, thereafter a blood sample becomes mandatory. This mandatory blood sample is to be taken by a registered Veterinarian, a Licensed Large Animal Practice Nurse or Technician
- b) Any such sample ordered to be taken shall as far as practicable be taken in accordance with the swabbing instructions or any other directions (if any) as approved by the Council or CSJC and RAS Executive in force at the time of the order.
  - c) Any such sample taken shall be sent to the NZ Racing Laboratory for analysis of the sample.
  - d) Failure to comply with these rules or any swabbing instructions or any other directions **shall not** invalidate the analysis of any sample or any procedure related thereto, if in the opinion of the CSJC or the Hearing Committee there has been substantial compliance with the Rules and/or any such swabbing instruction or other direction.
  - e) Neither a Clean Sport Steward, nor the Clean Sport Judicial Committee, nor the Show/Event or Stand, nor the Royal Agricultural Society, nor the RAS Executive, nor any person authorized by any of them to act under these Rules, nor any employee or agent of any of them shall be liable in damage to the Owner, Lessee, Rider, Handler or Driver of any such horse, pony, donkey or mule or to any other person subject to these Rules at the time when the alleged cause of action arose by reason of the exercise of the powers conferred hereby or by any other Rule.

- CS 4.** When any person presents a horse, pony, donkey or mule for competition, or at a measuring stand, which is found to have had administered to it or ingested by it any forbidden substance, that person and/or other person who was in charge of such horse, pony, donkey or mule at any relevant time, commits a breach of these rules unless he/she can satisfy the CSJC or Hearing Committee that he/she had taken all necessary precautions to prevent such administration or ingestion.
- CS5.** Every Person Responsible (PR) and Horse/Pony/Donkey/Mule who commits a breach of these rules and by-laws of RAS Showing Rules & Regulations 55, 56 & 57 shall be stood down immediately from showing or competing at any RAS affiliated Show/Event from the date the positive analytical report has been served to the PR, and the PR be liable to penalties unless otherwise specified:
- (a) A fine not exceeding \$10,000.00 and/or
  - (b) Disqualification of any horse/pony/donkey/mule/person from competing in Shows or events under the control of the RAS or its affiliates for a period not exceeding two (2) years.
  - (c) That when penalties are considered for a breach of these rules, the CSJC or the hearing committee may order the forfeiture of prize monies, ribbons, sashes, rosettes and trophies awarded at the event where the breach was committed.
  - (d) The CSJC or Hearing Committee may award costs against the Defendant
  - (e) A second offence of Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule or Person may incur a disqualification from one (1) year to Life
  - (f) These penalties are in force for the time being but may be reviewed from time to time by the CSJC and confirmed by the RAS Executive and approved by the Council.
  - (g) Where a breach of these Rules is committed, the CSJC may adjudicate or may appoint a hearing committee of a minimum of three persons to act and hear the charges. They (CSJC or Hearing Committee) shall decide if a breach has been committed and have the power to impose penalties and/or costs
  - (h) The CSJC may, at its discretion (or no less than three members thereof), impose penalties and/or costs in the case of a guilty or no contest plea
  - (i) The Appeal process as detailed in the CSJC Procedures shall apply
  - (j) That the publication of the decision where penalties have been imposed will be mandatory unless ordered otherwise by the CSJC.
  - (k) Test results will be published stating the result of the test, Person Responsible, and the name of the Horse/Pony/Donkey/Mule tested.
- CS6.** Every person is an accessory after the fact to a breach of these Rules who, knowing any person to have been a party to, or have committed a breach of these Rules receives, comforts, or assists that person or tampers with or actively suppresses any evidence against him/her, in order to enable him/her to avoid prosecution under these Rules.
- CS7.** Any horse, pony, donkey or mule may be tested for Forbidden Substances at any Show/Event under the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by the Royal Agricultural Society, its affiliates and the Procedures adopted by the CSJC, approved by the RAS Executive and confirmed by the Council. Exhibitors or persons entering or competing at Shows and Events affiliated to the RAS shall be deemed to accept and be bound by these By-Laws, Regulations and Procedures.

**CS8.** Any person who refuses to permit a sample or samples (of blood or urine) to be taken from any horse, pony, donkey or mule commits a breach of these rules. The refusal of the person or their representative to sign as a witness to the test shall be treated as a refusal to submit the animal for examination. Where a person commits a breach of this rule, the penalty shall be disqualification from one year up to life of the Horse/Pony/Donkey/Mule/Person or both from competing in RAS or affiliate events.



- c) The competitor/exhibitor and/or exhibit have been accommodated by the Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer one (1) month prior to the day of competition.
- d) The competitor/exhibitor has been a representative under competition conditions for the Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer, and his exhibit or any part of the combination within the last six (6) months. The exhibit may not necessarily have been owned by that Judge at the time of representation by the competitor.
- e) The Judge has either employed, or been employed by the competitor's/exhibitor's family/business partner or has employed the competitor/exhibitor's family/business partner in the last six (6) months.
- f) Either the exhibit being exhibited on that day or the competitor/exhibitor or the combination have been under tuition by the Judge/Judge's family/Judge's business partner/Judge's employer within the past six (6) months, or vice-versa.







- d) Applicants requiring a RAS Life Measure must have the Horses/Ponies shoes removed and the hooves trimmed: except when the horse has attained the height of 168cm or higher; the Horse/Pony has presented for three (3) consecutive annual measures from the age of eight (8) years which are within 0.5cm of each other, in which case shoes are optional; or if the Horse is over 168cm, in which case shoes are optional. If shoes are fitted, only 0.5cm allowance shall be made. No allowance shall be made for thin or worn racing plates or shoes.
- e) The top copy of the completed Life Measure Form to be forwarded to RAS Head Office and the first carbon copy of the Life Measure Form shall be forwarded for registration to the District Secretary, immediately following issue. The second carbon copy to be filed at the Approved Measuring Stand.

## **M8 Annual Measures**

- a) Measuring days for Annual Measures will be organized by Approved Measuring Stands, which as in all cases to do with measuring horses and ponies, has been granted RAS permission to act as agents for the Society and which have calibrated measuring machines available.
- b) All measuring stands acting as agents for the RAS must hold a minimum of two advertised or scheduled measuring days for annual measures between the 1 August and 31 December and a minimum of one advertised or scheduled measuring day after 1 January. The dates of the measuring days must be appropriate to the show/event dates within the District the stand is within.
- c) The age of Horses/Ponies is calculated from August 1.
- d) The Annual Measure is from 1 August until 31 July the following year. Note: All Horses and Ponies measured within that period must renew their RAS Certificate on August 1<sup>st</sup> or thereafter.
- e) These measures will be issued by a RAS Measuring Steward and must be signed by an approved witness (refer to definitions for who can act as an approved witness).
- f) Annual Measures must record the Horses/Ponies name, sex, year born, colour, any distinguishing markings, brand/microchip/ID/breed (if any), section nominated, date of measure, signatures of measurer and witness, and owners and lessee's (if applicable) full contact details.
- g) If shoes are fitted, 0.5cm allowance only shall be made. No allowance shall be made for thin or worn racing plates or shoes.
- h) Horses/Ponies 3 years of age and under are deemed 'Youngstock' and are not eligible for Annual Measures.

## **M9 Youngstock Measures**

Youngstock measures are specifically designed for youngstock ponies/horses and miniature horses, as they are entered in classes relating to their height at maturity. The Pony Breeders Society of NZ, the NZ Riding Pony Society and the NZ Miniature Horse Association have issued the RAS with a height for age guide.

It is deemed that youngstock that will mature to be a horse can mature to any height, therefore height as a yearling and two year old are irrelevant, unless a breed society requests height for age in their schedules.

- a) Youngstock are granted specific exemptions to the rules. Youngstock Measures issued to a horse/pony or Miniature horse after August 1<sup>st</sup> will be valid until January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

- b) Measures issued or endorsed after January 1<sup>st</sup> will be valid until the end of the current Show season i.e. July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- c) Youngstock Measures must be issued and signed by an RAS Measuring Steward and approved witness and carried out on an approved Metcalf Measuring Machine.
- d) All measuring stands must hold a minimum of one advertised or scheduled measuring day after January 1<sup>st</sup> and before the end of the current show season. This day can be in conjunction with an annual measuring day. The timing of the measuring day to be applicable to the show/event dates within the District the measuring stand is within.

## **M10 Branding/Micro Chips**

- a) Life Measurement endorsement shall only be allowed if a horse or pony can be suitably identified. It is a requirement under these rules that proper identification includes the provision of a brand, or microchip. It is a further requirement that whatever the form of identification accepted, it must be clear and readable.
- b) Branding may be on the shoulder, neck, under the saddle area or on the thigh
- c) Freeze or fire branding is equally acceptable, as is a microchip placed in the crest halfway between the poll and the wither on the near side.
- d) Identification by microchip will only be accepted for a Life or Annual Measure if a scanner is produced or available to read the microchip at the time of measure.

## **M11 Measuring Appeals**

- a) Any dispute relating to these measuring rules or the issue of a RAS Certificate will be subject to an appeal to the HSC Executive Appeal Committee.
- b) Such appeal must be lodged in writing with RAS Head Office and shall state the full grounds of the appeal.
- c) The appeal shall be heard by the HSC Executive Appeal Committee or a minimum of three members of Council appointed by the Chairman of the HSC Executive for that purpose. They shall be known as the Hearing Committee.
- d) As soon as practical on the receipt of an appeal, the RAS Head Office shall;
  - 1) Notify the appellant and any other person known to be interested in the appeal of the time and place for the hearing of the appeal
  - 2) Notify the appellant that he/she may be liable for all expenses incurred in connection with the appeal and that a deposit of \$500 is required to be paid before the date of the hearing of the appeal.
- e) If the appeal is upheld the deposit may be refunded.
- f) The appellant and such interested persons as are notified by the RAS Head Office and any other persons may give evidence verbally and in writing for consideration of the Hearing Committee.
- g) If in the opinion of the Hearing Committee, a re-measure should take place, notwithstanding Rule M1 m) and M11 i) it will be conducted either at the Stand where the measure in question was issued, or at such other stand as the Hearing Committee shall nominate. The measure shall be conducted by current listed measurers appointed by the Hearing Committee. If the re-measure attains the same height as the original RAS Certificate, whether it be an Annual or a Life, then that RAS Certificate needs only to be ratified by the Appeal Measurers. If it does not attain the same height then a NEW RAS Certificate, whether it be an Annual or a Life measure, must be issued and signed by both parties, measurers and witness, and the invalid RAS Certificate be CANCELLED.

If the NEW RAS Certificate is a Life, the Vet certificate/Life Measure Form relating to the queried RAS Certificate, must also be signed by both parties noting the change in height, and a copy forwarded to the District Secretary and RAS Head Office as per rule M7 e).

**This measure shall be final and binding. No further action shall be entered into.**

- h) The Hearing Committee shall submit a written report of the findings to the RAS Executive.
  - i) Once a horse or pony has been measured at any Approved Measuring Stand within any District and that measurement is endorsed on the RAS Certificate, that horse or pony may not be measured again during the validity of the RAS Certificate, even in another area except -
    - i. When an owner considers a horse or pony has grown out of the height class and requests a re-measure.
    - ii. When an owner is a holder of a valid and current annual measure and requests a life measure this may be issued subject to all rules and fees being complied with.
- Any re-measure will be conducted under the appeal rules.

## **M12 Care of RAS Certificates**

- a) RAS Certificates should at all times be kept in a safe place and carried by owners/lessees/riders/handlers in all competitions, where an RAS Certificate is required.
- b) A name change for a horse or pony will require a replacement RAS Certificate. Application for this is to be made through RAS Head Office. A fee may apply.
- c) If a date, or the height or name of horse/pony is found to have been altered on an RAS Certificate that RAS Certificate will become invalid. Any application for a replacement certificate must be made to RAS Head Office.
- d) If an Owner/lessee/rider/handler loses his/her horse/pony's RAS Certificate, he/she should immediately contact RAS Head Office and on receipt of a signed declaration, RAS Head Office, in consultation with the RAS National Measuring Convenor, may issue a replacement RAS Certificate.

## **M13 Brands**

Stud or Vet Brands may be used.

## **M14 Miniature Horses**

Miniature Horses are measured according to the rules of the RAS:

- a) Royal Agricultural Society measurement is in centimetres and is taken at the last true hair of the mane of Miniature Horses.
- b) At RAS affiliated Shows/Events only RAS Certificates issued by approved RAS Measuring Stewards and on an official forms will be recognized.
- c) All young stock must be presented with the area around the last hair of the mane clipped to ensure that the last true hair is readily identifiable. Notwithstanding the pre-measurement clipping, the RAS Measuring Steward shall be the sole arbiter of which hair in fact is to be the last in the mane.





Royal Shows are encouraged to offer separate classes for males and females wherever possible.

- Class xxx Best Novice Junior Rider, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Best Rider, 11 years and under
- Class xxx Best Rider, 12, 13 and 14 years
- Class xxx Best Rider, 15 and 16 years
- Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider  
(To be judged from the Junior winners of above classes except any Novice classes. Second placed Junior Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Best Novice Rider, 17 years and over, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Best Rider, 17 years and under 21 years
- Class xxx Best Rider, 21 years and over
- Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Rider  
(To be judged from winners of above classes except any Novice classes. Second placed Senior Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

## Cobs

Cob classes are supported in some regions and unknown in others; the classes below are the minimum to be used if a Cob Section is included.

The Cob Section is not a requirement of any show and should only be included if local demand is evident.

- Class xxx Novice Cob, 0-2 wins
- Class xxx Novice Cob, 0-5 wins
- Champion & Reserve Champion Novice Cob  
(To be judged from the winner of class xxx, xxx. Second placed Cob to the Champion to be judged for Reserve Champion).
- Class xxx Novice Paced & Mannered Cob, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Cob, over 150cm and not exceeding 155cm - capable of carrying 95 kgs
- Class xxx Cob, up to and including 150cm - capable of carrying 83 kgs
- Champion and Reserve Champion Open Cob  
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Cob to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Cob  
OR
- Class xxx Open Cob – Best Paces to be Judged
- Class xxx Open Cob – Best Manners to be Judged

## Working Hunter Ponies

Working Hunter Ponies are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of good strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances. They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%.

Ponies will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved. No boots or bandages permitted.

- Class xxx Novice Working Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Pony, not exceeding 138cm
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter Pony  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes only. Second placed horse to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve)

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- Class xxx Novice Working Hunter Horse, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Horse, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Horse, over 163cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter Horse  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes only.  
Second placed Working Hunter Horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

### **Hunter Jumping**

Examples of additional classes that may be added to the schedule are; additional Novice classes, Wire Jump, Qualified Hunters, Handy Hunter, Lady's Hunter, Gentleman's Hunter. These classes are not eligible for Championship Judging

### **Ponies - not exceeding 148cm**

- Class xxx Novice Pony Hunter over fences, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Pony Hunter over fences, not exceeding 138cm
- Class xxx Open Pony Hunter over fences, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm  
Champion and Reserve Champion Hunter Jumping Pony  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes and any additional classes, except novice, noted above. Second placed Hunter Jumping Pony to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve).

### **Horses - over 148cm**

- Class xxx Novice Hunter over fences, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Hunter over fences, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Class xxx Open Hunter over fences, over 163cm
- Class xxx Open Hunter over fences  
Champion and Reserve Champion Hunter Jumping Horse to be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placegetters in the Open Hunter Over Fences class.

## Rider Over Fences

These classes could be added to the appropriate ring according to the manner in which the sections have been divided and how the timetable is set or Rider Classes could make up a separate ring.

The classes below are a minimum with males and females competing against one another.

Shows are encouraged to offer separate classes for males and females wherever possible.

Additional Open Rider classes can be added to the Championship.

Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 14 years and under

Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 15 and 16 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider over Fences

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 17 years and under 21 years

Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 21 years and over.

Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Rider over Fences

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, and xxx Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

## Led Pony

Class xxx Adult Male, 4 years and over, not exceeding 148cm

Class xxx Adult Female, 4 years and over Mare, not exceeding 148cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Led Pony

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Foal or Yearling, not exceeding 140cm

Class xxx Pony, 2 years, not exceeding 146cm and

Pony, 3 years, not exceeding 148cm

Young stock (Led Ponies) Champion and Reserve Champion

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Please note: When splitting Young stock into more than one class, the following heights must be used:

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|-----------------|----|------------------------------------|
| Yearlings       | a) | Under 123cm                        |
|                 | b) | Over 123cm and not exceeding 133cm |
|                 | c) | Over 133cm and not exceeding 140cm |
| Two Year Olds   | a) | Under 125cm                        |
|                 | b) | Over 125cm and not exceeding 136cm |
|                 | c) | Over 136cm and not exceeding 146cm |
| Three Year Olds | a) | Under 128cm                        |
|                 | b) | Over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm |
|                 | c) | Over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm |



## Led Horse

Class xxx	Adult Male, 4 years and over, over 148cm
Class xxx	Adult Female, 4 years and over, over 148cm
	Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Led Horse (To be judged from the winners of classes, xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
Class xxx	Foal or Yearling to mature over 148cm
Class xxx over 148cm	Two Year Old, to mature over 148cm and      Three Years Old, to mature
	Champion and Reserve Champion Young stock Led Horse (To be judged from the winners of classes, xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

## Breed Sections

Breed Sections are governed by the Standard Schedules as submitted by the affiliated Breed Societies and are listed on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz)