



**EQUESTRIAN**  
**RULES**  
for  
**RAS Affiliated Shows/Events**  
**Competitors**  
**Exhibitors**  
and  
**Judges**



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# **Equestrian Rules**



# **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.
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- 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.

- s) **RAS District**  
District as defined by the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- t) **RAS Intellectual Property ©**  
All documentation approved and/or issued by the RAS, remains the property of the RAS.
- u) **RAS Resolution Process**  
The structure that is followed when a complaint/protest is tabled/lodged.
- v) **Representative**  
A person not being the owner or lessee/partner, showing the exhibit on behalf of the owner or lessee/partner
- w) **Restricted**  
Any class within a schedule that is not a novice or open conformation class or a novice or open paced and mannered class, and which does not (shall not) qualify a horse or rider for a championship. Examples are Best Walking Horse/Pony, Best Trotting Horse/Pony, Local Classes which restrict entry by age of the rider or by the geographical home/base location of the rider and the horse/pony.
- x) **Rule Book**  
The Equestrian Rules as printed in the RAS Equestrian Rulebook, for affiliated Shows/Events, Competitors, Exhibitors and Judges to abide by at affiliated Shows/Events.
- y) **Rules and Regulations**  
Rules and Regulations mean Rules and Regulations made by the RAS process currently in force.
- z) **Sale / Change of Ownership**
- i. A sale or change of ownership is only recognised when all the necessary paper work has been completed.
  - ii. A Change of Ownership form (which can be downloaded from the RAS website) must be completed and submitted to RAS Head Office within two weeks of the sale being made final, along with the fee and original RAS Certificate. The RAS Certificate will be amended (as well as the RAS database updated) and will be forwarded on to the new owner.
- aa) **Accredited Shows**  
These are standalone shows which are licenced and approved by the RAS. The full set of RAS Standard Qualifying Schedules will make up the programme with the exception of the cob section, which is acknowledged as only suitable for regions where this type of horse is bred/shown. Depending on the application and the licencing agreement that is issued, qualification to attend a particular Accredited Show may apply. Details of same will be published on the RAS web site and in the schedule of the event.

bb) **Show/Event**

All Shows and Events that are affiliated to the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.

cc) **Show Year / Seasons**

- i. The Show Year/Season is from 1 August to 31 July.
- ii. Spring Show season – 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- iii. Autumn Show season – 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> July.

dd) **Time Allotment**

Months are considered calendar months.

ee) **Trainer/Instructor/Tutor**

A person who trains and/or prepares horses and riders. A trainer may not necessarily receive reward for training and training may take place anywhere including Showground facilities.

ff) **Tuition**

Instruction of horse/pony and/or rider as an individual or in a group of two (2) or more riders in a clinic situation. The rider and/or horse/pony cannot compete under competition conditions under that instructor, as a judge, within six (6) months from the date of the last tuition or vice versa.

# **Classes, Definitions and Eligibility**



## 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 4. PONIES - Height Division**

- a) All equestrian classes shall be offered in height divisions.
  - b) Pony Rings shall be split as follows:
    - i. Group A Ponies - over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
    - ii. Group B Ponies - over 128 cm and not exceeding 138cm
    - iii. Group C Ponies - not exceeding 128cm
    - iv. Group D Saddle Hunter Ponies - not exceeding 148cm  
(may be split into relevant heights)
      - First Ridden Pony - not exceeding 138cm
      - Lead Rein Pony - not exceeding 128cm
      - Working Pony Hunter - not exceeding 148cm  
(may be split into relevant heights)
      - Hunter Jumping - not exceeding 148cm  
(may be split into relevant heights)
- Or Group A  
Ponies - over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
- Group B  
Ponies - not exceeding 138cm
- Or Pony Ring  
Ponies - not exceeding 148cm  
Guideline for classes with height sections: 113cm, 118cm,  
123cm, 133 cm, 143cm

#### **CDE 5. HACKS, SADDLE HUNTERS, RIDING HORSE, COBS etc. – Height Division**

- a) All equestrian classes shall be offered in height divisions - (but shows/events may within each height division offer additional classes by further splitting the standard schedule heights, or by using weight)  
An example of this is as follows  
Class xxx Lightweight Saddle Hunter over 148cm & not exceeding 163cm  
Class xxx Heavyweight Saddle Hunter over 148cm & not exceeding 163cm  
Class xxx Lightweight Saddle Hunter over 163cm  
Class xxx Heavyweight Saddle Hunter over 163cm)
  - i. Park Hacks - over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm
  - ii. Hacks - over 158cm
  - iii. Riding Horses - over 148cm
  - iv. Saddle Hunters - over 148cm
  - v. Cobs - Not exceeding 155cm
  - vi. Working Hunters - over 148cm
  - vii. Hunter Jumping - Horses over 148cm

## CDE 6. NOVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

- a) 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.  
**Note:** To clarify further, at time of first day of the Show/Event competition  
If you have 0, 1 or 2 wins – you can enter the 0-2 wins class  
If you have 0, 1, 2 or 3 wins – you can enter the 0-3 wins class  
If you have 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 wins – you can enter the 0-5 wins class  
Once you have achieved 6 wins in Conformation (and this includes Ladies & Gents classes) and/or Paced & Mannered classes, you can no longer enter in Novice classes in that category.
- b) All Wins, whether they be novice or open, at all affiliated RAS Shows/Events including the NZ Horse of the Year (HOY) Show must be recorded on the RAS Certificate and/or Performance Card, until 6 wins are achieved.
- c) Sections may be Show Pony, Saddle Hunter Pony, Cobs, Park Hacks, Hacks, Saddle Hunters, Riding Horses, Paced and Manners Classes in each of the preceding divisions, Working Hunters (ponies/horses), Hunter Jumping Horse/Pony, and Rider Classes.
- d) Once an exhibit has achieved six (6) wins in any RAS section, the exhibit is not eligible to return to 'Novice' status even if it changes sections. Refer CDE. 1 c) & d), excluding Lead Rein & First Ridden.
- e) Winners failing to produce their RAS Certificate when requested by the Steward forfeit their awards on the day.
- f) Novice exhibits are eligible for Open classes. If that Novice exhibit wins the Open class then they are eligible for the Open Championship.
- g) All wins in Novice classes within each section (not breed sections) count and must be recorded on the RAS Certificate. Should a Novice exhibit win an Open conformation class, this win must also be recorded.
- h) The number of Novice wins is to be counted at the time of the Show/Event, not the time of entry. If a Novice entry exceeds the permitted number of wins by the day of the Show/Event, the competitor must advise the Secretary's Office and change to an Open class, or if no class remains to enter, a refund will be actioned after the Show/Event.
- i) **Imported Horse/Pony** - Any wins gained overseas by a horse/pony that is imported into New Zealand, count towards their classification when showing in New Zealand, i.e. whether it can still compete in the Novice section (5 wins or less), or if it has 6 or more wins, then it must compete in the Open section.

## CDE 7. JUDGING OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) **Championships**
  - i. Novice Championships: Judged from the winners of the Novice Conformation classes within that section.
  - ii. Open Championships: Judged from the winners of the Open Conformation classes within that section.
  - iii. Paced and Mannered Championships: Judged from the winners of the Paced and Mannered classes within that section.
  - iv. Rider Championships: Judged from the winners of the Rider qualifying classes within the applicable sections.
  - v. Reserve Champion: Judged from the eligible winners and the second placed exhibit to the Champion.

- vi. Wins in Restricted classes do not qualify for the Championship.
- vii. In the situation where an exhibit misbehaves, fails to work out or appears uneven during the Championship judging, regardless of how many first prizes won, or fails to stand for the presentation, it is the Judge's prerogative to be able to place it accordingly.
- viii. The exhibit competing for Champion, Reserve Champion or Supreme Champion should be ridden by the rider who qualified the exhibit; however dispensation for a substitute rider may be given at the discretion Chief Steward under the following conditions:
  - i. in the event of illness, or
  - ii. the original rider is competing in another ring, or
  - iii. has more than one exhibit in the Championships, or
  - iv. Show/Event's timetable does not allow – the Show/Event will endeavour to make every effort to accommodate.

**b) Champion**

When judging of all eligible classes within the division has been completed

- The first place winners from relevant classes return to the ring
- Second place winners to standby
- The Judge will then select his/her Champion.

**c) Reserve Champion**

- Remaining first class winners to remain in the ring.
- Steward then calls in the second place winner from the class(es) from which the Champion has been selected. The exhibit must receive the same consideration as the first place class winners and judge equally for the title of Reserve Champion.
- The only exemption to this rule is when a Show/Event offers Champion Hunter Class to be competed for by virtue of a payment of a fee to start in a specifically designed and described class.

**d) Supreme Champion**

- Open Championship winners from all appropriate Divisions judged under the 60 / 40 criteria.
- Winners judged under any other criteria do not qualify. i.e. Working Hunters.
- The Schedule should clearly list from which divisions the Exhibits & Judges shall come from.
- Judges, independent of each other, are to place each exhibit by their ID number from first to last using the RAS Judging Pad Form.
- A Judge or Steward will be selected to run the class as directed by the judges concerned.
- No consulting between Judges or Stewards is permitted.
- In the situation where there is only two judges, this procedure must still be carried out initially.
- In the situation where there is an equal - If a winner cannot be decided upon amicably a third judge will be called upon.
- The Chief Steward and an assistant will collate the placings, using the Official RAS Stewards Record Pad Form.
- The ID number of the exhibit with the highest number of First placings is the winner.

- In the case of equal first the second placings will be used and so on until the winner is established.
- In the situation where there is still no clear winner a Judge from another Ring will be called upon to decide the winner.

### **e) Conformation Judging**

- Most RAS sections (Hacks, Park Hacks, Riding Horse, Saddle Hunter, Show Pony and Saddle Hunter Pony) are judged under the 60/40 criteria – i.e. 60% conformation and 40% paces and manners. The judges would therefore place a higher emphasis on conformation than the paces and manners in these classes/section.
- In the Working Hunter Sections (both horse and pony) the judging criteria is jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%. In these sections, less emphasis is placed on the conformation side of things though it remains important.
- In the Lead Rein and First Ridden sections the judging criteria is 60% suitability, temperament and safeness, and 40% conformation and paces. Once again conformation is of a lesser priority than the suitability, temperament and safe ride aspects of the pony however, still retains some significance.

## **CDE 8. HUNTER JUMPING**

The jumps set at affiliated A&P Shows/Events for hunter jumping should be set as per the heights distances and requirements set in this rule book.

## **CDE 9. JUMPS**

- The maximum distances for One Stride Doubles are:
  - 10 metres (33 feet) for horses
  - 8.5 metres (27 feet) for ponies over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
  - 7.5 metres (24 feet) for ponies not exceeding 138cm
- The minimum distances for One Stride Doubles are:
  - 8.5 metres (27 feet) for horses
  - 7.5 metres (24 feet) for ponies over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
  - 6.5 metres (21 feet) for ponies not exceeding 138cm

When setting doubles, all distances are set in relationship to the height of the fences.
- Jump heights, measured from the ground to the top of the jump, board, rail or similar (not including the brush), are not to exceed:
  - 125cm for horses
  - 105cm for ponies over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
  - 85cm for ponies over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm
  - 70cm for ponies' 128cm and under.
- The height of the brush above the top board to be a minimum of 25cm to a maximum of 30cm, with a recommended packed depth width of 15cm.
- It is mandatory that brush jumps be pinned.

## **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





## 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 Shows/Events**



## **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:

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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 |

r) **Led Horse**

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| 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).



# **Entries, Entry Forms, Schedules, Levies**



## ENTRIES, ENTRY FORMS, SCHEDULES, LEVIES

### EEFSL 1. Equestrian Levy

- a) The RAS equestrian levy (as set) must either be incorporated in to the entry fee (with a statement to this effect clearly published in the schedule) or shown separately on the entry form.
- b) The Equestrian Levy is charged across all equestrian sections, including – ESNZ Disciplines, Hunter Jumping, Breed, and Donkey and Mule classes (Conference 2009)
- c) Some form of documentation must be provided to substantiate the figure when payment of equestrian levies are made to RAS Head Office – e.g. Main Events or Showday equestrian section print out, Catalogue etc. (2011 Conference, Remit 3).

### EEFSL 2. Entry Forms

- a) The Following Text will appear on every affiliated A & P Show/Event Entry Form.
  - i. This is a legal document. The owner/parent/guardian signing or authorising the entry must be 18 years or over.
  - ii. The attention of exhibitors is particularly drawn to the conditions relating to the misuse of substances, and the intention of the Committee to undertake testing for forbidden substances.
  - iii. Exhibitor Declaration:  
The submission of my entries and/or participation in the competition(s), either written or by electronic means, denotes that I have read and accepted the RAS and Host Association Rules & Regulations and the Association's Conditions of Entry. This also indemnifies the Host Association under the provisions of Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, and any amendments.

### EEFSL 3. Schedule Wording

- a) The Following Text will appear in every RAS affiliated Show/Event Schedule
  - i. Yellow Card - This Show/Event supports the RAS 'Yellow Card' system.  
A Yellow Card will be issued, In cases of offences in respect of abuse of animals or inappropriate behaviour as per the RAS Constitution and the RAS Rules & Regulations/Bylaws including the Equestrian Rulebook, the RAS affiliated Show/Event/registered Measuring Stand and their grounds and their duly appointed delegates may deliver to the Person Responsible a Yellow Warning Card (either immediately or within 10 days of the show) which suspends any penalty until possible new offences. Full wording of the 'Yellow Card' system is available to view on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz).
  - ii. Clean Sport - The Rules of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand in regard to Forbidden Substances apply. Competitors are advised that tests for forbidden substances may be carried out during the Show/Event and that testing of all animals is at the person responsible's risk. 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.

- iii. Arrears -No person who is in arrears with regard to entry fees, subscriptions, or any other Show/Event charge is eligible to compete at any affiliated Show/Event. Proof of payment will be required before any restriction is lifted.
- iv. Summary of RAS Resolution Process – the full process can be found on the RAS website [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz). The principle behind the process is to deal with the matter as it comes to hand and in most cases it should be dealt with directly by the show. If the matter is in regards to an RAS official, as per RAS Resolution Process, the show must forward this to the RAS CEO who will facilitate the necessary process.

#### **EEFSL 4. Entries**

- a) All entries must be made on the official entry form of the RAS affiliated A & P Show/Event, or by electronic means. The entries are to be completed by the exhibitor/competitor, or by some person authorised on their behalf, and must be deposited with the Secretary/Administration on or before the date set down in the Schedule. Entries received after that date are subject to the terms and conditions set down in the schedule or may be declined.
- b) No entry will be considered valid unless the entry form has been completed in full. Entry in the Show/Event entitles the Association/Society to publish an Exhibitor/Competitor's name in results, reports and distribute with Exhibitor/Competitor's lists.
- c) Breed Prefixes on exhibits at Shows/Events must be those of the Breeder. Any name discrepancy will mean elimination.
- d) Breed Classes - registration number must be stated at time of entry.
- e) The name of the entered exhibit must be the same name as on the RAS Certificate (Annual or Life). If sponsorship is secured and the name of the sponsor is required to be added to the exhibit's name, an application must be made to RAS Head Office for a replacement certificate. Any name discrepancy will mean elimination, and confiscation of the RAS Certificate.
- f) Substitution of any entry can only be made at the discretion of the Show/Event.
- g) The Show/Event reserves the right to refuse or cancel any entry.
- h) Led Exhibits, three (3) years and under shall only be eligible for the Youngstock Championship and any other special award that may be stated in the conditions of the Show/Event.

#### **EEFSL 5. Schedules**

- a) The RAS Royal Show/Event Host Schedule (see Appendix C – Royal A&P Show Schedule) is the Standard Schedule to be run by the Royal Show/Event Host Society/Organisation. This is the minimum Schedule to be run, but further sections/classes as desired may be added.
- b) The Royal Show/Event Schedule will be reviewed annually at Conference.
- c) The Show/Event Standard Schedule is the minimum blue print for any Qualifying Show/Event to follow.
- d) The Breed Standards are governed by the Standard Schedules submitted by the affiliated Breed Societies.
- e) All affiliated Shows/Events must have their Schedule and Entry Form published annually on the RAS website, at the same time as the release of online entries and/or hard copy schedules are available.

## 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.

# Clean Sport





## **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, muscoskeletal 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.

# Judges



## **JUDGES**

- J 1.** RAS Equestrian Judges Register - All Judges appointed must be listed on the current Royal A&P Society New Zealand (RAS) Equestrian Judges register or on an equivalent or recognised register in their home Country.
- J 2.** All Judges must attend a RAS approved Equestrian Seminar at least once in every two-years. Failure to attend Seminars, unless a reasonable explanation is received by the National Judges Convenor, will mean the Judge is removed from the current register.
- J 3.** Only Grade One (1) and International (Int) Judges should be appointed to Judge at Royal A&P Shows and Royal A&P Events (equestrian Royal A&P Event status), NZ Horse of the Year Show (HOY), or recommended as suitable to Judge internationally.
- J 4.** To be listed as a RAS Judge an applicant must first become a Member of the Royal A&P Society (RAS) and thereafter keep that membership current.
- J 5.** Any Judge on the RAS Judges List or a Candidate Judge who is charged and penalised under the Clean Sport Regulations, will be suspended from Judging immediately. Refer to CS Rules, CS5.
- J 6.** Judges are added to the RAS Equestrian Judges Register once they have completed the qualification process.
- J 7.** Notwithstanding J2, Judges can be removed from the RAS Equestrian Judges Register, by the RAS Executive.
- J 8.** RAS Listed Judges who are current members of the RAS or RAS affiliated Breed/Kindred Association/Society, or an overseas Judge of equivalent standard, must be used at RAS affiliated Shows/Events.
- J 9.** When officiating, Judges must wear their named RAS issued Judges badge.
- J 10.** Judges may not adjudicate more than once in the same section within 200km within a two month calendar period unless judging different sections.
- J 11.** A Judge at a Show/Event shall not transport horses or competitors/exhibitors to the Show/Event in the section that they are appointed to Judge.
- J 12.** A Judge must own a current RAS Equestrian Rulebook.
- J 13.** A Judge may not visit the horse lines, parking areas or stables or the owners/competitors/exhibitors in any social situation or inspect or discuss any exhibit entered in the Show/Event until after they have finished officiating.
- J 14.** A competitor/exhibitor shall not compete/exhibit under a Judge, nor shall a Judge adjudicate when the competitor/exhibitor is ineligible under the rules.

- J 15.** If a Judge adjudicates or a competitor/exhibitor competes knowing an exhibit is ineligible, one or all may be held in breach of the rules.
- J 16.** A Judge may direct a Steward to order any person and/or exhibit from the ring and/or competition for bad conduct.
- J 17.** The maximum number of horses in a single heat is 15.
- J 18.** In ridden classes a Judge may call in (providing the numbers allow) two (2) more exhibits than the awards require. Each of those exhibits called in to the centre may be offered a workout. The judging sheet should indicate how the exhibits that work are finally placed. (i.e. if three (3) places are to be awarded but five (5) exhibits work out, indicate first to fifth.)
- J 19.** The Judge's decision as to the winners and place getters in a 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.
- J 20.** No competitor/exhibitor or member of their family shall approach a Judge in regard to a decision unless they first obtain the permission of the Show's/Event's Equestrian Convenor/Manager/Ring Master/Steward, the most senior of whom shall carry the decision on the day.(See also Exhibitor/Owners/Competitors section)
- J 21.** When an exhibitor/competitor makes a request through the Show's/Event's Equestrian Convenor/Manager/Ring Master/Steward (see rule above) for the Judge's opinion concerning an exhibit, the Judge will give their opinion courteously and sincerely. The Judge should ensure that the Show/Event Official making the request to the Judge for an interview between the Judge and the exhibitor/competitor, remains present during all discussions with the exhibitor/competitor. However, there will be no discussion between the exhibitor/competitor and the Judge until the Judge has finished officiating.
- J 22.** A judging panel for a Championship shall be drawn from among the judge(s) who judged the qualifying classes for that Championship.
- J 23.** If one Judge is unavailable, the Equestrian Convenor/Manager/Ring Master/Steward will authorise judging to commence without the full panel.
- J 24.** It is the responsibility of the RAS affiliated Show/Event concerned that any overseas Judge be made acquainted with the RAS Equestrian Rule Book and any other relevant rules.
- J 25.** A Judge is ineligible to Judge a competitor/exhibitor and or exhibit if (refer also to competitors eligibility rule EEFSL 7.
- a) The Judge is a member of the competitor's/exhibitor's family/business partner/employer.
  - b) The competitor has leased or in partnership an exhibit to that Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer, within the last six (6) months or the term of the lease or partnership.



- 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.



# Measuring



## Royal Agricultural Society Measuring Rules

**These rules are the Measuring Rules of the Royal Agricultural Society and may only be revised by resolution of the Horse Stewards Council of the Society.**

**The rules are issued in conjunction with Equestrian Sports NZ, the NZ Pony Clubs Association, and all affiliated Equestrian Breed Societies and in consultation with the NZ Veterinary Association.**

### **Definition of Measuring Terms;**

**Approved Measuring Stand** – RAS organizations and Pony Clubs that have measuring stands and have been approved by the RAS Executive to act as an agent for the Society for measuring purposes.

**Approved Witness** – An RAS Measuring Steward or RAS Head Office personnel or the administrative staff of the host grounds of the measuring stand or a committee member of an RAS affiliated organisation, or a person authorised by the host grounds of the measuring stand for the specific purpose of witnessing measures. The host grounds of the measuring stand would need to authorise a person via proper meeting procedure – e.g. moved, seconded, carried and minuted. A witness cannot be the owner/lessee of the horse/pony being presented for measuring.

**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.

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

**HS Executive Appeal Committee** - Executive Member with the Equestrian Portfolio, the Horse Stewards Council Chair and the National Measuring Convenor.

**Measuring Stewards** – Measurers nominated by Districts and approved by the RAS Executive to operate the Metcalf measuring machines. Measuring Stewards are responsible to the RAS Executive for the implementation of the measuring rules and the issuing and completion of RAS Certificates.

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

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

**RAS Certificates** – RAS issued Annual or Life Height Certificate or Horse/Pony Identification Form (issued from 1 August 2011)

**RAS Inspectors** – Measuring Stewards nominated by Districts and approved by RAS Executive, who are responsible for the approval of the installation of Metcalf Measuring Machines.

**Temporary Measuring Certificate** – see Appendix to measuring rules.

### **M1 General Measuring Rules**

- a. Council has established rules for the issuing of RAS Certificates and in order to retain the confidence and support of owners, A&P Associations and affiliated Societies throughout NZ, has laid down these measuring rules.

- b. Equipment must comply with the standards as described in the rules and be thoroughly checked and in good working order. Accuracy must be certified with the official checking stick provided with the machine.
- c. All measuring shall be on smooth, level concrete and swept clean.
- d. The spirit level must be checked for accuracy before each operation
- e. Handling – The horse or pony to be measured shall be handled quietly and allowed a reasonable time to settle down.
- f. Stance –The horse or pony shall stand squarely on all four legs, head in its aural, relaxed position. The poll shall not be lower than the highest part of the wither.
- g. The measurement shall be taken at the highest point of the wither.
- h. If the line on the moveable part of the measuring machine is even slightly above the line on the set scale, the reading shall be taken to the nearest 0.5cm above
- i. If, in the opinion of the Measuring Steward, the horse or pony has been improperly prepared for measuring it shall not be measured.
- j. Annual and Life Measures issued strictly in accordance with RAS Measuring Rules for Horses/Ponies, shall be accepted by all A&P Associations, Pony Clubs, Equestrian Sports NZ and any other affiliated organizations.
- k. Annual or Life Measures which fail to comply with RAS Measuring Rules for Horses/Ponies are invalid.
- l. An RAS Certificate must be issued for every measure that takes place, irrespective of the owner/lessee accepting the measure or not.
- m. 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 unless the Appeal process is followed – refer to Rule M11.
- n. Any person who presents a horse or pony for measuring which is found to have had administered to it or ingested by it, any forbidden substance, commits a breach of these rules. The person may be charged under the Clean Sport Rules Regulations and By-laws of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand.
- o. Where a horse is considered a danger in the measuring stand, and a previous height is known, the National Measuring Convenor may approve the issue of an RAS Certificate on the following grounds:
  - a. danger of injury to the handler
  - b. danger of injury to the measuring stewards
  - c. danger of injury to the horse
  - d. danger of damage to the measuring equipment, provided that all other requirements are met.
- p. Horses/Ponies (excluding miniatures) 3 years and over are required to be presented for measuring in a bridle and shall have a bit in their mouth. The reins or the lead shall be connected to the bit.
- q. Horses/ponies are not to be presented for measuring wearing rugs, hoods etc. Any leg wraps or boots shall be removed if requested by the measuring steward.
- r. The following Rules have been brought through from Classes, Definition and Eligibility section of the Rulebook**

### **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 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.

- 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

## **M2 Fees for Measuring, Life & Replacement Certificates**

- a) The following charges, inclusive of GST, shall apply nationwide for all advertised or scheduled measuring days. In the case of a special or requested measure outside of these times, an additional fee may be charged by the stand.  
First measure (either annual or young stock) with issue of certificate \$40.00  
Annual re-measure \$25.00  
Young Stock re-measure \$15.00  
Life Certificate \$100.00  
The above fees will be split with 70% remaining with the measuring stand and 30% to go to the RAS Head Office.
- b) Replacement Certificates \$100.00  
All replacement certificates (lost certificates, change of horse/pony name etc.) must be issued from the RAS Head Office, with the exception of M11 g). The person seeking the replacement certificate must apply to RAS Head Office for their replacement certificate and have received that certificate before taking the animal to the measuring stand for ongoing measures. Any replacement certificates issued direct from the measuring stand will be invalid. Cost for a replacement certificate may be reduced at the discretion of the RAS Head Office.
- c) Measuring fees will be increased each year and the CPI level will be used as a guide for the increase.

## **M3 Measuring Machines**

- a) The Metcalf Measuring Machine, because of its accuracy and simplicity of operation, is the official measuring machine of the Royal Agricultural Society. A laser beam measuring system, as an alternative official method of measuring Horses and Ponies may be used in conjunction with existing calibrated Metcalf Measuring Machines.

- b) All Metcalf Measuring Machines must be permanently installed on smooth level concrete, braced against a substantial wall and must be approved by a RAS Inspector.
- c) Following approval and calibration, RAS Measuring Stewards in accordance with these rules may issue RAS Certificates.
- d) A checking stick, complying with the NZ Standard specifications is supplied with each machine.
- e) Organizations, Societies or Clubs contemplating the permanent installation of a fixed Metcalf Measuring Machine must obtain the approval of the RAS Executive.
- f) Information on the purchase and installation of a Metcalf Measuring Machine must be obtained from the RAS Head Office or National Measuring Convenor.
- g) An official body must calibrate Metcalf Measuring Machines no less than two yearly, and the rules in full of measuring and the calibration certificate must be posted at all certified RAS Metcalf Measuring Stands

#### **M4 RAS Inspectors**

- a) A list of the RAS Inspectors will be maintained by RAS Head Office.
- b) RAS Executive may rescind the appointment of RAS Inspectors at any time.

#### **M5 RAS Measuring Stewards**

- a) Council shall appoint a National Convenor, with the approval of the RAS Executive. The National Measuring Convenor shall oversee the training of all Measuring Stewards of the Society.
- b) A list of Measuring Stewards will be maintained by their RAS District Secretary and a full list held by RAS Head Office.
- c) RAS Measuring Stewards must be competent with horses and be completely impartial in the performance of their duties.
- d) RAS Executive may rescind the appointment of RAS Measuring Stewards at any time.
- e) All RAS Measuring Stewards will carry an Official Identification Card or badge, which must be displayed, when the Steward is conducting official duties.
- f) The owner is not obliged to accept the achieved height on the day. If the height is not accepted by the owner, no measure will be provided, and no refund of measure will be given. The owner will have to re-book for a new measure at the full price.
- g) All Listed RAS Measuring Stewards of Official RAS Measuring Stands must attend a Measuring 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 Measuring Convenor) will mean the Steward is removed from the current list.

#### **M6 Certificate Forms**

- a) RAS Head Office shall hold supplies of RAS Certificates.
- b) RAS Certificates shall be issued only to RAS Measuring Stands and shall only be used in conjunction with calibrated Metcalf Measuring Machines.

#### **M7 Life Measure**

- a) A RAS Life Measure may be issued to horses/ponies eight years old and over, or upon attaining a height of 168 cm (except where otherwise described in these rules) provided they have been suitably branded and/or micro-chipped. (See M10 b) and M10 c))
- b) Measuring is to be carried out by a RAS Measuring Steward in the presence of another RAS Measuring Steward, both of whom shall sign the RAS Certificate.
- c) Applicants must produce a completed RAS Life Measure Form, completed by a practicing Veterinarian.



- 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.



# **Appendix A. Temporary Measuring Certificate**



## **Royal Agricultural Society Temporary Measuring Certificates**

### **Appendix To Measuring Rules**

Temporary measuring certificates are for specific circumstances only and under strict guidelines. The underlying principle behind a temporary measuring certificate is for those new and/or local riders that only go to their local show/s. There is no other reason for a temporary measuring certificate to be issued as this undermines the RAS measuring system. They (temporary measuring certificates) do not form part of the General Measuring Rules (other than be defined) as they are the "exception to the rule" and all matters pertaining to the issue and conduct of a temporary measuring certificates are contained within this appendix.

- a) Shows wishing to utilise the temporary measuring certificate system must make application to the RAS Head Office (RHO) annually.
- b) On approval from RHO, a RAS temporary measuring certificate pad will be issued at the going rate.
- c) The cost of a temporary measuring certificate nationwide, inclusive of GST, is \$11.00. 70% of this amount will be retained by the show, 30% will be sent to the RHO.
- d) A temporary measuring certificate is only current for the period of one affiliated show/event at a time.
- e) A maximum of two temporary measuring certificates in one show season may be obtained.
- f) The show/event issuing the temporary measuring certificate can do the measures up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the show or on the day of the Show, as time permits.
- g) Competitors/exhibitors obtaining temporary measuring certificates must live in the defined Show District boundary.
- h) Any personnel undertaking measuring for temporary measuring certificates must register and be approved by RHO.
- i) Shows with measuring stands at their showgrounds cannot issue temporary measuring certificates, they must issue an ID/ height certificate from their Metcalf Measuring Machine.
- j) Any Wins are to be recorded on the temporary measuring certificate and must be transferred if an ID height certificate is issued at any time.
- k) Any wins recorded on a temporary measuring certificate are not valid for Royal Event or Royal Show ribbon or medal.
- l) Any wins recorded on a temporary measuring certificate cannot be used as a qualifier for HOY or any other show that runs a similar system. This includes not being able to use the presence of the horse, pony or rider at a show/event as a qualifier for HOY.
- m) The Yellow Carbon Copy of temporary measuring certificate to be sent to RHO immediately following the show or event together with payment.
- n) Measures to be undertaken on a clean, flat concrete surface or similar.
- o) Measuring stick must have an installed levelling bubble.
- p) Handling – The horse or pony to be measured shall be handled quietly and allowed a reasonable time to settle.
- q) Stance – The horse or pony shall stand squarely on all four legs, head in its aural relaxed position. The poll shall not be lower than the highest point of the wither.

- r) The measurement shall be taken at the highest part of the wither.
- s) Horse/ponies 3 years and over are required to be presented for measuring in a bridle and shall have a bit in their mouth. The reins or the lead shall be connected to the bit.
- t) Horses/ponies are not to be presented for measuring wearing rugs, hoods etc. Any leg wraps or boots shall be removed if requested by the person measuring.
- u) If shoes are fitted, 0.5cm allowance only shall be made. No allowance shall be made for thin or worn racing plates or shoes.
- v) Any person who presents a horse or pony for a temporary measuring certificate which is found to have had administered to it or ingested by it, any forbidden substance, commits a breach of the RAS Clean Sport rules. The person may be charged under the Clean Sport Rules, Regulations & By-laws of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand.
- w) No appeals on temporary measuring certificates will be allowed.
- x) The RAS Executive reserves the right to terminate this appendix to the rules, if the competitors and/or shows do not comply with the rules.

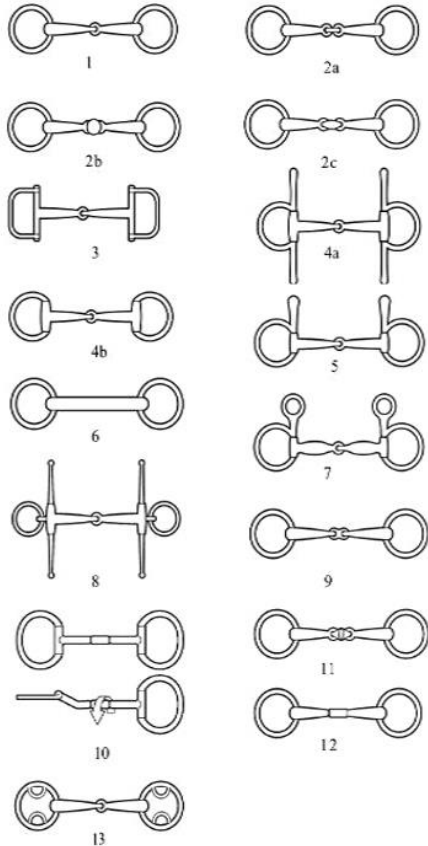


# **Appendix B. Acceptable Snaffle Bits for Lead Rein & First Ridden**



# Acceptable Snaffle Bits for Lead Rein & First Ridden

1. Ordinary snaffle with single jointed mouthpiece
2. Double jointed snaffles (a, b, c)
3. Racing snaffle (d-ring)
4. Snaffle
  - (a) with checks, with or without keepers
  - (b) without cheeks (eggbutt)
5. Snaffle with upper or lower cheeks
6. Unjointed snaffle (mullen mouth)
7. Snaffle with cheeks (hanging or drop cheek, Baucher) (this may be a D-ring or other ordinary snaffle as pictured in numbers 1-6)
8. Fulmer
9. French snaffle
10. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece
11. Snaffle with rotating middle piece
12. Happy mouth with roller
13. Bevel snaffle.



## RAS RULE

### CDE 2. LEAD REIN

d) The lead must be attached to the cavesson of a simple snaffle bridle.

### CDE 3. FIRST RIDDEN

d) First Ridden Ponies must be ridden in a snaffle bridle with a cavesson noseband, a snaffle bit and a single rein.





# **Appendix C. Standard Royal A&P Show Schedule**



## ROYAL A&P SHOW SCHEDULE

**NOTE this is a minimum standard Schedule, most shows hosting a Royal Show will add many more classes.**

**It is suggested that all rider classes on the flat (with the exception of the Lead Rein & First Ridden Sections) are staged within your programme at the start of the first day.**

**The Cob Section (herein) is the only section that may be added or left off a Royal Show Schedule.**

### **RAS CERTIFICATE**

A current RAS issued Annual or Life Height Certificate must be carried at all times at this show.

### **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.

### **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. Proof of age may be required and should be on hand.
- 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 must be ridden by riders under seventeen (17) years of age.

- 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.
- h) Riders in horse rings (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.

## **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.

## **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

### **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. 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

### **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)

## 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:

The combining of A, B & C rings is not permitted; Royal Shows/Events shows must run the minimum height divisions within the sections.

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

Example Group A – Required to do the same with the heights for B & C

Class xxx Novice Show Pony, 0-2 wins

Class xxx Novice Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Show Pony

(To be judged from the winners of above classes xxx & xxx.

Second placed Novice Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

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

Class xxx Open Show Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 143cm

Class xxx Open Show Pony, over 143cm and not exceeding 148cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Show Pony

(To be judged from classes 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

## 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.

The Saddle Hunter Pony Section must be split into height sections or rings:

The combining of A, B & C rings is not permitted; Royal Shows/Events shows must run the minimum height divisions within the sections.

For example:

Group A Saddle Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

Group B Saddle Hunter Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm

Group C Saddle Hunter Pony, not exceeding 128cm

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

Group A;

Saddle Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 143cm

Saddle Hunter Pony, over 143cm and not exceeding 148cm

Group B;

Saddle Hunter Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 133cm

Saddle Hunter Pony, over 133cm and not exceeding 138cm

Group C;

Saddle Hunter Pony, not exceeding 123cm

Saddle Hunter Pony, over 123cm and not exceeding 128cm

Example Group A – Required to do the same with the heights for B & C

Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-2 wins

Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins

Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Saddle Hunter Pony,

(To be judged from the winners of above classes xxx & xxx.

Second placed Novice Saddle Hunter Pony, to the Champion to be

judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

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

Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 143cm

Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter Pony, over 143cm and not exceeding 148cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter Pony,

(To be judged from classes 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

## Hack Rings

### Park Hacks – over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm.

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.

Class xxx Novice Park Hack, 0-2 wins

Class xxx Novice Park Hack, 0-5 wins

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

- 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 above 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

### **Hacks – over 158cm.**

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.

- Class xxx Novice Hack, 0-2 wins
- Class xxx Novice Hack, 0-5 wins  
Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Hack  
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- 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 above Open height classes only. Second placed Hack 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

### **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 in this section will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

- Class xxx Novice Riding Horse, 0-2 wins
- Class xxx Novice Riding Horse, 0-5 wins

- Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Riding Horse.  
 (To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Novice Riding Horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- 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 above 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

### **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 in this section will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

- Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter, 0-2 wins  
 Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter, 0-5 wins  
 Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Saddle Hunter  
 (To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Novice Saddle Hunter to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- 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 above 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

### **Rider**

These classes to 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.

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)

### **Working Hunter Horses**

Working Hunter 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)

### **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:

- |                 |    |                                    |
|-----------------|----|------------------------------------|
| 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)