



RAS EQUESTRIAN FUTURE

Why make changes?

- Through the equestrian forums and general feedback, the competitors have advised they want up-to-date and informative systems at a cost effective price
- Sustainability – ensure the A&P Showing Equestrian Movement survives and prospers
- Keep doing the same thing and you will get the same results.

Where do we start, and how do we progress?

- Set the big picture and agree where we are heading
- Set the rules in one go however phase in initiatives over 1-2 years.
- Customise database
- Require funding for new initiatives, user pays will form part of the funding.

What do we need to consider and/or do?

1. Ensure database has the required capacity (work with ESNZ where possible)
2. Initial thoughts – who, what, where, and how much?
3. Annual registration for competitor
4. Annual competitor registration fees
- 5 & 6. One name per horse/pony & annual registration for horse/pony
7. Dedicated number for horse/pony
8. Horse/pony registration fees

What do we need to consider and/or do, continued?

9. Introduce microchipping
10. Introduce new format Horse/Pony ID that gives longer lifetime, and therefore added value, of that Horse/Pony ID
11. Introduce simpler measuring system for measuring stands
12. Conveying changes to competitors/member associations/measuring stands
13. What will the new fees go towards?
14. Enhance the equestrian showing movement by adding value to existing initiatives and/or add new initiatives

1. What do we require of the database/website?

It needs to have the ability to record

- Competitor details
 - Name and contact details
 - Wins (novice rider going to open rider)
- Horse/Pony details
 - All information currently provided plus be able to record and track wins, champions, reserve champions etc.
- Act as an entry portal for all show entries (mid term objective). In discussions with data provider.
- One-stop-shop website
- In discussions with ESNZ – align systems?

2. Initial Thoughts

- Standard RAS classes – Hacks, Park Hacks, Saddle Hunters, Riding Horses, Working Hunters, Hunter Jumping, First Ridden, Lead Rein, Cobs, In Hand Horse & Pony, Rider and Pony sections/classes in the main are horses & ponies that are in no-man's land. That is they do not belong to any specific breed or kindred society and these classes are known as the RAS classes.
- These are the classes/sections that the annual competitor registration and horse/pony registration are being introduced for.
- Breed & Kindred Societies are affiliated to the RAS in order to have the opportunity to hold their sections/classes at A&P Shows.
- Riders and horses/ponies competing in their dedicated breed/kindred sections at A&P Shows are not required to register with the RAS. However if they choose to enter any of the RAS classes at A&P Shows they would be required to register both as a competitor and their horse/pony.

3. Annual Competitor Registration

- Introduce annual registration for competitors from 1 August 2017.
 - This will apply to owners of horses/ponies, riders and handlers (with the exception of the Lead Rein handler) that will be competing in the 'RAS classes' for the 2017/2018 season.
 - Registrations would open from 1 May each year and would be done through RAS Head Office (a form will be available on the RAS website with a view to having online entry and payment available in the future).
 - Competitor number would be allocated on registration - a current list of members and numbers will be on the RAS website.

3. Annual Competitor Registration continued.

- Competitor number would be required on show entry form.
- RAS Head Office is working with a data provider to look at ways of RAS Head Office can check whether competitors are registered or not rather than expecting the A&P Associations to do this.
- This would provide a database of current competitors that RAS could relate to directly
- Novice wins & age of riders could be monitored
- Introduce competitor representatives – North Island & South Island

4. Annual Competitor Registration Fees

- Feedback from the competitors was they understood the need for a user pays component for a database they could rely on, and agreed with that as long as the fees weren't prohibitive.
- Adult owner or lessee - \$35 per person annually
- Junior owner (16 years and under, 1 August) - \$25 per person annually
- One show membership (one show per season) - \$15 fee

5. & 6. Annual Horse/Pony Registration + One Name Horse/Pony

- Introduce one name only for horse/pony in conjunction with annual registration of horse/pony.
 - Only one name will be allowed e.g. If you wish to call your horse/pony Bella and there is already a Bella registered it will need to be a different name or be Bella 2.
 - All horses/ponies required to annually register with RAS – system would start 1 May each year and be done through RAS Head Office. First registration a photo/s of the horse/pony would need to be supplied (would base it on similar system to Pony Breeders & Riding Pony as their system has been successful)
 - If there is a concern regarding cheating e.g. not the right horse/pony being presented in the show ring, spot checks could be undertaken (administered from RAS Head Office as per forbidden substance testing)

5. & 6. Annual Horse/Pony Registration + One Name Horse/Pony continued

- Horse/pony number would be required on show entry form; RAS working with data provider at ways they can check registration rather than asking the A&P shows to do it.
- Current height certificates would be required to sent in each year when registering – allows cross checking with database to ensure all details match, specifically the wins.
- If it is to be a new/first measure, this would be issued from RAS Head Office. No height certificates would be issued at the measuring stand.

7. Introduce dedicated number per horse/pony

- Dedicated number would allow tracking of all horse/pony details.
- Win history would be allocated to number rather than trying to track horse/pony by name or owner
- Dedicated number would be along the lines of A001, A002....AA01, AA02.....AB01, AB02 etc. Combinations would allow scope for large number of horses/ponies
- If certificate lost, certificate would be re-issued with same number.
- If owner wanted a name change, this could be done, and certificate re-issued maintaining the same number
- Number could also be used as back number

8. Horse/pony registration fees

- Feedback from the competitors was they understood the need for a user pays component for a database they could rely on, and agreed with that as long as the fees weren't prohibitive.
- A reliable system is not possible without putting some initiatives in place
- Those with more than one horse/pony have been taken in to consideration with a fee of \$20 per horse/pony
- One (1) horse or pony - \$35 per horse/pony annually. Registration must be in the name of the bona fida owner.
- Two (2) or more horses/ponies - \$20 per horse/pony annually. Registration must be in the name of the bona fida owner.
- One show (one show only per season) registration - \$20 per horse or pony. Registration must be in the name of the bona fida owner.
- Again forms will be on the RAS website and working towards online system and payment

9. Introduce compulsory microchipping

- All horses/ponies that require a height certificate would need to be microchipped from 1 August 2018 (any life certificates from 1 August 2017 need to be microchipped)
- Suggest all measuring stands arrange for a vet to be present on at least one measuring day within the 2017/2018 show season offering the option of having their horse/pony microchipped (with the view that the vet would offer a cheaper rate). This would be done after the measure.
- Encourage all competitors to have their horses/ponies microchipped when they have the vet out for any purpose .
- Advise all measuring stands they need to purchase a scanner
- The aim is for the RAS to future proof itself – in time Equine Health will insist on all equines being microchipped.

10. Add value/longer life span to height certificate

With microchipping, diagram & markings for horse/pony would no longer be required on the certificate leaving space to

- Increase number of new owners
- Increase number of leasees
- Include paced & mannered wins for First Ridden
- Allow recording of separate Paced & Mannered wins in applicable classes if classes held separately
- Sample hard copy will be available at District AGMs for feedback
- New certificates with dedicated number will be included with first annual registration, no extra cost.
- Any new certificates for members in breed classes only will be covered by their Breed Society affiliation fee to the RAS, that is no extra cost to competitor.

11. Introduce simpler system for measuring stands.

From 1 August 2018, all measuring stands would be required to do is:

- Check the microchip number marries up with certificate
- Measure the horse/pony
- Record measure on height certificate
- Record measure on measuring form e.g. A001 – 168cm and at the end of each measuring – form would come through to RAS Head Office (in future may enter straight in to database.)
- There would be no need for any other paperwork, no markings required (photo/s would be on file), no paperwork for new measures, no updating new owners – this is all done at RAS Head Office.

12. Conveying changes to all

- Need to utilize 2017 as an educating year for measuring stands, competitors, A&P Associations, Breed Societies
- Utilize RAS newsletter, Facebook and website to get the message out there.
- Meet with Breed Societies, A&P Associations, District AGMS, RAS Conference

13. What will the new fees go towards?

- For the system to work, it requires the co-operation of all
- RAS Head Office would require extra part-time staff to ensure efficient processing of height certificates/forms etc.
- More work will need to be done on the database whether it be piggy backing on to ESNZ or enhancing what we already have

13. What will the new fees go towards, continued?

- More funds available for training – judges, measurers and forbidden substance stewards.
- Co-ordinate national database of equestrian stewards and introduce seminars on a national basis to assist the A&P shows in having experienced, well informed, confident stewards.
- Backing of initiatives to enhance the showing movement (see next few slides).

14. Enhance the equestrian showing movement

RAS Showcase Awards (would be more than just equestrian)

- Annually – alternate Islands
- Black tie dinner – MC or Guest speaker
- Awards
 - Feedback required for what awards the competitors and A&P Shows would like to see.

Acknowledge Elizabeth Charleston for the original idea

14. Enhance the equestrian showing movement continued

Assist the A&P Shows

- Sponsorship – Harcourts has come on board as a strategic partner of the RAS and are looking to arrange partnerships with individual shows. More funding = better prize money & ribbons/garlands/sashes for the competitors
- Referral system – on the selling of a ‘referred listing’ Harcourts will pay \$500 to the RAS. \$400 of this will go to the house seller’s nominated party e.g. Paeroa A&P Show. More funds enables the A&P show to have better facilities and offer better incentives for their competitors.

14. Enhance the equestrian showing movement continued

Enhance Royal Shows – some thoughts for discussion


- Champion medals/ribbons – red/white/blue as well as Supreme medals/ribbons
- Four show attendance at other A&P Shows before going to Royal Show
- Attendance at HOY = 2 attendances
- Win upgrade, 1 win at Royal Show = 2 wins or 1 Championship
- Point system collected through A&P Show attendance culminating in special prize at Royal Show

14. Enhance the equestrian showing movement continued

Youth Team Event

- UK, New Zealand & Australia (potentially South Africa in the future)
- NZ 2017 Host - Canterbury A&P Show will act as host.

Note the previous slides are just some ideas, nothing is set in concrete – we are looking for further ideas and feedback.



Please feel free to ring if you have any enquiries, and RAS will endeavour to answer your queries 03 313-1004 or email debbie@ras.org.nz .

Thank you for taking the time to attend the District AGM.

More equestrian forums will be held and we urge people to attend.