



EQUESTRIAN RULES

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



Copyright ©

These Rules and Schedules are copyright © and cannot be reproduced in whole or part, without the permission of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.

TAB 6.

**Clean Sport
(CS)**

Royal Agricultural Society Clean Sport Rules

Clean Sport (CS)

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

Definition of Clean Sport Terms;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Person/Person Responsible – Means any exhibitor, owner, lessee/lessor, rider, handler, driver or person, 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.

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

- ii) 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.
- iii) 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.

- 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.

