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TAB 1.

Equestrian Rules (ER)

EQUESTRIAN RULES

including Donkeys & Mules

for

RAS Affiliated Shows/Events,

Competitors, Exhibitors and Judges

Equestrian Rules (ER)

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

TAB 2.

Classes, Definitions and Eligibility (CDE)

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 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). 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 68cm 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 68cm 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
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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 including Ladies and Gents classes, these wins 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

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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

- a) 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
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- 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.

CDE 12. AGE OF RIDDEN EXHIBITS

Exhibits under three (3) years of age 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. Mare 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.

TAB 3.

General Rules (GR)

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 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 – Level Three.

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.

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 68cm including the flap which shall measure no more than 2cm wide and 4cm long.
Whips in Led classes shall not exceed 145cm.
- 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

TAB 4.

Minimum Standard Qualifying Section Schedule For Shows/Events (MSS)

**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) The standard qualifying section schedule in each horse section offers lady's and gentleman's classes. Refer to the two options available to run, which comprises of two classes in each option.

- f) 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

(Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Rider. To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx OR classes xxx, xxx, xxx. 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.

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

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

Jumping classes may be divided into sections identical to the flat classes. Champion classes in this division may be offered as an additional class where all comers may start or may be offered as in all other divisions to winners only with the second placed jumper to the champion Judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve.

Examples of additional classes that may be added to the schedule are; additional Novice classes, Wire Jump, Qualified Hunters, Handy Hunter.

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

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 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.

- 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)

TAB 5.

**Entries,
Entry Forms,
Schedules, Levies
(EEFSL)**

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 over 16 years of age.
 - 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 in Employment Act 1992, 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.
 - 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. 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, the show may request the assistance of RAS Head Office as to how to deal with this in an appropriate manner.

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.

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, 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, 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.

TAB 6.

Judges

(J)

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.

TAB 6.

**Measuring
(M)**

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). 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 \$31.00
Annual re-measure \$21.00
Young Stock re-measure \$11.00
Life Certificate \$76.00
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 \$76.00
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) Each measurement at whatever height **MUST** be recorded on the day and counter signed by a witness.
- 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.

Appendix TAB A.

Appendix to Measuring Rules -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 only do the measures within the timeframe of the show/event. i.e. Measuring days for temporary certificates cannot be held prior to the show/event.
- 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.

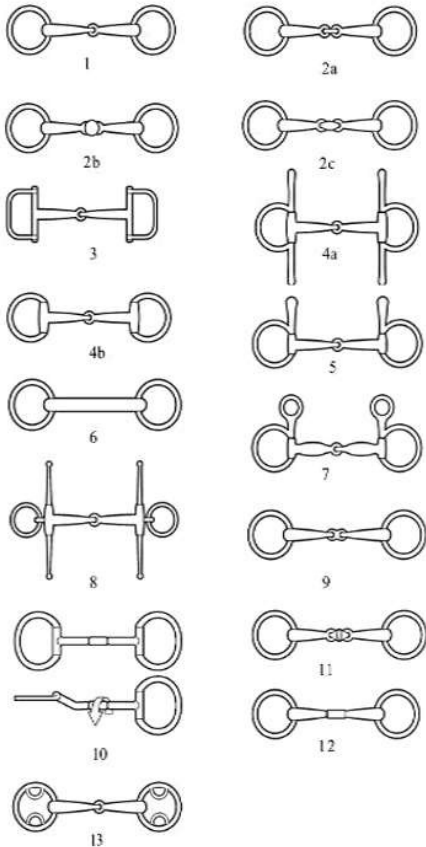
- q) Stance – The horse or pony shall stand squarely on all four legs, head in its aural relaxed position. The poll shall not be lower than the highest point of the wither.
- r) The measurement shall be taken at the highest part of the wither.
- s) Horse/ponies 3 years and over are required to be presented 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) Miniatures and young stock are excluded from obtaining a temporary measuring certificate.
- w) 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 Forbidden Substance Rules, Regulations & By-laws of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand.
- x) No appeals on temporary measuring certificates will be allowed.
- y) 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 TAB B.

Definitions (D)

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 cheeks, 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.



DEFINITIONS

Hack

Park Hack over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm. Hack over 158cm. The ideal Hack should be a sound quality animal with excellent conformation and an even temperament.

A top class hack will also show elegance and gaiety and demonstrate very good movement. The stride is expected to be long, straight and light covering a lot of ground with some extravagance. Exaggerated knee action is not desirable.

Lady's Hack.

A Lady's Hack should be a very elegant horse suitable for the size of the lady riding it; therefore a lady's hack should give the general appearance of being a good match with the rider rather than a smaller horse as commonly thought. The horse should be well mannered and obedient but never dull or mechanical.

Gentleman's Hack

A Gentleman's Hack should be a quality animal with substance and bone. A horse with an appearance of strength without losing quality with powerful steps and one that carries his rider with ease and pride. The rider and the horse should appear a good match.

Thoroughbred Hack

When judging a horse showing thoroughbred type the class description states the base requirement. This class does not require a horse to appear as if he or she is ready to race.

Riding Horse

Riding Horse over 148cm. This is a sound quality Show Horse with presence. Slightly less elegance and gaiety than the Show Hack. It has more bone and substance than a Show Hack but not as heavy as a Hunter, with workman like strong even paces and able to produce a good gallop. Excellent conformation, manners and temperament and capable of carrying a Lady or Gentleman rider pleasantly over longer journeys than a Show Hack.

Saddle Hunter.

Over 148cm . The ideal Hunter under saddle should have substance, be active and well mannered, with strong easy paces. Saddle Hunter be it horse or pony must be capable of carrying weight for long distances over varied country.

A Hunter is described as handsome rather than beautiful as one would describe a winning hack. They should be a sound, quality animal with presence and must not be common.

Saddle Hunters are expected to gallop in their workout and the gallop must play a large part in the decision of the judge

Cob

Cobs up to 155cm. Although the original native horses and ponies of Wales include the classification of Welsh Section C and Welsh Section D, Show Ring Cobs may be any breeds. A cob is a deep-bodied horse with generous hindquarters. The body is underpinned with more bone than desirable on a hack. The deep body gives the appearance of shorter legs.

Appendix TAB 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 under three (3) years of age 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
Option – run either the first two lot of classes below or the second two lot of classes below, not both.
- Class xxx Open Lady’s Park Hack on Type (conformation class) – Lady or Gentleman Rider
- Class xxx Open Gentleman’s Park Hack on Type (conformation class) – Lady or Gentleman Rider
OR (should local conditions or support allow)
- Class xxx Open Lady’s Park Hack on Type (conformation class) – Lady Rider only
- Class xxx Open Gentleman’s Park Hack on Type (conformation class) – Gentleman Rider only
- Champion and Reserve Champion Open Park Hack
(To be judged from four classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx 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
Option – run either the first two lot of classes below or the second two lot of classes below, not both.
- Class xxx Open Lady’s Hack on Type (conformation class) – Lady or Gentleman Rider
- Class xxx Open Gentleman’s Hack on Type (conformation class) – Lady or Gentleman Rider
OR (should local conditions or support allow)
- Class xxx Open Lady’s Hack on Type (conformation class) – Lady Rider only
- Class xxx Open Gentleman’s Hack on Type (conformation class) – Gentleman Rider only

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Hack
(To be judged from four classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx 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

Option – run either the first two lot of classes below or the second two lot of classes below, not both

Class xxx Open Lady's Riding Horse on Type (conformation class) – Lady or Gentleman Rider

Class xxx Open Gentleman's Riding Horse on Type (conformation class) – Lady or Gentleman Rider

OR (should local conditions or support allow)

Class xxx Open Lady's Riding Horse on Type (conformation class) - Lady Rider only.

Class xxx Open Gentleman's Riding Horse on Type (conformation class) – Gentleman Rider only

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Riding Horse

(To be judged from the winners of four classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx 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
Option – run either the first two lot of classes below or the second two lot of classes below, not both
- Class xxx Open Lady's Saddle Hunter on Type (conformation class) – Lady or Gentleman Rider
Class xxx Open Gentleman's Saddle Hunter on Type (conformation class)– Lady or Gentleman Rider
OR (should local conditions or support allow)
- Class xxx Open Lady's Saddle Hunter on Type (conformation class) – Lady Rider only.
Class xxx Open Gentleman's Saddle Hunter on Type (conformation class)– Gentleman Rider only.
Champion and Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter
(To be judged from the winners of four classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx 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 classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Junior Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

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

Class xxx Youth or Girl Rider, 17 years and under 21 years

Option – run either the two separate classes below or the combined class, not both options.

Class xxx Gentleman Rider, 21 years and over

Class xxx Lady Rider, 21 years and over

OR

Class xxx Rider, 21 years and over

Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Rider

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx OR classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Adult 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

Jumping classes may be divided into sections identical to the flat classes. Champion classes in this division may be offered as an additional class where all comers may start or may be offered as in all other divisions to winners only with the second placed jumper to the champion Judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve.

Examples of additional classes that may be added to the schedule are; additional Novice classes, Wire Jump, Qualified Hunters, Handy Hunter.

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

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 Lady's Hunter over fences – to be ridden by a lady
- Class xxx Gentleman's Hunter over fences – to be ridden by a gentleman

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.

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 Novice Adult Rider over fences, 0-5 wins

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

Option – run either the two separate classes below or the combined class, not both options.

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

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

OR

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, xxx, xxx, xxx OR classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Led Pony

Class xxx Pony Stallion, not exceeding 148cm

Class xxx Pony Brood Mare, not exceeding 148cm (see conditions for Broodmares)

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 Dry Mare, 4 years and over, not exceeding 148cm

Class xxx Gelding, 4 years and over, not exceeding 148cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Dry Mare or Gelding

(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 Pony Yearling, not exceeding 140cm

Class xxx Pony, 2 years, not exceeding 146cm

Class xxx Pony, 3 years, not exceeding 148cm

Young stock (Led Ponies) Champion and Reserve Champion

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, 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

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| 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

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| Class xxx | Stallion, 4 years and over, over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Gelding, 4 years and over, over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Dry Mare, 4 years and over, over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Brood Mare, 4 years and over, over 148cm (see conditions for Broodmares)
Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Led Horse
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion) |
| Class xxx | Yearling to mature over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Two Year Old, to mature over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Three Year Old, to mature over 148cm
Champion and Reserve Champion Young stock Led Horse
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion) |

Breed Sections

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