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## Application for RAS International Judge's Status

As a Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (RAS) Grade One Listed Judge, I wish to apply for International Judging status (International).

Name: .....

Address: .....P/C: .....

Phone: (0 ) ..... Mobile: .....

Email: .....

Your application should accompany a Curriculum Vitae (CV), and include the following information

- A personal statement of why you the applicant, believe you qualify for International Status and what will make you a good ambassador for the RAS.
- Equestrian background brief covering the shows you have adjudicated at over the last 3-5 years. In addition, note any appointments at NZ HOY (if applicable) and any International Show/s
- Two Character References and two Referees' contact details
- Please also fill in the following questionnaire and send through with application

1.Q - Are you aware of the physical and mental nature of a judging appointment overseas?  
When answering this question please be aware this is in reference to:

- long hours/days
- can be several days in a row
- big numbers within the class
- expectation of an instant decision

A .....

2.Q – In light of question 1 if you were asked to fulfil an appointment tomorrow do you believe you would be in a position to accept that appointment?  
A – Yes / No – circle one but please feel free to add a comment if you wish

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3.Q - In your time with the RAS have you ever been issued a Yellow Card/s?  
A – Yes / No – circle one; if yes please give details what the Yellow Card/s were for and when they were issued.

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4.Q – In your time with the RAS has a Formal Complaint Process been initiated against you?  
A – Yes / No – circle one; if yes was the complaint upheld? Yes / No – circle one; if yes please give details of the complaint and when this took place.

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**Please email your application, CV and completed questionnaire to RAS Head Office – [enquiries@ras.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@ras.org.nz)**

Note: Please be aware your status as an International Judge will be reviewed every 5 years. The RAS Executive reserve the right to review this earlier in the instance of a Yellow Card or upheld Formal Complaint. It is the intention of the RAS to have a list of RAS International Judges that are promoted overseas – this list may be different to what is on the RAS Judge’s List depending on the circumstances and/or the wishes of the International Judges at any given time.

**Applicant’s Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....



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## **Application for RAS International Judge's Status continued**

### **Introduction**

The appointment as International Equestrian Judge for the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (RAS) is a significant one. It embodies two key elements, those of:

- Quality judging and an Ambassador for the RAS.

### **Who will make the decision**

A subcommittee will review the application in the first instance and make a recommendation to the RAS Executive.

### **Who can apply**

Any Judge who

- Is a qualified Grade 1 RAS Listed Judge who has served at least three years at Grade 1 level
- Has had an average of at 4-5 judging appointments per showing season over the last three years in New Zealand.
- Has attended at least 2 Judging Seminars in the last three years.
- Has completed either 2 International judging appointments (1 to be at a major Show and 1 to be at a Royal Show), or one appointment at the NZ HOY and 1 overseas appointment at a major Show e.g. a Royal Show. Note when receiving appointments at HOY or overseas, RAS Head Office to be notified so the relevant feedback forms can be sent to the Show – these feedback forms will form part of your application.
- Has been positively involved and supportive of the RAS.

### **Application Process:**

#### **Step 1.**

An application is made to RAS Head Office – [enquiries@ras.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@ras.org.nz). Application forms available on the RAS website or from Head Office.

The application to include:

- A completed 'Application for RAS International Judge's Status' form
- A Curriculum Vitae
- Character references (2) and Referees (2) contact details
- Major NZ and International Shows you have adjudicated at in the last 3-5 years
- A personal statement of why you the applicant, believe you qualify for International Status.
- Completed questionnaire on the previous pages

#### **Step 2.**

On receipt of application RAS Head Office will

- Forward a copy of the application to the National Judge's Convenor for his/her information.
- Application to be viewed by a subcommittee, consisting of the National Judge's Convenor, the District Judge Convenor (that the application has been received from), and the Horse Steward's Chairperson.
- In the absence of these people being available for the subcommittee, independent parties will be appointed
- Their independent decisions will be forwarded to RAS Head Office

#### **Step 3**

On receipt of the subcommittee's independent recommendations, RAS Head Office will forward these recommendations to the RAS Executive for the final decision.

#### **Step 4**

The RAS CEO will then advise the applicant and the subcommittee of the Executive's decision.

- If the application is approved, the status will be recognised immediately and notified at the next RAS Conference and included in the next updated RAS judge's list.
- If the application is declined, the applicant will be advised that International Status has not been awarded and the reason why it was not awarded.