

Royal Agricultural Society

RAS Remit Eleven - Equestrian – Volunteering

Name of Proposing Organisation/Association/District:

Waikato A&P Association

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Remit

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This will be signed off by the Head Steward of the section or the show secretaries and be an addition to the current HOY qualification.

Note – this relates to each rider – if a rider has 3 horses, the requirement is 3 hours

If there are 3 riders attending from a family, the requirement will be 9 hours. As mentioned above, this does not have to be in the equestrian section – it can be any section that the show deems acceptable.

Current Rules

(Note here the specific rules this remit seeks to change. Note also any related rules on which there may be an impact.)

None

Change

(Describe the change i.e. “the current rules states 3 days. Our proposal states 2 days. The proposal reduces the waiting period by 1 day.”)

Add GR 8 Volunteering

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Rationale

To encourage more new volunteers to become part of their local shows, and begin to “give back” to the organisations that support them, by helping to run the shows.

It is imperative that new, young faces are encouraged to begin to be a part of the support group that is showing in NZ

Recently, at the majority of shows there has been a steady decline in the numbers of people that are willing to “put their hand up” and assist in any way with the shows. As our standing members get older, our fear is that there are very few young people coming through the ranks – where will the organisation be in 5-10 years?

Whilst we understand that RAS is not all about Equestrian or HOY – we need to start somewhere. As Equestrian is the biggest section, they are the ones that need to start stepping up.

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