# **Royal Agricultural Society**

# RAS Remit Seven - Equestrian - Hack Terminology

Name of Proposing Organisation/Association/District:

Egmont A & P Show

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#### Remit

Rename "Park Hacks" to "Small Hacks" to better define the sections and have a compulsory use of the minimum combined schedule. Remove the Section "Park Hacks"

#### **Current Rules**

ER 8 (c) Definition of Terms "Park Hack"

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MSS 2.1 (e) (i) Park Hacks

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Any other reference to Park Hack is removed. Including in the Definitions where Park Hack is included under the definition of a Hack.

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Definitions - Hack -

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# Rationale

Rule MSS 2.1 (e) Hack Rings, correctly implies that a park hack is a small hack. Also under Definitions on Page 63 of the Rulebook, Park Hack is included under the definition of a Hack.

A Park Hack has the same attributes and qualities as a hack type, but is a smaller height.

In the interests of simplicity the term Park Hack should be replaced by Small Hack.

When Classifying the horse it is a "Hack".

NZ showing has multiple sections, for ease of newcomers to the discipline, to align with our Australian and UK counterparts we should drop the term Park Hack and refer to these smaller animals as Small Hacks. They will still get their own champions and titles but the name better defines their type.

The park hack section would be removed.

Shows would then run the merged minimum schedule option to cover large and small hacks which will cut down judging allocations, ring area, increase numbers per class at shows as competitors are not split across two sections in the novice classes with only a few entries. MSS 2.1 (h) Hack Ring (Merged). Option Two.

Less issue when a horse measures up or down between a hack and a park hack/small hack. They are a type defined by height.

#### Contra

Below are the results of a Survey sent around the showing community, 152 of these responses were received in the first 24 hours. Of the 177 Responses, 160 people are actively riding and showing horses or ponies in NZ.

109 or 63% of the 174 responses to the question below were somewhat interested to extremely interested in seeing NZ Showing offer Small hack & Large Hack classes.

