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## 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](http://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.

### 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](http://www.ras.org.nz)

(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**

Additional classes that may be added to the schedule are; additional Novice classes, Wire Jump, Qualified Hunters, Handy Hunter, Lady's Hunter, Gentleman's 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  
Champion and Reserve Champion Hunter Jumping Pony.  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes and any additional classes, except novice, noted above. Second placed Hunter Jumping Pony to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve).

#### **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  
Champion and Reserve Champion Hunter Jumping Horse.  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes and any additional classes, except novice, noted above. Second placed Hunter Jumping Horse to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve)

#### **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)
- 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)

q) **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 |
| 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 |

r) **Led Horse**

- Class xxx Stallion, 4years 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)

s) **Breed Sections**

Breed Sections are governed by the Standard Schedules as submitted by the affiliated Breed Societies and are listed on the RAS website – [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz).



## 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 18 years or over.
  - 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 at Work Act 2015, 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](http://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, muscoskeletal 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](http://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, as per RAS Resolution Process, the show must forward this to the RAS CEO who will facilitate the necessary process.

#### **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.

## **Royal Agricultural Society Temporary Measuring Certificates**

### **Appendix To Measuring Rules**

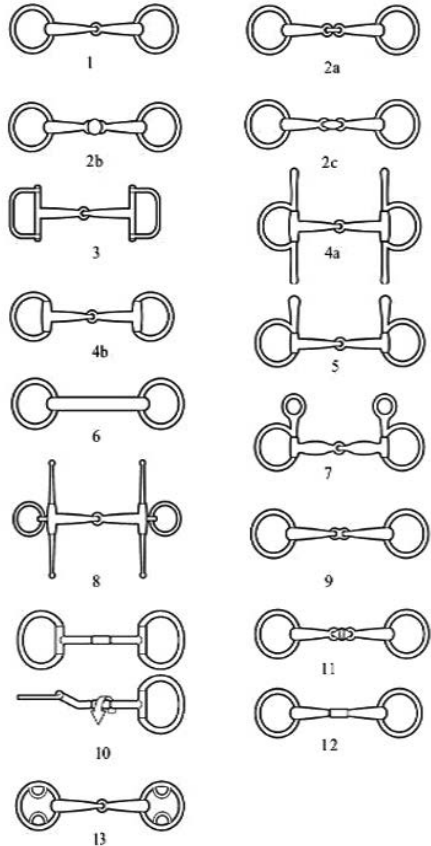
Temporary measuring certificates are for specific circumstances only and under strict guidelines. The underlying principle behind a temporary measuring certificate is for those new and/or local riders that only go to their local show/s. There is no other reason for a temporary measuring certificate to 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 do the measures up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the show or on the day of the Show, as time permits.
- 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) 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 Clean Sport Rules, Regulations & By-laws of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand.
- w) No appeals on temporary measuring certificates will be allowed.
- x) 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.

# 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 checks, 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.



- 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**

Examples of additional classes that may be added to the schedule are; additional Novice classes, Wire Jump, Qualified Hunters, Handy Hunter, Lady's Hunter, Gentleman's 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  
Champion and Reserve Champion Hunter Jumping Pony  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes and any additional classes, except novice, noted above. Second placed Hunter Jumping Pony to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve).

### **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  
Champion and Reserve Champion Hunter Jumping Horse  
(To be judged from the winners of the open classes and any additional classes, except novice, noted above. Second placed Hunter Jumping Horse to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve)

## 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:

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|-----------------|----|------------------------------------|
| Yearlings       | a) | Under 123cm                        |
|                 | b) | Over 123cm and not exceeding 133cm |
|                 | c) | Over 133cm and not exceeding 140cm |
| 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<br>(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<br>(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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