



**EQUESTRIAN YOUTH TRI-NATIONS TEAM CHALLENGE BETWEEN THE
UK, AUSTRALIA & NZ.
TO BE HOSTED BY AUSTRALIA IN 2020
Competition 26-30 NOVEMBER
CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA.**

Applicants must be available from 25th - 30th of November 2020.

A tour is planned from 14th -24th November 2020.

APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

RAS of NZ invites applications for positions in the RAS of NZ Equestrian Youth Tri-Nations Team Challenge to be held in Canberra, Australia. This is part of an International Show Challenge in which New Zealand, Australia, and UK teams will participate.

The Australian host Organisation has organised a tour from the 14th – 24th November approx. The competition takes place from the 25th- 30th November inclusive. While it is preferred if candidates can join the tour, it is not mandatory.

To apply for this opportunity, you must be a registered financial member of the RAS of NZ or an affiliated member organisation.

- Applicants will be aged between 18 - 25 years inclusive. The applicant must be 18 by the time of the first date of travel and not exceed 25 years of age at the time of the final day of the competition.
- Four positions are offered to make up the NZ team

As part of your application, please submit your CV and a current photo. You must be able to present evidence that supports your show riding and personal qualities to an exceptional standard and be able to meet these additional criteria.

- Current membership of the RAS of NZ or an affiliated organisation
- Your age which is to be from 18 – 25 years for the entire competition and tour.
- Must be able to demonstrate outstanding results in high-level shows/events/competitions preferably to include ridden and in-hand results.
- The confidence and skills to ride strange horses and or ponies with which you will be unfamiliar. Please list the rides that you have been offered over the past two seasons, on horses/ponies not owned by yourself or your immediate family. Also include the Shows you rode these mounts and the level of achievement attained.

- Excellent communication skills with both adults and other young people
- Co-operative skills relevant to team participation and team building
- Understand conformation of the show horse/pony and have had some tuition or experience in judging
- Know the history of the Riding Pony Breed
- Present a positive image at home and to the hosts officials and fellow competitors
- Confidence in managing appropriately any unexpected or difficult situations that may arise.
- Be a Royal Agricultural Society Ambassador (therefore know about the Royal Agricultural Society) and also know about the country you are representing – New Zealand.

The application process will involve two stages

- 1) The initial application on the application/contract form to be submitted, along with any supporting information, including confirmation of age and current membership as stated above.
- 2) A phone conference or Zoom call will be conducted with all short-listed applicants

Applications close 5pm Friday 3 April 2020

Phone Interviews will be conducted mid to late April.

The team will be announced by the 1 May 2020

All applications (see contract on following pages) are to be emailed to debbie@ras.org.nz

Any enquiries please phone Debbie Cameron, RAS CEO on 027 213 3946 or Melissa Jebson 021 236 5548

The final itinerary will be released once received from the host organisation however it is understood a pre tour is being arranged by the host organisation.

The selection process will have some flexibility to ensure that RAS of NZ has a strong squad that meets the set criteria as closely as possible.

2020 RAS Youth Squad Contract & Application Form

The Rules for RAS Equestrian Youth Squad have been established for your safety and well-being. You are required to read and sign this as part of your application.

Please note if your application is accepted, violation of any of these rules may result in dismissal from the programme and your immediate return home, at your own expense.

Please read the Rules for RAS Equestrian Youth Tri-Nations Team Challenge very carefully. Sign this contract only if you agree to follow these rules. If you are not prepared to sign this contract and abide by the rules, you should not apply.

RAS of NZ Youth Squad Member’s Contract

I, (name)

..... (address)

..... (address)

..... (phone) (email)

..... (date of birth)

..... (member of)

..... (height required for allocation of horse/pony)

..... (weight required for allocation of horse/pony)

I have read:

- 1. RAS EQYSC 2020 Introductory Document
- 2. RAS EQYSC 2020 Application & Contract

RAS of NZ, Australia and National Pony Society of the UK Youth Squad Member’s Contract

I,, agree that:

- 1. The Royal Agricultural Society of NZ, the National Pony Society (UK) and Australia have established rules and conditions for my safety and wellbeing while I am a participant in the Tri Nation Equestrian Youth Challenge. Violation of any of these rules may result in my dismissal from the program and my immediate return to my home at my own expense.

2. Ambassador:

- I will serve as an Ambassador for my family, the Society sponsoring me and my country.
- I will be friendly and show interest in Australian life and adjust to and be involved in the activities of my hosts and all activities planned in Australia.
- I will maintain a good standard of dress, grooming, behaviour and personal hygiene at all times.
- I agree that commitment to the Australian planned activities and host Organisation takes precedence over other activities.

3. Laws of the country:

- I will obey the laws of Australia.

4. Authority:

- I acknowledge that I will be under the authority of the Team Management and the Host Organisation while I am away and I will abide by these rules and conditions.
- My parents or legal guardians will not authorise any extra activities directly to me.
- Any relatives I may have in Australia will have no authority over me while I am a member of the TEAM

5. Drugs:

- I will not use drugs, except for valid medical reasons. Use of illegal drugs will result in my immediate repatriation home.

6. Driving:

- I will not operate any motorised vehicle, including but not limited to cars, quad bikes, trucks, motorcycles, aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, boats, and other watercraft.

7. Alcohol:

- I will not drink alcohol except when it is legal and then in moderation in a home or public environment and under the supervision of Team Management.

8. Dating:

- I will not undertake promiscuous sexual activities during my stay and understand this will result in my immediate return home.

9. Body Piercing:

- If I have piercing (other than ears) before my arrival, I will remove any stud/ring when riding in Australia if required.
- I understand that jewellery and body piercing etc. may cause injury when I am around horses and is discouraged in Australia.

8. Smoking:

- I understand that the Australia has very strict laws governing smoking at horse show venues, stable areas and in public and that smoking is often socially unacceptable and discouraged. It is the intention of the Australian hosts to request that nonsmoking be a prerequisite.

9. Travel:

- I will not travel outside the area we are staying unless I have prior permission from Team Management. Anything different will have needed to have been arranged prior to departure from New Zealand.
- If I am offered an opportunity to go on a trip or attend an event, I will make sure I understand any costs I must pay and my responsibilities before I go, plus make arrangements with the full knowledge of Team Management.

10. Insurance:

- I will be covered by health, medical, accident and travel insurance acceptable to my own country and should provide my host family and Team Managers with copies of my Insurance policy and Passport details
- I will not participate in dangerous activities such as hang-gliding, parachute jumping, surfing, skydiving, and bungee jumping. I will not travel in a motorized or no motorized glider, or ultra-light plane.

13. My Finances:

- I acknowledge that I must have sufficient financial support to assure my well-being during my visit. This may be checked by the Border Agency on arrival in Australia.
- My insurance fees MUST be paid in full before I arrive in Australia.

14. Work: I understand that I am not permitted to do any paid full-time, part-time or casual work while I am with the team.

19. Visits by parents and friends:

- I acknowledge that visits by parents and friends from my home country are discouraged without prior arrangement by the Team Manager.
- I acknowledge that I must attend all compulsory Team Meetings/activities. I will not be permitted to travel around Australia with my parents during the designated time of the official period of the tour or the competition without prior permission from my Team Manager.
- I will not expect the Host Organisation or the Team to accommodate my family or friends unless previously arranged.

20. Return Travel From Australia:

Ideally I will travel to and from Australia with the Team. My parents/guardian or myself will pay any costs related to an early return home.

Signed (Youth Squad Member):

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

All material relating to this is available on the RAS of NZ website
www.ras.org.nz – Equestrian - Youth

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Checklist

- Signed contract attached to email
- Photo attached to email
- CV attached to email
- Any other applicable information attached to email