



Information re Application for RAS International Judge's Status

Introduction

The appointment as an 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 3-5 judging appointments per showing season over the last three years in New Zealand.
- Has attended at least 2 Judging Seminars (not workshops) in the last three years.
- Has completed and passed two "assessed" judging appointments at any of the following shows – NZ HOY, Australian Royals (big or small), Australian HOY, British equivalents will also be allowed. Note when an invitation is received that you believe will meet the criteria notify RAS Head Office of the contact person who issued the invitation. This will allow the assessment process to be initiated and completed through RAS Head Office.
- 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

The application to include:

- A completed 'Application Form for RAS International Judge's Status' with the questionnaire and checklist completed.
- A Curriculum Vitae that includes a personal statement of why you as the applicant believe you qualify for International Status and what will make you a good ambassador for the RAS of NZ.
- Character references (2) with contact details

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 decision 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.



Application Form 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.

Name:

Address: P/C:

Phone: (0)

Mobile:

Email:

Questionnaire

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

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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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Name of person completing

Officer confirmation checklist

This is a list of factors that would disqualify a currently qualified officer from remaining as an officer of our charity under section 16 of the *Charities Act 2005*. Please complete questions 1-6. Are you....

1.	an undischarged bankrupt	YES	NO	4.	subject to a property order under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988, or is your property managed by a trustee corporation under section 32 of that Act (this relates to people who are not fully able to manage their affairs).	YES	NO
2.	convicted of a crime of dishonesty and sentenced within the last 7 years	YES	NO	5.	prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the Companies Act 1993, the Securities Act 1978, the Securities Markets Act 1988, or the Takeovers Act 1993.	YES	NO
3.	disqualified from being an officer under the rules of RAS.	YES	NO	6.	a body corporate that is being wound up, in liquidation or receivership or subject to statutory management under the Corporations (Investigation and Management) Act 1989.	YES	NO

Checklist – please tick to show included/completed

CV attached including personal statement of why you as the applicant believe you qualify for International Status and what will make you a good ambassador.

Have been a listed Grade 1 Judge for more than 3 years

Average of 3-5 judging appointments/season over last 3 years
(name shows judged at over last three years)

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Attended two Judging Seminars in the last 3 years

Completed the two assessed appointments at&.....

Been positively involved & supported the RAS

Included two references with contact details

Please email your application, CV and completed questionnaire to RAS Head Office – 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: