

JUNIOR RIDER – REMOVE NOVICE CLASS

NAME OF ORGANISATION	
<i>Association / Society or District proposing Remit</i>	Poverty Bay A and P Association
PROPOSER	
<i>Name, designation, email & phone # so you can receive any enquiries.</i>	Jessie Bourke – PB A and P Showing convenor and executive governance member
REMIT	
<i>Outline the Remit proposal that you are putting forward.</i>	<p>Remove the Novice Junior Rider class (0–5 wins) from the MINIMUM SCHEDULE. Minimum schedule now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Rider, 11 years and under • Best Rider, 12, 13 and 14 years • Best Rider, 15 and 16 years <p>Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider remain.</p> <p>Shows may still include a Novice Junior Rider class or other divisions at their discretion.</p>
CURRENT RULE(S)	
<i>Rule(s) number(s) and wording of current rule(s) this remit seeks to change.</i>	<p>Class xxx Best Novice Junior Rider, 0-5 wins Class xxx Best Rider, 11 years and under Class xxx Best Rider, 12, 13 and 14 years Class xxx Best Rider, 15 and 16 years</p> <p>Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider (To be judged from the winners of classes excluding any Novice class. Second placed Junior Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)</p>
PROPOSED NEW RULE(S)	
<i>Rule(s) number(s) and wording of new proposed rule(s).</i>	<p>Class xxx Best Rider, 11 years and under Class xxx Best Rider, 12, 13 and 14 years Class xxx Best Rider, 15 and 16 years</p> <p>Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider (To be judged from the winners of classes. Second placed Junior Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)</p>
RATIONALE	
<i>Outline the reason for the remit – eg “the current rules states 3 days. Our proposal states 2. The proposal reduces the waiting period by 1 day. Also note any circumstances or event which may have prompted this remit.</i>	<p>The current Novice Junior Rider class relies heavily on honesty from competitors and there can be subjective sideline judgement around who is within the 0-5 framework. Some riders are unfairly judged as “novice” or “not novice,” while Novice cards—intended to provide clarity—are rarely used or enforced. This creates inconsistency and potential unfairness on many fronts.</p> <p>Removing the class from the MINIMUM SCHEDULE streamlines the programme, creating a simple, transparent baseline while giving shows flexibility to structure classes in ways that suit their own numbers and participants.</p> <p>Shows can still offer Novice rider, local rider or other tailored riding classes. Greater flexibility encourages participation and makes running shows simpler, especially for smaller events.</p>
CONTRA	

<p><i>Outline what might be the downside or negative.</i></p>	<p>Some shows and competitors value the Novice Junior Rider class as an entry-level opportunity. Removing it from the minimum schedule may reduce its visibility.</p> <p>However, the change only affects the MINIMUM SCHEDULE. Shows remain free to include a Novice Junior Rider class where it suits participation levels.</p>
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