

2026: REMIT ELEVEN (11) –

EQUESTRIAN LEVY - ESNZ CLASSES EXEMPT

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>	That the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (RAS) current levy of \$1.25 per class entry charged to A & P Associations only applies to RAS and Affiliated Equestrian Society classes, and does NOT apply to classes run under Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) rules.
CURRENT RULE(s)	
<i>Rule(s) number(s) and wording of current rule(s) this remit seeks to change.</i>	The Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (RAS) currently charges A & P Associations a levy of \$1.25 for every horse or pony entered in every class within the equestrian section. This levy is applied regardless of whether the class is run under RAS rules or ESNZ rules.
PROPOSED NEW RULE(s)	
<i>Rule(s) number(s) and wording of new proposed rule(s).</i>	The RAS levy (currently) of \$1.25 per entry per class charged to A & P Associations shall only apply to entries in classes conducted under RAS and Affiliated Equestrian Society rules. Classes conducted under ESNZ rules are exempt from the RAS levy.
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>	Classes conducted under Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) rules already operate within the ESNZ regulatory framework, rules, insurances and levy structure. Applying the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (RAS) levy to these classes creates an additional cost that does not directly relate to RAS governance or services. There is no benefit to ESNZ or ESNZ riders or judges. This levy structure is increasingly deterring A & P Associations (like Poverty Bay A and P Association who have a very active ESNZ local group) from hosting RAS classes alongside ESNZ classes at the show, as the additional cost per entry significantly increases the financial burden on shows. For Associations that run both RAS and ESNZ sections, the levy becomes prohibitive and creates inequity between sections, often forcing difficult decisions around whether RAS classes should be offered at all. Clarifying that the RAS levy only applies to RAS and affiliated equestrian society classes would remove this barrier, reduce unnecessary duplication of levies, and support A & P Associations to continue hosting both RAS and ESNZ competition opportunities for local competitors.
CONTRA	
<i>Outline what might be the downside or negative.</i>	No downside to Associations. No downside to riders.