

2026: REMIT TWELVE (12) –

RIDING HORSE AND SADDLE HUNTER SECTIONS –
NOVICE CLASSES COMBINED

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>Amend the Minimum Showing Standard (MSS) for Riding Horse and Saddle Hunter sections to include an option for a combined Novice Riding Horse and Saddle Hunter section. Like the option available in the current rulebook for combination of the Hacks and Park Hacks.</p> <p>This change applies only to the minimum schedule; shows may still run full, separate Riding Horse and Saddle Hunter sections if preferred.</p> <p>All Open classes and Champion/Reserve placings remain unchanged.</p>
CURRENT RULE(S)	
<i>Rule(s) number(s) and wording of current rule(s) this remit seeks to change.</i>	<p>RIDING HORSE</p> <p>Class xxx Novice Riding Horse, 0-5 wins Class xxx Novice Paced & Mannered Riding Horse, 0 – 5 wins Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 148cm, and not exceeding 163cm Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 163cm Champion and Reserve Champion Open Riding Horse (To be judged from the winners of Open height classes only. Second placed Riding Horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion). Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Riding Horse OR Class xxx Open Riding Horse – Best Paces to be Judged Class xxx Open Riding Horse – Best Manners to be Judged</p> <p>SADDLE HUNTER HORSE</p> <p>Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter, 0-5 wins Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter, 0-5 wins Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter, over 163cm Champion and Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter (To be judged from the winners of Open height classes only. Second placed Saddle Hunter to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve) Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter OR Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter – Best Paces to be Judged Class xxx. Open Saddle Hunter – Best Manners to be Judged</p>
PROPOSED NEW RULE(S)	
<i>Rule(s) number(s) and wording of new proposed rule(s).</i>	<p>RIDING HORSE</p> <p>Class xxx Novice Riding Horse, 0-5 wins Class xxx Novice Paced & Mannered Riding Horse, 0 – 5 wins Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 148cm, and not exceeding 163cm Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 163cm Champion and Reserve Champion Open Riding Horse (To be judged from the winners of</p>

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<p><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>	<p>Gives an option in the schedule to combine underfilled Novice Riding Horse and Novice Saddle Hunter classes within the section strengthens competition and allows novice horses to gain experience in company, rather than being split across small, lightly contested classes.</p> <p>It mirrors the Park Hack/Hack section options.</p> <p>Judges assessing these combined sections are RAS-qualified and trained, having completed examinations on Riding Horses and Saddle Hunters judging, and will correctly assess horses according to their type. A Riding Horse will be judged as a Riding Horse and a Saddle Hunter as a Saddle Hunter, consistent with current equitation-style classes (e.g., Christine Beatson Memorial, Glen Tullock Memorial).</p> <p>This change also reduces programme complexity and costs (e.g., ribbons, sashes, prize money etc) for some smaller shows. By combining what has recently become for many shows lightly filled classes, fewer judges are required to run large programmes, making it easier and more cost-effective for shows to manage multiple rings while maintaining fair and professional judging standards.</p>
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<p><i>Outline what might be the downside or negative.</i></p>	<p>Some exhibitors may prefer separate Novice Riding Horse and Saddle Hunter classes.</p> <p>However, this remit only affects the minimum schedule and ONLY adding the combined novice section as an additional option. Shows remain free to run full separate sections, maintaining options for exhibitors while simplifying the baseline programme and improving competition for novice horses where applicable.</p>
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