

## 2026: REMIT EIGHT (8) –

### ADULT 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 &amp; 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 Adult Rider class (0–5 wins) from the MINIMUM SCHEDULE. Minimum schedule to now be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 years and under 21 years Best Rider</li> <li>• 21 years and over</li> </ul> <p>Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Rider remain.</p> <p>Shows may still include a Novice Adult 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 Novice Rider, 17 years and over, 0-5 wins                      Class xxx 17 years and under 21 years Best Rider                      Class xxx 21 years and over</p> <p>Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Rider. (To be judged from the winners of classes excluding any Novice class. Second placed 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 17 years and under 21 years Best Rider                      Class xxx 21 years and over</p> <p>Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Rider. (To be judged from the winners of classes excluding any Novice class. Second placed 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 Adult 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	
<i>Outline what might be the downside or negative.</i>	Some shows and competitors value the Novice Adult Rider class as an entry-level opportunity. Removing it from the minimum schedule may reduce its visibility.

	However, the change only affects the MINIMUM SCHEDULE. Shows remain free to include a Novice Adult Rider class where it suits participation levels.
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