

Royal Agricultural Society

RAS Remit Form 2015 – Equestrian Rulebook

Name of Proposing Organisation/Association/District:
Equestrian Panel acting on behalf of the RAS

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Remit

(Note here the remit proposition you are putting forward)

Two years ago the rules for measuring and forbidden substance were reviewed. The remainder of the rulebook (just the rules) has now been reviewed and this is what is being put forward to the members for voting on. In the main, the rules have just been regrouped under sub headings with some re-wording for ease of reading and clarity; however there are some changes which are listed below. The document is being put forward to be voted on in total rather than clause by clause, as the panel when reviewing it, took a holistic view and a big picture approach. Voting on it clause by clause could inadvertently affect this, hence the overall voting approach. It is the responsibility of those voting to read the document in its entirety and cross reference where appropriate to the current rulebook – every effort has been made to highlight the major changes but there may be minor changes or wording that have not been specifically highlighted due to the vast nature of the project. The current rules/changes and rationale are number co-ordinated. 1. In all three areas is related; 2. In all three areas is related and so on.

Current Rules – References to pages within current rulebook

(Note here the specific rules this remit seeks to change. Note also any related rules on which there may be an impact.)

1. Current rules are not clear whose rules should prevail – local or RAS.
2. Definition of Terms – pages 2-4
3. No current rule to notify RAS Head Office re change of ownership.
4. Classification/Section Nominated – page 19. Once a section is nominated the horse/pony must complete the season in this section.
5. First Ridden Classes – clause 57, page 23.
6. Round the Ring Jumping, clause 71, page 27
7. Judging of Championships – clause 70, pages 26 & 27
8. Age of Riders – clause 54, page 21
9. Stallions – 56, page 22
10. Hats & Safety Helmets – clause 51, page 20.
11. No current rule on a Standard Qualifying Schedule.
12. No current rule on how to represent the RAS Equestrian Levy.
13. A&P Show Entry Forms – clause 34, page 14.
14. A&P Show Schedule – clause 33, page 14.
15. No rule about results being published.
16. Judges being members of the RAS – clause 12, page 10

Change – References to pages within this document

(Describe the change i.e. "the current rules states 3 days. Our proposal states 2 days. The proposal reduces the waiting period by 1 day.")

1. ER1-ER6, page 4 – These clauses stipulate how the rules are to be used and cover copyright aspects. While the rulebook has been under copyright for the last few years this had not been stated in the rules.
2. Definition of Terms ER8 a) – ff), pages 5-9.
3. Definition of Terms z), page 8 – when there is a change of ownership of horse/pony this must be lodged with RAS Head Office
4. CDE1 c), page 10 – states the classification for a horse/pony must be made at the time of it's first adult measure. To change classification or section, application must be made to RAS Head Office with subsequent changes requiring a submission. This should be read in conjunction with clauses CDE 1 d) and e), page 10.
5. CDE 3, page 11 & 12 – First Ridden Combination – refers to the combination, outlines bridles/bits/snaffles.
6. CDE 8, page 15 - Name change to Hunter Jumping
7. CDE 7, pages 14 & 15 – Judging of Championships defined.
8. CDE 11 a), page 16 – Defines the age of a rider/handler as of 1 August. It also clarifies ages for novice and open exhibits as well as stallions.
9. CDE 14, page 17 – Defines the rules around exhibiting/riding stallions and colts.
10. GR 4, page 18 & 19 – Defines the rules more clearly.
11. MSS1 – MSS 2, page 21-31 – outlines a standard qualifying section schedule for all affiliated shows and events.
12. EEFSL 1, page 32 – outlines the RAS Equestrian levy.
13. EEFSL 2, page 32– defines more clearly what should be stated on entry forms.
14. EEFSL 3, page 32 & 33 – defines more clearly what should be stated on entry forms.
15. EEFSL 6, page 34 – Results – Show results published on the RAS website within one month of show.
16. J 4, page 36 – Judges to become a direct member of the RAS rather than an associate member.

Rationale

(Note here the reason for the remit/ proposal. Note also any circumstances or event which prompted this remit.)

1. Ensure all parties are clear on how to apply the rules.
2. New definitions have been included where appropriate.
3. Currently there is no way of tracking change of ownership and ensuring the equestrian database remains up-to-date, this will ensure ownership changes can be tracked.
4. Presently it is hard to track whether a change of section has been made throughout the season – if nothing is recorded on the height certificate at the time of measuring there is no way of monitoring changes should they happen. By making it mandatory to nominate the section at the first adult measure and any change coming through RAS Head Office will allow Head Office to track this on the equestrian database.
5. To ensure consistency throughout this section with snaffle bridle/bit and cavesson noseband,
6. Defines what sort of jumping it is more clearly.

7. Trying to make this area clearer.
8. This area has been a subject of controversy and confusion for a long time – the current ESNZ rider rule is as of 1 August and it was the view of the panel by lining up with this would make matters very clear for all parties and any discipline.
9. Stallions have been identified as a possible Health & Safety risk especially when show areas have confined spaces. The new rule ensure Health & Safety aspects are covered.
10. From a Health & Safety point of view, it was felt these rules needed to be defined more clearly.
11. Provides consistency and a level playing field for all competitors and exhibitors nationwide though still allows flexibility for local conditions or preferences.
12. Ensures all parties are aware that an RAS Equestrian levy is required and is part of either their entry fee or is listed as an extra.
13. Clearer definition of what is required.
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15. Publication of results on the RAS website draws people back to the RAS website as the main point of contact and information.
16. It has been pointed out by the judges themselves that as volunteers of the RAS, the RAS is directly responsible for their actions hence the direct line of membership.

Contra

(What might be the downsides or negative consequences of adopting this remit/proposal?)

Voting forms will be sent to all members no later than the 18 May 2015

EQUESTRIAN RULES

for

RAS Affiliated Shows/Events, Competitors, Exhibitors and Judges

Equestrian Rules (ER)

- ER 1.** These Rules and Schedules are the basis of all Equestrian activities of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- ER 2.** These Rules and Schedules are copyright ©, and cannot be reproduced in whole or part, without the permission of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- ER 3.** These Rules and Schedules cannot be used either in principle, in whole, or in part for the judging of competition unless the Organising Committee or body is an affiliated Member of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- ER 4.** For clarity, these rules are the pre-eminent rules for equestrian events and cannot be changed or altered for the convenience of a Show/Event.
- ER 5.** Where there are local rules and/or procedures these cannot contradict or compromise the classes or events covered by these rules.
- ER 6.** Affiliated Breed Societies rules cannot contradict or compromise the classes or events covered by these rules.

ER 7. INTRODUCTION

- a) All Members of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand (RAS), its Affiliated and Kindred Societies competing at Agricultural and Pastoral Shows/Events and functions sanctioned by the Royal A&P Society New Zealand, and competitors/exhibitors at affiliated Shows/Events are expected to abide by the Rules. All are bound, by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand and those of the particular host Affiliated Society or host Kindred Society.
- b) This section contains the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (RAS) rules for competitors, exhibitors, judges, and owners. The basis of a 'good positive day' at the Show/Event is all about Shows/Events, Competitors/Exhibitors and Judges working

together from a fair and clear set of rules that are applied equally to everyone. When showing, we all have similar expectations.

- c) The Rules are intended to ensure that all compete against each other in competitions under the fairest possible conditions and to ensure that the Rules and Regulations are observed at all times.
- d) The Judges to adjudicate positively and to show no breed or competitor/exhibitor prejudice.
- e) The 'Best Exhibit' on the day, regardless of breeding, to be declared the winner.
- f) The Judges to adjudicate based upon the correct observance of the conformation and the overall work of the exhibit, and consequently select the best exhibit as set out in the rules in this Rulebook.
- g) All involved to be good sportspersons – this means such things as fairness, courteous relations to others and graceful acceptance of results etc.
- h) With co-operation from all of those involved, we can ensure everyone will have a 'good positive day' at the Show/Event!
- i) All Competitors, Members, Member Organisations and Breed Societies should be familiar with the RAS Code of Conduct in regard to Social Media and their responsibilities in this regard. The full requirements of this policy and the outcome for non compliance are listed on the RAS website.
- j) The Royal A&P Society New Zealand has the power to discipline and impose on Members, Competitors/Exhibitors and Judges in the event of failure to observe any provisions of these Rules and/or any other Rules and Regulations of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand. The Royal A&P Society New Zealand Executive, Horse Stewards Council Executive, District Equestrian Chairpersons, Exhibitors/Competitors and Judges are to ensure that the Rules are upheld. Ignorance of the Rules is no excuse.

ER 8. DEFINITION OF TERMS

a) Business Partner

A person who is party to contractual and/or verbal agreement between two or more persons carrying on a business venture.

b) Class

This is a competition advertised on an organisation / agricultural society's programme or schedule for the exhibition of horse/pony and / or rider, led and/or ridden or driven. This may be an individual event or a team event or any other combination.

c) **Classification (Section) Nominated**

Choice made by owner at the time of the horse/pony's first adult measure as to which classification they wish to show in. The classifications are as follows: Horse – Park Hack, Hack, Saddle Hunter, Riding Horse; Pony – Show Pony or Saddle Pony.

d) **Competitor/Exhibitor**

The person or persons owning / leasing / in partnership / person responsible (PR) / representative of the said owner, or riding / leading / driving the exhibit in competition, at an official or non-official event, run specifically for the presentation of horses/ponies.

e) **Constitution**

Constitution of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.

f) **Employer**

A person employing/hiring another in a business.

g) **Exhibit**

- i. The combination of horse/pony and competitor/exhibitor. The competitor/exhibitor may be the owner, lessee/partner, person responsible (PR), or the representative of the said owner. Both horse/pony and competitor/exhibitor must be eligible to compete in the particular class.
- ii. The word exhibit refers to all - led or ridden ponies/horses, or representatives of breeds/kindred bodies affiliated to the RAS or breeds/sections (e.g., Stock & Station, Western etc) not affiliated to the Royal Agricultural Society but catered for by individual Shows/Events.

h) **Family**

Brother, sister, child, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, parents, grandparents, grandchildren (including in-law, step, half, and defacto, partner and civil relationships).

i) **Judges**

National Judge's Convenor, Six (6) District Judge Convenors, Tutor Judges, Listed Judges (Grades - International, 1, 2 & 3.)

j) **Knowingly**

Acquainted/aware of the truth. Informed of the facts. Where this situation exists it shall be presumed that any breach is intentional.

k) **Lease/Partnership**

- i. Where the possession of a horse/pony, but not the ownership is transferred to another person. Only leases/partnerships registered with the RAS are recognised or, in the case of breed classes, leases/partnerships are registered with the affiliated Breed Society and copied to the RAS.

- ii. For any horse/pony that is not under the control of the owner, and where there is no formal registered lease/partnership lodged with the RAS, any issues arising in relation to that horse/pony becomes the responsibility of the competitor/exhibitor, handler, driver, or person resident of New Zealand or otherwise, in charge of the horse/pony that is exhibited at the Show/Event.

l) **Member**

A person admitted to membership of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand, as defined under the Constitution.

- m) **Novice** - A Novice exhibit or rider is one that has yet to win six (6) classes in any division within the competitions provided at any A & P Show/Event.

n) **Owner**

Person(s) named as the owner on the RAS certificates, and/or registration papers issued by an affiliated Breed Society.

o) **Person Responsible**

Means any exhibitor, owner, lessee/lessor, rider, handler, driver or person, resident of New Zealand or otherwise, in charge of any horse, pony, donkey or mule exhibited at a Show or Event affiliated to the RAS.

p) **Rap**

Rapping a horse anywhere on a show ground (which includes lifting the jump pole as the horse leaves the ground or adding or applying to a jump pole or the top of a fixed type jump or complete obstacle any items that might be considered abrasive or set to pierce the skin of a horse and cause pain) is prohibited.

q) **RAS**

Royal A&P Society New Zealand (RAS), also known as the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ (RAS).

r) **RAS Certificate**

- i. RAS issued Annual or Life Height Certificate, or Horse/Pony Identification Form. Previously known as Height Certificate and Performance Card.
- ii. The RAS Certificate and related intellectual capital, is the property of the RAS. The certificate is to remain with the horse/pony for the duration of its natural life and entitles the owner/lessee/partner of the horse/pony the right of use.

s) **RAS District**

District as defined by the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.

t) **RAS Intellectual Property ©**

All documentation approved and/or issued by the RAS, remains the property of the RAS.

u) **RAS Resolution Process**

The structure that is followed when a complaint/protest is tabled/lodged.

v) **Representative**

A person not being the owner or lessee/partner, showing the exhibit on behalf of the owner or lessee/partner

w) **Restricted**

Any class within a schedule that is not a novice or open conformation class or a novice or open paced and mannered class, and which does not (shall not) qualify a horse or rider for a championship. Examples are Best Walking Horse/Pony, Best Trotting Horse/Pony, Local Classes which restrict entry by age of the rider or by the geographical home/base location of the rider and the horse/pony.

x) **Rule Book**

The Equestrian Rules as printed in the RAS Equestrian Rulebook, for affiliated Shows/Events, Competitors, Exhibitors and Judges to abide by at affiliated Shows/Events.

y) **Rules and Regulations**

Rules and Regulations mean Rules and Regulations made by the RAS process currently in force.

z) **Sale / Change of Ownership**

- i. A sale or change of ownership is only recognised when all the necessary paper work has been completed.
- ii. A Change of Ownership form (which can be downloaded from the RAS website) must be completed and submitted to RAS Head Office within two weeks of the sale being made final, along with the fee and original RAS Certificate. The RAS Certificate will be amended (as well as the RAS database updated) and will be forwarded on to the new owner.

aa) **Accredited Shows**

These are standalone shows which are licenced and approved by the RAS. The full set of RAS Standard Qualifying Schedules will make up the programme with the exception of the cob section, which is acknowledged as only suitable for regions where this type of horse is bred/shown. Depending on the application and the licencing agreement that is issued, qualification to attend a particular Accredited Show may apply. Details of same will be published on the RAS web site and in the schedule of the event.

bb) **Show/Event**

All Shows and Events that are affiliated to the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.

cc) **Show Year / Seasons**

- i. The Show Year/Season is from 1 August to 31 July.

- ii. Spring Show season – 1st August to 31st December.
- iii. Autumn Show season – 1st January to 31st July.

dd) **Time Allotment**

Months are considered calendar months.

ee) **Trainer/Instructor/Tutor**

A person who trains and/or prepares horses and riders. A trainer may not necessarily receive reward for training and training may take place anywhere including Showground facilities.

ff) **Tuition**

Instruction of horse/pony and/or rider as an individual or in a group of two (2) or more riders in a clinic situation. The rider and/or horse/pony cannot compete under competition conditions under that instructor, as a judge, within six (6) months from the date of the last tuition or vice versa.

CLASSES, DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY

CDE 1. RAS CERTIFICATE & HORSE/PONY CLASSIFICATION

- a) Where classes are defined by height, competitors/exhibitors must carry a current RAS Certificate for their horse/pony at all RAS affiliated Shows/Events, and must produce it upon request to any authorised Show/Event personnel. Any competitor unable to produce such a certificate means that the exhibit is ineligible to compete, and will forfeit any awards.
- b) Height of horse/pony shall be the deciding factor when entering in classes defined by height at affiliated shows/events.
- c) The classification (section nominated) of a horse or pony must be made at the time of its first adult measure; however a change to this classification (section nominated) (with the exceptions listed in rule CDE 1 d) may be made by making application to RAS Head Office (download the application from the website www.ras.org.nz). Any subsequent changes will require a full submission with the final decision on granting further changes resting with the RAS Executive.
- d) Regardless of Rule CDE 1 c), equestrian title winners at Royal A&P Shows, /Events, Showing Championships endorsed by the RAS or HOY are not entitled to change classification (section) after winning a title class at any of these events and must stay within their nominated classification (section).
- e) If a horse is measured over 148cm, and was previously measured as a pony, it must thereafter stay in the horse sections, but may choose the horse classification of their choice. In addition any horse measured up from a pony height must, if of age, present for a life certificate.

CDE 2. LEAD REIN

- a) Lead Rein Ponies should be safe and suitable. They should possess a good front, even gaits and not be too wide for their small riders. The stride should not be too long, as they would unseat the rider and cause the rider to lose balance.
- b) Lead rein classes are designed for children on ponies 128cm and under. These children are those as yet unable to ride without assistance from a leader or attendant and should be judged accordingly.
- c) Riders taking part in this section are excluded from taking part in other sections of the show.
- d) The lead must be attached to the cavesson of a simple snaffle bridle.
- e) The attendant/leader, must be 14 years or over, and hold the rein with their left hand so the right hand is free to assist the rider if necessary.
- f) Spurs are not allowed.

- g) A cane or a whip not exceeding 68cm in length, which includes a flap 2cm wide by 4cm long, may be carried by riders in the Lead Rein Section.
- h) Judging Criteria: Judged on - 60 % suitability, temperament and safeness;
- 40% conformation and paces.
- i) Riders will not be asked to canter.
- j) A best on parade, best turned out or unity class is the only competition within this section when the costume or dress of the leader may also be taken into account. If it is the intention of the Show/Event to include the attendant/leader (14 years and over) as a part of the unit, this must be stated in the schedule. If the intention of the Show/Event is not properly stated it is reasonable for all parties connected with the pony in the ring to assume that only the pony and rider will be judged.
- k) Riders who have competed in the First Ridden, Novice and Open Pony Sections are no longer eligible for the Lead Rein section.

CDE 3. FIRST RIDDEN COMBINATION

- a) To provide a transition from the lead rein section to the open ridden section, where a rider does not have to canter on the circle in company. For that reason First Ridden Ponies should be safe and suitable. They should possess a good front, even gaits and not be too wide for their small riders. The stride should not be too long, as this would unseat the rider and cause the rider to lose balance. Ideally the First Ridden Pony is a little more scopey in both conformation and movement than the Lead Rein Pony, although many ponies compete successfully in both sections.
- b) A Combination is only able to compete in this section for a maximum of twenty-four (24) months.
- c) First Ridden Ponies not to exceed 138cm.
- d) First Ridden Ponies must be ridden in a snaffle bridle with a cavesson noseband, a snaffle bit and a single rein.
- e) A First Ridden Pony may compete in the Open ring with a different rider.
- f) No spurs to be worn.
- g) A cane or a whip not exceeding 68cm in length, which includes a flap 2cm wide by 4cm long, may be carried by riders in the First Ridden Section.
- h) Judging Criteria: Judged on - 60% suitability, temperament and safeness
- 40% conformation and paces.
- i) All ponies to walk and trot in company, but may be asked to canter in their individual workout.
- j) Before finalising the workout the Judge must ascertain if the children can all manage canter work. If the children are not confident with canter this pace should not be included in the work out. Whatever paces the workout finally contains, it must be simple and designed to show that the child can manage a change of direction and a recognisable circle as a demonstration of the control and understanding expected at this level and age. Good manners and willingness from the pony and the balance and degree of control from the rider should each be taken into account. Conformation of the First Ridden Pony should be taken into account if more than one First Ridden class is offered and if this intention is clearly stated in the class description.
- k) The same combination cannot enter in both the Lead Rein Section and the First Ridden Section or in an open ring, but a pony that has been entered in the Lead

Rein, Group B or Group C Sections can be entered in the First Ridden Section with a different rider (who is eligible to compete in this section).

- l) A rider who has moved from the First Ridden into the open rings forfeits the right to compete again in any First Ridden Events at any A&P Show, affiliated show or event, or any show that the RAS may from time to time designate as as a show requiring specific qualifications (e.g. Horse of the Year)

CDE 4. PONIES - Height Division

a) All equestrian classes shall be offered in height divisions.

b) Pony Rings shall be split as follows:

- i. Group A Ponies - over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
- ii. Group B Ponies - over 128 cm and not exceeding 138cm
- iii. Group C Ponies - not exceeding 128cm
- iv. Group D Saddle Hunter Ponies - not exceeding 148cm
(may be split into relevant heights)

First Ridden Pony - not exceeding 138cm

Lead Rein Pony - not exceeding 128cm

Working Pony Hunter - not exceeding 148cm
(may be split into relevant heights)

Hunter Jumping - not exceeding 148cm
(may be split into relevant heights)

Or Group A
Ponies - over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

Group B
Ponies - not exceeding 138cm

Or Pony Ring
Ponies - not exceeding 148cm
Guideline for classes with height sections: 113cm,
118cm, 123cm, 133 cm, 143cm

CDE 5. HACKS, SADDLE HUNTERS, RIDING HORSE, COBS etc – Height Division

- a) All equestrian classes shall be offered in height divisions - (but shows/events may within each height division offer additional classes by further splitting the standard schedule heights, or by using weight)

- i. Park Hacks - over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm
- ii. Hacks - over 158cm
- iii. Riding Horses - over 148cm
- iv. Saddle Hunters - over 148cm
- v. Cobs - Not exceeding 155cm
- vi. Working Hunters - over 148cm
- vii. Hunter Jumping - Horses over 148cm

CDE 6. NOVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

- a) A Novice exhibit or rider is one that has **yet** to win six (6) classes in any division within the competitions provided at any A & P Show/Event.
Note: To clarify further, at time of first day of the Show/Event competition
 If you have 0, 1 or 2 wins – you can enter the 0-2 wins class
 If you have 0, 1, 2 or 3 wins – you can enter the 0-3 wins class
 If you have 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 wins – you can enter the 0-5 wins class
 Once you have achieved 6 wins in Conformation and/or Paced & Mannered classes, you can no longer enter in Novice classes in that category.
- b) Wins at all affiliated RAS Shows including the NZ Horse of the Year (HOY) Show must be recorded on the RAS Certificate and/or Performance Card.
- c) Sections may be Show Pony, Saddle Hunter Pony, Cobs, Park Hacks, Hacks, Saddle Hunters, Riding Horses, Paced and Manners Classes in each of the preceding divisions, Working Hunters (ponies/horses), Hunter Jumping, and Rider Classes.
- d) Once an exhibit has achieved six (6) wins in any RAS section, the exhibit is not eligible to return to 'Novice' status even if it changes sections. Refer to CDE. 1 c) and d).
- e) Winners failing to produce their card when requested by the Steward forfeit their awards on the day.
- f) An Open Pony may start in the Open classes within the First Ridden or Lead Rein sections only (not in the Novice classes).
- g) Novice exhibits are eligible for Open classes. If that Novice exhibit wins the Open class then they are eligible for the Open Championship.
- h) All wins in Novice classes within each section (not breed sections) count and must be recorded on the RAS Certificate. Should a Novice exhibit win an Open conformation class including Ladies and Gents classes, these wins must also be recorded.
- i) The number of Novice wins is to be counted at the time of the Show/Event, not the time of entry. If a Novice entry exceeds the permitted number of wins by the day of the Show/Event, the competitor must advise the Secretary's Office and change to an Open class, or if no class remains to enter, a refund will be actioned after the Show/Event.
- j) Any wins gained overseas by a horse/pony that is imported into New Zealand, count towards their classification when showing in New Zealand, ie whether it can still compete in the Novice section (5 wins or less), or if it has 6 or more wins, then it must compete in the Open section.

CDE 7. JUDGING OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

a) Championships -

- i. Novice Championships: Judged from the winners of the Novice Conformation classes within that section.
- ii. Open Championships: Judged from the winners of the Open Conformation classes within that section.
- iii. Paced and Mannered Championships: Judged from the winners of the Paced and Mannered classes within that section.
- iv. Rider Championships: Judged from the winners of the Rider qualifying classes within the applicable sections.
- v. Reserve Champion: Judged from the eligible winners and the second placed exhibit to the Champion.
- vi. Wins in Restricted classes do not qualify for the Championship.
- vii. In the situation where an exhibit misbehaves, fails to workout or appears uneven during the Championship judging, regardless of how many first prizes won, or fails to stand for the presentation, it is the Judge's prerogative to be able to place it accordingly.
- viii. The exhibit competing for Champion, Reserve Champion or Supreme Champion should be ridden by the rider who qualified the exhibit; however dispensation for a substitute rider may be given at the discretion Chief Steward under the following conditions:
 - i. in the event of illness, or
 - ii. the original rider is competing in another ring, or
 - iii. has more than one exhibit in the Championships, or
 - iv. Show/Event's timetable does not allow – the Show/Event will endeavour to make every effort to accommodate.

b) Champion –

When judging of all eligible classes within the division has been completed,
The first place winners from relevant classes return to the ring
Second place winners to standby
The Judge will then select his/her Champion.

c) Reserve Champion -

Remaining first class winners to remain in the ring.
Steward then calls in the second place winner from the class(es) from which the Champion has been selected. The exhibit must receive the same consideration as the first place class winners and judge equally for the title of Reserve Champion.

The only exemption to this rule is when a Show/Event offers Champion Hunter Class to be competed for by virtue of a payment of a fee to start in a specifically designed and described class.

f) Supreme Champion –

Open Championship winners from all appropriate Divisions judged under the 60 / 40 criteria.

Winners judged under any other criteria do not qualify. ie Working Hunters.

The Schedule should clearly list from which divisions the Exhibits & Judges shall come from.

Judges, independent of each other, are to place each exhibit by their ID number from first to last using the RAS Judging Pad Form.

A Judge or Steward will be selected to run the class as directed by the judges concerned.

No consulting between Judges or Stewards is permitted.

In the situation where there is only two judges, this procedure must still be carried out initially.

In the situation where there is an equal - If a winner cannot be decided upon amicably a third judge will be called upon.

The Chief Steward and an assistant will collate the placings, using the Official RAS Stewards Record Pad Form.

The ID number of the exhibit with the highest number of First placings is the winner.

In the case of equal first the second placings will be used and so on until the winner is established.

In the situation where there is still no clear winner a Judge from another Ring will be called upon to decide the winner.

CDE 8. HUNTER JUMPING

The jumps set at affiliated A&P Shows/Events for round the ring hunter jumping should be set as per the heights distances and requirements set in this rule book.

CDE 9. JUMPS

- a) The maximum distances for One Stride Doubles are:
 - 10 metres (33 feet) for horses
 - 8.5 metres (27 feet) for ponies over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
 - 7.5 metres (24 feet) for ponies not exceeding 138cm
- b) The minimum distances for One Stride Doubles are:
 - 8.5 metres (27 feet) for horses
 - 7.5 metres (24 feet) for ponies over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
 - 6.5 metres (21 feet) for ponies not exceeding 138cm

When setting doubles, all distances are set in relationship to the height of the fences.
- c) Jump heights, measured from the ground to the top of the jump, board, rail or similar (not including the brush), are not to exceed:
 - 125cm for horses
 - 105cm for ponies over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
 - 85cm for ponies over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm
 - 70cm for ponies' 128cm and under.
- d) The height of the brush above the top board to be a minimum of 25cm to a maximum of 30cm, with a recommended packed depth width of 15cm.
- e) It is mandatory that brush jumps be pinned.

CDE 10. WORKING HUNTERS

- a) Working Hunters are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances.
- b) They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%.
- c) Exhibits will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

CDE 11. AGE OF RIDERS & HANDLERS

- a) Rider/Handler's age and eligibility is determined as per the 1 August i.e. Riders/handlers who are of age for any division/section on the 1 August complete the show year/ season in that division/section.
- b) Lead Rein classes are restricted to riders under eight (8) years of age with a minimum age of four (4) years, who are not competing in any other sections at any A&P Show/Event. To be led by an attendant fourteen (14) years of age or over.
- c) First Ridden classes are restricted to riders under ten (10) years of age, who are not competing in any other sections at any A&P Show/Event.
- d) Novice pony exhibits (except Novice Pony Stallions) may be ridden by a rider of any age.
- e) Novice pony stallions must be led or ridden by a rider fourteen (14) years and over.
- f) Open pony exhibits (also see CDE 12 h) must be ridden by riders under seventeen (17) years of age.
- g) Open pony stallions must be ridden by a rider fourteen (14), or fifteen (15), or sixteen (16) years of age, led handlers must be fourteen (14) years and over.
- h) Riders in horse rings (exhibits over 148cm) must be twelve (12) years and over.
- i) Stallions over 148cm must be led or ridden by a rider seventeen (17) years of age or older.

CDE 12. AGE OF RIDDEN EXHIBITS

Exhibits under three (3) years of age are not permitted in any ridden or driven (harness) class no matter what the rules of any affiliated Breed Society or Kindred Society may prescribe.

CDE 13. MARES

- a) 'Dry' mare is a mare not to foal during the current show season (1 August to 31 July).
- b) Mares shown in Brood Mare classes must have a foal at foot or present a veterinary certificate of pregnancy that includes a projected foaling date. Mares shown in the summer season without a foal at foot, would be expected (before Christmas) to be late foaling in the summer or autumn, or (after Christmas) to have weaned an early foal and be back in foal with a spring due

date. Mare falling into either of the above categories should prove their eligibility with a veterinary certificate. Anything less will be unacceptable.

- c) Broodmares with foal at foot are ineligible for ridden and harness classes.

CDE 14. STALLIONS and COLTS

- a) All stallions and colts (with the exception of Miniature horses and foals) must be shown in a bit.
- b) A Steward will order any stallion/colt considered out of control or to be causing undue disquiet to other horses from the ring without recourse from the stallion/colt's owner/exhibitor/competitor.
- c) It is compulsory for all stallions and colts, except foals, to wear two (2) official 'S' identification badges, one attached to each side of their bridle, at all Shows/Events at all times. The rider must also wear two RAS official (2) armbands (one on each arm) when in the ring. 'S' badges to be purchased from RAS Head Office or ESNZ; armbands from RAS Head Office.
- d) Handlers and Riders of stallions/colts must wear an approved Hi Viz vest at Shows/Events when outside the showing ring. Vests can be purchased from RAS Head Office.

GENERAL RULES

GR 1. RULES

- a) The RAS rules prevail in all RAS classes; however a Breed Society or an affiliated show/event may add additional rules to suit, as long as they do not contradict the RAS rules, with the exception of GR 1 b.
- b) In ESNZ classes or rings (show jumping, show hunter and dressage), ESNZ rules prevail.
- c) For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, Conformation classes rank first.
- d) Rule changes will be advised, through the RAS website, official Newsletter and Show/Event schedules.

GR 2. INFRINGEMENTS

- a) The policing of these rules will be self-regulatory. Members, Exhibitors, Competitors, Judges and Show Officials have the right to lodge a protest.
- b) The procedure to follow is the RAS Resolution Process, which is available to view on the RAS website - www.ras.org.nz and this includes the RAS Yellow Card system.
- c) Show/Event schedules will include a summary of the RAS Resolution Process.
- d) Regardless, the RAS Executive has the right to make any enquiry as it considers appropriate into any incident or behaviour at any time which they deem may not be in the best interests of the A&P movement and the RAS as an organisation as a whole. Any enquiry will follow the procedure described in the RAS Resolution Process – Level Three.

GR 3. CONDUCT

- a) Each Member, Owner, Lessee, Partner, Competitor and/or Exhibitor shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations for the time being of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand.
- b) No Member, Owner, Lessee, Partner, Competitor and/or Exhibitor or registered owner shall exhibit any horse/pony recorded by the Society or any affiliated Breed Society in any Show/Event or exhibition or advertise any horse/pony in any paper or periodical or pamphlet under any but its registered or recorded name or as having attained any wins not recorded in the results of affiliated Shows/Events.
- c) No Member, Owner, Lessee, Partner, Competitor and/or Exhibitor shall so conduct themselves or be guilty of such conduct as to bring the Society or any affiliated Show/Event into discredit or as to bring themselves as an exhibitor or breeder or as a member into discredit. (Refer to the Royal A&P Society New Zealand Constitution).
- d) All Members, Owners, Lessees, Partners, Competitors and/or Exhibitors are reminded that the decision of a Judge is final. Any defamatory comments on any social media is strictly prohibited, and if found, could result in legal action and/or suspension from competing at affiliated RAS Shows/Events

GR 4. HATS and SAFETY HELMETS

- a) In all cases current OSH rules prevail.

- b) A hard hat is generally described as a hunting cap, a bowler, protective headwear or a safety helmet.
- c) Wearing a hard hat is compulsory for anyone competing on, working in or schooling, or riding for any other reason an exhibit at an RAS affiliated Show/Event or in any area considered to be for whatever reason a part of the Showgrounds.
- d) All riders on Novice exhibits and 16 years and under must wear protective headgear, which includes a retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. Such headgear must be worn with the chinstrap properly adjusted and fastened when in the arena or ring, the practice area collecting rings or anywhere else within a Showgrounds. Hats must conform to the current standards set by New Zealand and Australia (AS/NZS 3833), the United Kingdom (PAS 015), Europe (EN 1384) or USA (ASTM F1163).
- e) Notwithstanding the above, all riders competing in jumping classes are required to wear protective headgear conforming to the standards set out in GR 4 d) above.

GR 5. SADDLERY and ACCESSORIES

- a) Whips in Ridden classes (Main rings) shall not exceed 76 cm in length. Whips in Lead Rein and First Ridden sections shall not exceed 68cm including the flap which shall measure no more than 2cm wide and 4cm long. Whips in Led classes shall not exceed 145cm.
- b) Exhibits showing welts from whip abuse will be immediately dismissed from the ring and disqualified without further recourse for the remaining events at that Show/Event.
- c) Saddlecloths or numnahs are optional in all ridden events. It is preferred that saddlecloths or numnahs used in showing classes, are at least cut to the shape of the saddle.
- d) Bearing Reins or similar tackle shall not be used anywhere on the Show/Event's grounds, nor shall martingales attached to the curb rein be allowed.
- e) In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and outside the flap. The rider must not directly or indirectly tie any part of their body to the saddlery, unless it is stated otherwise on a current RAS issued competitor's/exhibitor's disability card.
- f) Electronic and Audio Equipment - Any electronic or audio equipment carried on a competitor/exhibitor deemed to be possible of rendering outside assistance to a competitor is banned (unless this is stated otherwise on a current RAS issued competitor's/exhibitor's disability card), from all competitions at any RAS or Affiliated Shows/Events, with the penalty of forfeiting all prize money, awards and qualifications and elimination from any further classes at that Show/Event.
- g) Exhibitors Disability Card - An Identification Card is available for Exhibitors with a disability who may require accessories or aids for competing. These aids might include (but not be restricted to) special tied stirrups, hearing equipment, monkey straps etc. All aids to be used must be stated explicitly on the application form and shall be transposed onto the card the rider carries at show. An application form is available on the RAS website – www.ras.org.nz

GR 6. ABUSE OF EXHIBITS

- a) Any complaints of exhibit abuse, will be dealt through the RAS Resolution Process / Yellow Card – view on www.ras.org.nz
- b) Abuse can be defined as intentionally acting in a way, which may cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse. As examples, but not limited to;
 - i. Whip or beat an exhibit excessively
 - ii. Subject an exhibit to any kind of electric shock device
 - iii. Excessive or persistent use of spurs, or to jab the exhibit in the mouth with the bit.
 - iv. Remount, or attempt to remount, an obviously exhausted, lame or injured exhibit
 - v. 'Rap' an exhibit anywhere in or outside the grounds of the event
 - vi. Hyper sensitise any part of an exhibit
 - vii. Leave exhibit without adequate food, drink and exercise.

GR 7. TEMPORARY PENS

- a) The RAS shall from time to time endorse temporary pen systems that meet an agreed safety requirement; the nature of and the description of these pens (if any) will be published on the RAS Web Site
- b) Penning other than fixed permanent installments provided by a host show/event or approved by the RAS as in (a) above is banned at all RAS and affiliated shows/events and includes but not restricted to tape, strings, ropes, chains.
- c) Stallions and colts can only be tied to a truck or float if they are under constant supervision, or are tied within an approved solid framed portable yard (see (a) above) that is attached to the outside of the truck or float. Otherwise, they must be confined in stables, suitable yards, or within their floats or trucks.

STANDARD QUALIFYING SECTION SCHEDULE FOR ALL AFFILIATED SHOWS/EVENTS

MSS 1.

- a) Showing classes are standardised throughout New Zealand. The Standard Qualifying Section Schedule is therefore the basis for all Show/Event Schedules.**
- b) A Standard Qualifying Section Schedule (see MSS 2) is to be offered, so competitors and horses/ponies can qualify for Royal A&P Shows/Events, Showing Championships endorsed by the RAS or NZ Horse of the Year (HOY). Shows/Events are not obliged to run all the sections, they can choose the sections they have the ability to run or suit their region, however the sections they choose must be run as a complete unit as stated. (i.e classes cannot be substituted, changed or deleted)**
- c) Shows unable to offer any of the sections in total of the standard qualifying section schedule may construct their own programme; however it must state clearly in their schedule that their show does not qualify competitors or horses/ponies for any Royal A&P Shows/Events, Showing Championships or HOY. A sample non qualifying schedule is available from RAS Head Office.**

MSS 2. STANDARD QUALIFYING SECTION SCHEDULE FOR SHOWS/EVENTS

- a) The Standard Qualifying Section Schedule as presented is the Section Schedule to be offered by all affiliated Shows/Events wishing to qualify horses and ponies for the Royal A&P Show/Events and the HOY.
- b) Qualifying Shows/Events must use all or some of the sections listed; however when using a section (e.g. Saddle Hunters) they must use the entire list of classes within that section (i.e classes cannot be substituted, changed or deleted)
- c) Shows/Events are encouraged to add classes as local conditions and level of entries support. Examples of additional classes that may be added to the standard qualifying section are; Best on Parade, Novice no wins, Led Mares, Led Thoroughbreds, Pairs and Teams Classes, Sash Classes such as the Pony Breeders Society of NZ (Inc) Ridden Sash etc.
- d) All Novice pony classes are open to riders of any age except that special rules are in place for ridden stallions (see Age of Riders).
- e) The standard qualifying section schedule in each horse section offers a lady's and gentleman's or a combined class. This gives shows/events an option and competitors should note that when shows offer the separate option (lady's class and gentleman's class) the classes are only open to that gender.
- f) Owners of horses/ponies that fall outside the parameters of the sections scheduled at a Show/Event not using the entire range of sections, will find other events that suit them at a show that does catalogue their section.

MSS 2.1 Standard Qualifying Sections for Schedule

a) Lead Rein

In this section, the judging criteria is 60% suitability, temperament and safeness, and 40% conformation and paces.

Riders in this section may not enter any other section, unless in a Lead Rein class(s) in a Breed section. Riders must be under eight (8) years of age, with a minimum age of four (4) years. Ponies to be led by a leader/attendant (14 years and over) with the lead rein attached to the cavesson noseband of a snaffle bridle. Ponies will be asked to walk and trot – no cantering under any circumstances. Running or bearing reins or similar tackle are not allowed.

- Class xxx Novice Lead Rein Pony, not exceeding 128cm – 0-5 wins.
- Class xxx Open Lead Rein Pony, not exceeding 123cm
- Class xxx Open Lead Rein Pony, over 123cm and not exceeding 128cm
Champion and Reserve Champion Lead Rein Pony
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx.
Second placed Lead Rein Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Open Paced & Mannered Lead Rein Pony
- Class xxx Best Rider

b) First Ridden Combination

This is a transition ring from being led to riding on your own. Riders in this section may not enter any other section, unless in a First Ridden class(s) in a Breed section.

First Ridden Combination is only able to compete in the First Ridden Combination Section for a maximum of twenty-four (24) months from the date of their first Show.

The age limit in the First Ridden Section is under 10 years.

In this section, the judging criteria is 60% suitability, temperament and safeness, and 40% conformation and paces.

- Class xxx Novice First Ridden Pony, not exceeding 138cm - 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open First Ridden Pony, not exceeding 128cm
- Class xxx Open First Ridden Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm
Champion and Reserve Champion First Ridden Pony
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed First Ridden Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered First Ridden Pony 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered First Ridden Pony
- Class xxx Novice Rider (First Ridden Section) 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Rider (First Ridden Section)

c) **Show Ponies**

A Pony may only be entered in the Show Pony Section or the Saddle Hunter Pony Section - not both

All novice pony classes are open to riders of any age.

The Show Pony Section may be split into height sections or rings:

For example:

Group A Show Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

Group B Show Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm

Group C Show Pony, not over 128cm

Or;

Offer the group A as illustrated above and combine groups B & C as one ring

Should these divisions be offered the minimum height classes would be:

Group A;

Show Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 143cm

Show Pony, over 143cm and not exceeding 148cm

Group B;

Show Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 133cm

Show Pony, over 133cm and not exceeding 138cm

Group C;

Show Pony, not exceeding 123cm

Show Pony, over 123cm and not exceeding 128cm

Class xxx Novice Show Pony, 0-2 wins

Class xxx Novice Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Show Pony

(To be judged from the winners of above classes xxx & xxx.

Second placed Novice Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Show Pony, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Open Show Pony, not exceeding 128cm

Class xxx Open Show Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm

Class xxx Open Show Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Show Pony

(To be judged from classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Show Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Show Pony

d) **Saddle Hunter Ponies**

A Pony may only be entered in the Show Pony Section or the Saddle Hunter Pony Section - not both.

All novice pony classes are open to riders of any age.

- Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-2 wins
 Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins
 Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Saddle Hunter Pony
 (To be judged from the winners of above class xxx & xxx. Second placed Novice Saddle Hunter Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins
 Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter Pony, not exceeding 128cm
 Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter Pony, over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm
 Class xxx Open Saddle Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
 Champion and Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter Pony
 (To be judged from classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Saddle Hunter Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Saddle Hunter Pony

e) Hack Rings

- i. A number of Shows have limited space to facilitate every section. Therefore an either or option is offered when it comes to staging Park Hacks and Hack Divisions.
- ii. Option One is to stage them as listed separately below.
- iii. Option Two is an approved alternative whereby both sections are merged and offer a small hack and large hack championship within the combined section thereby covering all sizes for Royal Show and HOY Qualification (the merged section is listed below the minimum schedule for hacks)

f) Park Hacks – over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm. Option One.

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both.

- Class xxx Novice Park Hack, 0-2 wins
 Class xxx Novice Park Hack, 0-5 wins
 Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Park Hack
 (To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Novice Park Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion).
- Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Park Hack, 0-5 wins
 Class xxx Open Park Hack, over 148cm and not exceeding 153cm
 Class xxx Open Park Hack, over 153cm and not exceeding 158cm
 Class xxx Open Lady's Park Hack – Lady Riders only (conformation class)
 Class xxx Open Gentleman's Park Hack – Gentlemen Riders only (conformation class)
 OR
 Class xxx Open Lady's or Gentleman's Park Hack on Type (offer one or the other). May be ridden by a Lady or a Gentleman – (conformation class).
 Champion and Reserve Champion Open Park Hack

(To be judged from classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Park Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Park Hack
OR

Class xxx Open Park Hack - Best Paces to be Judged

Class xxx Open Park Hack - Best Manners to be Judged

and

g) Hacks – over 158cm. Option One

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both.

Class xxx Novice Hack, 0-2 wins

Class xxx Novice Hack, 0-5 wins

Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Hack

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Hack, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Open Hack, over 158cm and not exceeding 163cm

Class xxx Open Hack, over 163cm

Class xxx Lady's Hack – to be ridden by a Lady only (conformation class)

Class xxx Gentleman's Hack – to be ridden by a Gentleman only (conformation class)

OR

Class xxx Open Lady's or Gentleman's Hack on Type. May be ridden by a Lady or a Gentleman – (conformation class)

Champion and Reserve Champion Open Hack

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Hack

OR

Class xxx Open Hack – Best Paces to be Judged

Class xxx Open Hack – Best Manners to be Judged

Or

h). Hack Ring (Merged). Option Two.

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section.

An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both.

Class xxx Novice Small Hack to 158cm, 0-2 wins

Class xxx Novice Small Hack to 158cm, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Novice Hack over 158cm, 0-2 wins

Class xxx Novice Hack over 158cm, 0-5 wins

Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Hack

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx.

Second placed Novice Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the

- remaining winners for Reserve Champion Novice Hack).
- Class xxx Novice Paced and Mannered Hack, 0-5 wins ^L_{SEP}
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 148cm and not exceeding 153cm ^L_{SEP}
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 153cm and not exceeding 158cm ^L_{SEP}
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 158cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Class xxx Open Hack, over 163cm
- Class xxx Open Lady's Hack over 148cm and not exceeding – Lady Riders only (conformation class)
- Class xxx Open Gentleman's Hack over 148cm – Gentlemen Riders only (conformation class)
- OR ^L_{SEP}
- Class xxx Open Lady's or Gentleman's Hack over 148cm judged on type. May be ridden by a Lady or a Gentleman – (conformation class).
- Champion and Reserve Champion Open Small Hack ^L_{SEP}
 (To be judged from classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx.
 Second placed Open Small Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion Open Small Hack).
- Champion and Reserve Champion Open Large Hack
 (To be judged from classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx.
 Second placed Large Hack to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion Open Large Hack) ^L_{SEP}
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Small Hack, ^L_{SEP} over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Large Hack over 158cm
- OR ^L_{SEP}
- The above two classes can be extended by offering separate classes for manners and paces in each height division.

i) **Riding Horse – over 148cm**

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section.

Horses will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

The Novice status of the horse from previous Show Hack, Park Hack or Saddle Hunter competitions will apply to this 'Riding Horse' section.

Class xxx Novice Riding Horse, 0-2 wins

Class xxx Novice Riding Horse, 0-5 wins

Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Riding Horse.

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Novice Riding Horse to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Novice Paced & Mannered Riding Horse, 0 – 5 wins

Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 148cm, not exceeding 158cm

Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 158cm but not exceeding 163cm

Class xxx Open Riding Horse, over 163cm

Class xxx Open Lady's Riding Horse, to be ridden by a lady.

Class xxx Open Gentleman's Riding Horse, to be ridden by a Gentleman.

- OR
- Class xxx Open Lady's or Gentleman's Riding Horse on Type. May be ridden by a Lady or a Gentleman – (conformation class)
 Champion and Reserve Champion Open Riding Horse
 (To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. 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

j) **Saddle Hunters – over 148cm**

An exhibit may only be entered in the Show Hack or Riding Horse or Saddle Hunter section. An exhibit may only be entered in a Lady's or Gentleman's class – not both. Horses will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved.

- Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter, 0-2 wins
 Class xxx Novice Saddle Hunter, 0-5 wins
 Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Saddle Hunter
 (To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Novice Saddle Hunter to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- 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
 Class xxx Lady's Saddle Hunter to be ridden by a Lady only (conformation class)
 Class xxx Gentleman's Saddle Hunter to be ridden by a Gentleman only (conformation class)
 OR
- Class xxx Open Lady's or Gentleman's Saddle Hunter on Type. May be ridden by a Lady or Gentleman – (conformation class)
 Champion and Reserve Champion Open Saddle Hunter
 (To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx. 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

k) **Rider**

These classes could be added to the appropriate ring according to the manner in which the sections have been divided and how the timetable is set or Rider Classes could make up a separate ring.

The classes below are a minimum with males and females competing against one another.

Shows are encouraged to offer separate classes for males and females wherever possible.

- 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
- Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider
(To be judged from the Junior winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Junior Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Novice Rider, 17 years and over, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Youth or Girl Rider, 17 years and under 21 years
- Class xxx Gentleman Rider, 17 years and over
- Class xxx Lady Rider, 17 years and over
- OR
- Class xxx Rider, 17 years and over
- Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Rider
(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

l) **Cobs**

Cob classes are supported in some regions and unknown in others; the classes below are the minimum to be used if a Cob Section is included.

The Cob Section is not a requirement of any show and should only be included if local demand is evident.

- Class xxx Novice Cob, 0-2 wins
- Class xxx Novice Cob, 0-5 wins
- Champion & Reserve Champion Novice Cob
(To be judged from the winner of class xxx, xxx. Second placed Cob to the Champion to be judged for Reserve Champion).
- Class xxx Novice Paced & Mannered Cob, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Cob, over 150cm and not exceeding 155cm - capable of carrying 95 kgs
- Class xxx Cob, up to and including 150cm - capable of carrying 83 kgs
- Champion and Reserve Champion Open Cob
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Cob to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)
- Class xxx Open Paced and Mannered Cob
- OR
- Class xxx Open Cob – best paces to be Judged
- Class xxx Open Cob – best manners to be Judged

m) **Working Hunter Ponies**

Working hunter ponies are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of good strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances. They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%.

Ponies will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved. No boots or bandages permitted.

- Class xxx Novice Working Hunter Pony, 0-2 wins
- Class xxx Novice Working Hunter Pony, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Pony, not exceeding 138cm
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Pony, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm
- Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter Pony
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx second placed horse to the champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve)

n) **Working Hunter Horses**

Working hunters are required to demonstrate jumping ability and be of good strong conformation with good manners, sound paces and be a comfortable ride over long distances. They will be required to jump a minimum of three (3) hunter type fences. Jumping style and ability 40%, conformation 30%, paces and manners 30%. Horses will be required to gallop within the confines and constraints of the venue involved. No boots or bandages permitted.

- Class xxx Novice Working Hunter, 0-2 wins
- Class xxx Novice Working Hunter, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter, over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Horse, over 158cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Class xxx Open Working Hunter Horse, over 163cm
- Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Working Hunter to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

o) **Hunter Jumping**

Jumping classes may be divided into sections identical to the flat classes. Champion classes in this division may be offered as an additional class where all comers may start or may be offered as in all other divisions to winners only with the second placed jumper to the champion Judged alongside the remaining winners for reserve.

Examples of additional classes that may be added to the schedule are; additional Novice classes, Wire Jump, Qualified Hunters, Handy Hunter.

i. Ponies - not exceeding 148cm

- Class xxx Novice Pony Hunter over fences, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Pony Hunter over fences, 138cm and under
- Class xxx Open Pony Hunter over fences, over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

ii. Horses - over 148cm

- Class xxx Novice Hunter over fences, 0-5 wins
- Class xxx Open Hunter over fences, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm
- Class xxx Open Hunter over fences, over 163cm
- Class xxx Lady's Hunter over fences – to be ridden by a lady

Class xxx Gentleman's Hunter over fences – to be ridden by a gentleman

p) **Rider Over Fences**

These classes could be added to the appropriate ring according to the manner in which the sections have been divided and how the timetable is set or Rider Classes could make up a separate ring.

The classes below are a minimum with males and females competing against one another.

Shows are encouraged to offer separate classes for males and females wherever possible.

Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 14 years and under

Class xxx Best Rider over fences, 15 and 16 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Rider over Fences

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx. Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Novice Adult Rider over fences, 0-5 wins

Class xxx Best Rider over fences, Youth or Girl Rider 17 years and under 21 years

Class xxx Best Gentleman Rider over fences

Class xxx Best Lady Rider over fences

OR

Class xxx Best Rider over Fences

Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Rider over Fences

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Rider to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

q) **Led Pony**

Class xxx Pony Stallion, not exceeding 148cm

Class xxx Pony Brood Mare, not exceeding 148cm (see conditions for Broodmares)

Champion and Reserve Champion Led Pony

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Dry Mare, 4 years and over, not exceeding 148cm

Class xxx Gelding, 4 years and over, not exceeding 148cm

Champion and Reserve Champion Dry Mare or Gelding

(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Class xxx Pony Yearling, not exceeding 140cm

Class xxx Pony, 2 years, not exceeding 146cm

Class xxx Pony, 3 years, not exceeding 148cm

Young stock (Led Ponies) Champion and Reserve Champion

(To be judged from winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx. Second placed Pony to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion)

Please note: When splitting Young stock into more than one class, the following heights must be used:

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| Yearlings | a) | Under 123cm |
| | b) | Over 123cm and not exceeding 133cm |
| | c) | Over 133cm and not exceeding 140cm |
| Two Year Olds | a) | Under 125cm |
| | b) | Over 125cm and not exceeding 136cm |
| | c) | Over 136cm and not exceeding 146cm |
| Three Year Olds | a) | Under 128cm |
| | b) | Over 128cm and not exceeding 138cm |
| | c) | Over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm |

r) **Led Horse**

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| Class xxx | Stallion, 4years and over, over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Gelding, 4 years and over, over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Dry Mare, 4 years and over, over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Brood Mare, 4 years and over, over 148cm (see conditions for Broodmares) |
| | Champion and Reserve Champion Adult Led Horse
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx, xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion) |
| Class xxx | Yearling to mature over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Two Year Old, to mature over 148cm |
| Class xxx | Three Year Old, to mature over 148cm |
| | Champion and Reserve Champion Young stock Led Horse
(To be judged from the winners of classes xxx, xxx and xxx. Second placed to the Champion to be judged alongside the remaining winners for Reserve Champion) |

s) **Breed Sections**

Breed Sections are governed by the Standard Schedules as submitted by the affiliated Breed Societies and are listed on the RAS website – www.ras.org.nz.

ENTRIES, ENTRY FORMS, SCHEDULES, LEVIES

EEFSL 1. Equestrian Levy

- a) The RAS equestrian levy (as set) must either be incorporated in to the entry fee (with a statement to this effect clearly published in the schedule) or shown separately on the entry form.
- b) The Equestrian Levy is charged across all equestrian sections, including – ESNZ Disciplines, Hunter Jumping, Breed, and Donkey and Mule classes (Conference 2009)
- c) Some form of documentation must be provided to substantiate the figure when payment of equestrian levies are made to RAS Head Office – e.g. Main Events or Showday equestrian section print out, Catalogue etc. (2011 Conference, Remit 3).

EEFSL 2. Entry Forms

- a) The Following Text will appear on every affiliated A & P Show/Event Entry Form.
 - i. This is a legal document. The owner/parent/guardian signing or authorising the entry must be over 16 years of age.
 - ii. The attention of exhibitors is particularly drawn to the conditions relating to the misuse of substances, and the intention of the Committee to undertake testing for forbidden substances.
 - iii. Exhibitor Declaration:
The submission of my entries and/or participation in the competition(s), either written or by electronic means, denotes that I have read and accepted the RAS and Host Association Rules & Regulations and the Association's Conditions of Entry. This also indemnifies the Host Association under the provisions of Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and any amendments.

EEFSL 3. Schedule Wording

- a) The Following Text will appear in every RAS affiliated Show/Event Schedule
 - i. Yellow Card - This Show/Event supports the RAS 'Yellow Card' system.
A Yellow Card will be issued, In cases of offences in respect of abuse of animals or inappropriate behaviour as per the RAS Constitution and the RAS Rules & Regulations/Bylaws including the Equestrian Rulebook, the RAS affiliated Show/Event/registered Measuring Stand and their grounds and their duly appointed delegates may deliver to the Person Responsible a Yellow Warning Card (either immediately or within 10 days of the show) which suspends any penalty until possible new offences. Full wording of the 'Yellow Card' system is available to view on the RAS website – www.ras.org.nz.
 - ii. Forbidden Substance - The Rules of the Royal A&P Society New Zealand in regard to Forbidden Substances apply. Competitors are advised that tests for forbidden substances may be carried out during the Show/Event and that testing of all animals is at the person responsible's risk. Forbidden Substance - Any substance capable of affecting the speed, stamina, courage or conduct of a horse, pony, donkey or mule by its action upon the central or peripheral nervous system or the

cardio-vascular, respiratory, alimentary, digestive, muscoskeletal or urogenital systems.

- iii. Arrears -No person who is in arrears with regard to entry fees, subscriptions, or any other Show/Event charge is eligible to compete at any affiliated Show/Event. Proof of payment will be required before any restriction is lifted.
- iv. Summary of RAS Resolution Process – the full process can be found on the RAS website www.ras.org.nz. The principle behind the process is to deal with the matter as it comes to hand and in most cases it should be dealt with directly by the show. If the matter is in regards to an RAS official, the show may request the assistance of RAS Head Office as to how to deal with this in an appropriate manner.

EEFSL 4. Entries

- a) All entries must be made on the official entry form of the RAS affiliated A & P Show/Event, or by electronic means. The entries are to be completed by the exhibitor/competitor, or by some person authorised on their behalf, and must be deposited with the Secretary/Administration on or before the date set down in the Schedule. Entries received after that date are subject to the terms and conditions set down in the schedule or may be declined.
- b) No entry will be considered valid unless the entry form has been completed in full. Entry in the Show/Event entitles the Association/Society to publish an Exhibitor/Competitor's name in results, reports and distribute with Exhibitor/Competitor's lists.
- c) Breed Prefixes on exhibits at Shows/Events must be those of the Breeder. Any name discrepancy will mean elimination.
- d) Breed Classes - registration number must be stated at time of entry.
- e) The name of the entered exhibit must be the same name as on the RAS Certificate (Annual or Life). If sponsorship is secured and the name of the sponsor is required to be added to the exhibit's name, an application must be made to RAS Head Office for a replacement certificate. Any name discrepancy will mean elimination, and confiscation of the RAS Certificate.
- f) Substitution of any entry can only be made at the discretion of the Show/Event.
- g) The Show/Event reserves the right to refuse or cancel any entry.
- h) Led Exhibits, three (3) years and under shall only be eligible for the Youngstock Championship and any other special award that may be stated in the conditions of the Show/Event.

EEFSL 5. Schedules

- a) The RAS Royal Show/Event Host Schedule (see Appendix XXX – Royal Show Schedule) is the Standard Schedule to be run by the Royal Show/Event Host Society/Organisation. This is the minimum Schedule to be run, but further sections/classes as desired may be added.
- b) The Royal Show/Event Schedule will be reviewed annually at Conference.
- c) The Show/Event Standard Schedule is the minimum blue print for any Qualifying Show/Event to follow.
- d) The Breed Standards are governed by the Standard Schedules submitted by the affiliated Breed Societies.
- e) All affiliated Shows/Events must have their Schedule and Entry Form published annually on the RAS website, prior to their Show entries closing date.

EEFSL 6. Results

- a). All affiliated Shows/Events must have their Equestrian Results published on the RAS website within one (1) month of the Show/Event.

EEFSL 7. Exhibitors/Owners/Competitors

- a). A Competitor is ineligible to compete under a Judge if (refer also to Judge rule J 25)
 - i. The competitor is a member of the Judge's family.
 - ii. The exhibit is owned or has been owned by the Judge, or Judge's family/business partner/employer within the last six (6) months.
 - iii. Any exhibit that has been leased or in partnership by the competitor from the Judge, or Judge's family/business partner/employer within the last six (6) months or the duration of the lease/partnership whichever is the longer.
 - iv. That Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer has owned the exhibit being competed with, under that Judge, on that day, within the last six (6) months.
 - v. The exhibit being competed was bred by the Judge or Judge's family/ business partner/employer and was sold within the last six (6) months, no matter who was the seller.
 - vi. The Judge has been accommodated within one (1) calendar month prior to the event at the competitor's/exhibitors residence/family residence/competitor's business partners' residence/employers residence.
 - vii. Either the exhibit being exhibited on that day, under that Judge or the competitor him/herself, or any part of the combination have been involved in tuition/schooling by the Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer, within the past six (6) months.
 - viii. If the Judge has been a representative under competition conditions for the competitor/exhibitor's family/business partner/employer and his/her exhibit or any part of the combination within the past six (6) months no matter who owned the exhibit during this period.
 - ix. The Judge or Judge's family/business partner has employed the competitor/exhibitor within the last six (6) months.
 - x. The competitor's/exhibitor's exhibit is in the incorrect height group (class) or if that competitor/exhibitor cannot produce a current RAS Certificate on the day.
 - xi. The competitor/exhibitor has entered the exhibit in the incorrect class, the competitor entered in the incorrect age grouping of either the exhibit or the competitor.
 - xii. The competitor/exhibitor has not entered the exhibit under its correct registered name; colour, markings, and/or brands differ from those on the exhibit's registration card.
- b) Ownership - All exhibits entered in competitive classes or ring events or parading (whether by invitation or by entry) must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner. All animals must be named at time of entry, as on their RAS Certificate where applicable.
- c) Leases/Partnerships - A lease/partnership lodged with the RAS must cover each leased or partnered exhibit competing at any Show/Event. A lease or partnership must be recorded with the RAS on a recognised form to be acceptable. All benefits and penalties relating to an exhibit shall be attributed to the lessee or partner. If the exhibit is registered with an affiliated Breed Society the lease/partnership must also be registered with that Society.
Leases or Partnerships must be for no less than a six (6) month period and shall commence, on receipt of confirmation from the RAS that it has been received.

- d) Lent or Borrowed - If an exhibit is lent or borrowed (Lease or Partnership not filed) by the owner to compete, the owner will remain the Person Responsible for that Exhibit.
- e) No competitor/exhibitor shall deface or alter registration papers, or RAS documents. Damaged cards, certificates, or registration papers are not acceptable and must be replaced.
- f) Exhibits must be shown in their current recorded height group and classes.
- g) Where classes are defined by height, competitors/exhibitors must carry a current RAS Certificate for their exhibit at all RAS affiliated Shows/Events, and must produce it upon request to any authorised Show/Event personnel. Any competitor unable to produce such a certificate means that the exhibit is ineligible to compete, and will forfeit any awards. It is the responsibility of all competitors/exhibitors to ensure that certificate/form is completely filled in by the Measuring Stand personnel.
- h) Inevitably circumstances will arise which are not precisely covered. In such circumstances where ever possible the spirit of the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations will be followed to produce the fairest result for all.

JUDGES

- J 1.** RAS Equestrian Judges Register - All Judges appointed must be listed on the current Royal A&P Society New Zealand (RAS) Equestrian Judges register or on an equivalent or recognised register in their home Country.
- J 2.** All Judges must attend a RAS approved Equestrian Seminar at least once in every two-years. Failure to attend Seminars, unless a reasonable explanation is received by the National Judges Convenor, will mean the Judge is removed from the current register.
- J 3.** Only Grade One (1) and International (Int) Judges should be appointed to Judge at Royal A&P Shows and Royal A&P Events (equestrian Royal A&P Event status), NZ Horse of the Year Show (HOY), or recommended as suitable to Judge internationally.
- J 4.** To be listed as a RAS Judge an applicant must first become a Member of the Royal A&P Society (RAS) and thereafter keep that membership current.
- J 5.** Any Judge on the RAS Judges List or a Candidate Judge who is charged and penalised under the Forbidden Substance Regulations, will be suspended from Judging immediately. Refer to FS Rules, FS5.
- J 6.** Judges are added to the RAS Equestrian Judges Register once they have completed the qualification process.
- J 7.** Notwithstanding J2, Judges can be removed from the RAS Equestrian Judges Register, by the RAS Executive.
- J 8.** RAS Listed Judges who are current members of the RAS or RAS affiliated Breed/Kindred Association/Society, or an overseas Judge of equivalent standard, must be used at RAS affiliated Shows/Events.
- J 9.** When officiating, Judges must wear their named RAS issued Judges badge.
- J 10.** Judges may not adjudicate more than once in the same section within 200km within a two month calendar period unless judging different sections.
- J 11.** A Judge at a Show/Event shall not transport horses or competitors/exhibitors to the Show/Event in the section that they are appointed to Judge.
- J 12.** A Judge must own a current RAS Equestrian Rulebook.
- J 13.** A Judge may not visit the horse lines, parking areas or stables or the owners/competitors/exhibitors in any social situation or inspect or discuss any exhibit entered in the Show/Event until after they have finished officiating.
- J 14.** A competitor/exhibitor shall not compete/exhibit under a Judge, nor shall a Judge adjudicate when the competitor/exhibitor is ineligible under the rules.
- J 15.** If a Judge adjudicates or a competitor/exhibitor competes knowing an exhibit is ineligible, one or all may be held in breach of the rules.

- J 16.** A Judge may direct a Steward to order any person and/or exhibit from the ring and/or competition for bad conduct.
- J 17.** The maximum number of horses in a single heat is 15.
- J 18.** In ridden classes a Judge may call in (providing the numbers allow) two (2) more exhibits than the awards require. Each of those exhibits called in to the centre may be offered a workout. The judging sheet should indicate how the exhibits that work are finally placed. (i.e. if three (3) places are to be awarded but five (5) exhibits work out, indicate first to fifth.)
- J 19.** The Judge's decision as to the winners and place getters in a class shall be final, bearing in mind any exhibit that will not stand to be presented in a safe manner forfeits its award. Only if infringement of the rules is proved can the Show/Event Officials change the places.
- J 20.** No competitor/exhibitor or member of their family shall approach a Judge in regard to a decision unless they first obtain the permission of the Show's/Event's Equestrian Convenor/Manager/Ring Master/Steward, the most senior of whom shall carry the decision on the day.(See also Exhibitor/Owners/Competitors section)
- J 21.** When an exhibitor/competitor makes a request through the Show's/Event's Equestrian Convenor/Manager/Ring Master/Steward (see rule above) for the Judge's opinion concerning an exhibit, the Judge will give their opinion courteously and sincerely. The Judge should ensure that the Show/Event Official making the request to the Judge for an interview between the Judge and the exhibitor/competitor, remains present during all discussions with the exhibitor/competitor. However, there will be no discussion between the exhibitor/competitor and the Judge until the Judge has finished officiating.
- J 22.** A judging panel for a Championship shall be drawn from among the judge(s) who judged the qualifying classes for that Championship.
- J 23.** If one Judge is unavailable, the Equestrian Convenor/Manager/Ring Master/Steward will authorise judging to commence without the full panel.
- J 24.** It is the responsibility of the RAS affiliated Show/Event concerned that any overseas Judge be made acquainted with the RAS Equestrian Rule Book and any other relevant rules.
- J 25** A Judge is ineligible to Judge a competitor/exhibitor and or exhibit if (refer also to competitors eligibility rule EEFSL 7.
- a) The Judge is a member of the competitor's/exhibitor's family/business partner/employer.
 - b) The competitor has leased or in partnership an exhibit to that Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer, within the last six (6) months or the term of the lease or partnership.
 - c) The competitor/exhibitor and/or exhibit have been accommodated by the Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer one (1) month prior to the day of competition.
 - d) The competitor/exhibitor has been a representative under competition conditions for the Judge or Judge's family/business partner/employer, and his exhibit or any part of

the combination within the last six (6) months. The exhibit may not necessarily have been owned by that Judge at the time of representation by the competitor.

- e) The Judge has either employed, or been employed by the competitor's/exhibitor's family/business partner or has employed the competitor/exhibitor's family/business partner in the last six (6) months.
- f) Either the exhibit being exhibited on that day or the competitor/exhibitor or the combination have been under tuition by the Judge/Judge's family/Judge's business partner/Judge's employer within the past six (6) months.