

Royal Agricultural Society

RAS Remit Twelve - Equestrian – Ability to add extra Breed classes

Comment from RAS Executive – while the Executive understand all A&P Shows are wanting to attract as many entries as possible, there is a pre-existing obligation to our affiliated Breed Societies. Shows are able to add classes to reflect interest and need locally. However, they cannot do that at the expense of, and against the interests of, their fellow affiliated owners of the RAS. The Executive's preference would be to see this topic discussed in full at District AGM's and at RAS Conference before a remit, such as this, is voted on. A vote in favour could see unaffiliated organisations receiving the same benefits as our affiliated organisations. Equally it could allow break away groups from existing affiliated groups access to A&P Show classes and this would potentially breach our "One Breed Affiliation Policy." It is noted this remit is just aimed at the equestrian section- why should this be acceptable within the equestrian section but not other sections?

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Remit <i>(Note here the remit proposition you are putting forward)</i>
To amend; Appendix TAB C. Standard Royal A&P Show Schedule - Breed Sections
Current Rules <i>(Note here the specific rules this remit seeks to change. Note also any related rules on which there may be an impact.)</i>
EQUESTRIAN RULES for RAS Affiliated Shows/Events Competitors Exhibitors and Judges
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
TAB 4. Minimum Standard Qualifying Section Schedule For Shows/Events (MSS) MSS 2. MINIMUM STANDARD QUALIFYING SECTION SCHEDULE FOR SHOWS/EVENTS
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.

Change

(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.")

Add subsection C (MSS2) to the Breed Section, of the Equestrian Rules.

Rationale

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

The current two sections of the Equestrian rules are ambiguous in their advice to shows on supplying a minimum schedule of classes for events. In the case of breed sections; all shows must comply with the standard schedules submitted by affiliated breed societies, while not being able to add additional local classes to promote specific breed sections.

The proposed amendment would facilitate the following:

- 1) Continue to support affiliated breed societies, by confirming the provision of their standard schedules. ***(Only members of the affiliated breed society are eligible for qualification to attend Royal events, or HOY).***
- 2) Confirm the intent of MSS2 subsection C, to allow shows to promote sections to their local competitors, and conditions, by adding additional classes as applicable, to the standard breed schedules.
- 3) Support local societies to attract the maximum possible number of entries, for each section within a show, relative to local conditions.
- 4) Increase attendance at RAS affiliated show and attract new members.
- 5) Increase income to the RAS through the collection of RAS levies (equestrian).

Contra

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