

## 2024: REMIT SIX (6) – WHIP LENGTHS

NAME OF ORGANISATION	
Association / Society or District proposing Remit	Equestrian Rulebook Review Working Group Committee
PROPOSER	
Name, designation, email & phone # so you can receive any enquiries.	Working Group – any enquiries can be forwarded to RAS Head Office – <a href="mailto:enquiries@ras.org.nz">enquiries@ras.org.nz</a>
REMIT	
Outline the Remit proposal that you are putting forward.	General Rules – GR: Tidy up length of whip lengths in the Rulebook and Judges Red Manual.
CURRENT RULE(s)	
Rule(s) number(s) and wording of current rule(s) this remit seeks to change.	<p><b>GR 5. SADDLERY and ACCESSORIES</b></p> <p>a) Whips in Ridden classes in main rings – Whips shall not exceed <b>76cm</b> in length; Lead Rein &amp; First Ridden – shall not exceed <b>68cm</b> including the flap (2cm x 4cm), Whips in Led Classes – shall not exceed <b>120cm</b>.</p> <p><b>Judges Red Manual - supplement 2016, Turnout &amp; Best Presented Page 26</b> (at the back of Rule Book after Appendix C, Royal Show Schedule), re Best Presented Led (In Hand) = Canes not to exceed 75cm. In Hand Stallion - Stallion whips are permitted if the exhibit is a stallion or a colt. (No maximum length mentioned).</p>
PROPOSED NEW RULE(s)	
Rule(s) number(s) and wording of new proposed rule(s).	<p><b>GR 5 SADDLERY and ACCESSORIES</b></p> <p>a) Whip lengths in - Ridden Classes in main ring - shall not exceed <b>76cm</b>; Lead Rein &amp; First Ridden – shall not exceed <b>76cm</b> including the flap (2cm x 4cm); Whips in Led Classes – shall not exceed <b>120cm</b>; Side saddle – length of cane should not exceed <b>1m</b>. A Dressage whip is also permitted in Side saddle section (as per the NZ Side Saddle Association Rules); In Hand Stallion – whips not exceeding 120cm are permitted if the exhibit is a stallion or a colt.</p> <p><b>Judges Red Manual - supplement 2016, Turnout &amp; Best Presented Page 26</b> (at the back of Rule Book after Appendix C, Royal Show Schedule), Whip lengths in - Ridden Classes in main ring - shall not exceed <b>76cm</b>; Lead Rein &amp; First Ridden – shall not exceed <b>76cm</b> including the flap (2cm x 4cm); Whips in Led Classes – shall not exceed <b>120cm</b>; Side saddle – length of cane should not exceed <b>1m</b>. A Dressage whip is also permitted in Side saddle section (as per the NZ Side Saddle Association Rules); In Hand Stallion – whips not exceeding 120cm are permitted if the exhibit is a stallion or a colt.</p>
RATIONALE	
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 events which may have prompted this remit.	There needs to be uniformity within the lengths of whips that are permitted. Regulating a maximum length for a stallion whip, and by making a maximum whip length in ridden classes, gives riders a choice.
CONTRA	
Outline what might be the downside or negative.	None