

2024: REMIT TWO (2) – AGE OF RIDERS AND HANDLERS

| NAME OF ORGANISATION | |
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| 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 – enquiries@ras.org.nz |
| REMIT | |
| Outline the Remit proposal that you are putting forward. | Age of Riders & Handlers: Make it acceptable for adults to ride ponies in Affiliated Breed and Kindred Society Sections if the Affiliated Breed or Kindred Society allows it in their rules. |
| CURRENT RULE(s) | |
| Rule(s) number(s) and wording of current rule(s) this remit seeks to change. | <p>CDE 11. AGE OF RIDERS & HANDLERS</p> <p>f) Open pony exhibits (also see CDE 12 h) must be ridden by riders under seventeen (17) years of age.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| PROPOSED NEW RULE(s) | |
| Rule(s) number(s) and wording of new proposed rule(s). | <p>CDE 11. AGE OF RIDERS & HANDLERS</p> <p>f) Open pony exhibits (also see CDE 12 h) must be ridden by riders under seventeen (17) years of age.</p> <p>i. Novice and Open pony exhibits (except Pony Stallions) may be ridden by a rider of any age in affiliated Breed or Kindred Society section classes only when the rule of that affiliated Breed or Kindred Society allows.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>i. Novice and Open pony stallions may be ridden by any rider aged fourteen (14) and over in affiliated Breed or Kindred Society section classes only when the rule of that affiliated Breed or Kindred Society allows.</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. | <p>Breed and Kindred Society’s sections are not open sections as they are restricted to the breed, colour or type of horse or the style of riding e.g.: side saddle.</p> <p>Breed classes are an opportunity for breeders to get their young horses out with an experienced adult aboard to further their education. With the smaller number of horses being shown currently an exhibit can quite often win out of Novice in a very short time. The owner can elect to not exhibit to ‘save’ Novice wins, but this takes entries away from shows which is detrimental to shows viability.</p> <p>Breed sections are an opportunity to showcase a stallion under saddle who would benefit from being ridden by an adult.</p> |
| CONTRA | |
| Outline what might be the downside or negative. | None |