ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NZ



2024: REMIT FOURTEEN (14) - REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS

	NAME OF ORGANISATION
Association / Society or District proposing Remit	Franklin Agricultural & Pastoral Society
	PROPOSER
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	REMIT
Outline the Remit proposal that you are putting forward.	General Rules – GR Removal of any obstructions to attracting new show entrants competing at A & P shows
	CURRENT RULE(s)
Rule(s) number(s) and wording of current rule(s) this remit seeks to change.	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.
	PROPOSED NEW RULE(s)
Rule(s) number(s) and wording of new proposed rule(s).	GR 1. RULES a) The RAS rules prevail in all RAS classes; however 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.
	Removal of the words - 'a Breed Society or'
	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 I day. Also note any circumstances or even which may have prompted this remit.	Currently affiliated Breed Societies may impose additional rules restricting entry to classes that are a potential obstruction to attracting new competitors, and eventual Breed Society and A&P Society membership.
	Such additional rules are:
	"Horses must be registered with bodies affiliated to the RAS"
	"This section is run under the NZ Shetland Pony Breeders Society (Inc) Regulations for "Showing & Exhibition of Shetland Ponies" in conjunction with the RAS Equestrian Rules. Shetland Ponies must be Purebred and registered with the NZSPBS"

"All Pintos must be registered with the NZ Pinto Horse Society Inc and the owner be a current financial member at close of entries."

"All entries must be registered with The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of New Zealand (Inc) in either The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of New Zealand Stud Book or The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of New Zealand Part Bred Register"

Specific reasons:

Where a Breed Society requires the exhibit to be registered with their society, or an affiliated society, this is at the exclusion of all other breed registers, internationally.

As an example: Two Shetland Pony stallions were imported direct from the Shetland Islands and were registered with the "Stud Book". The parent society, Shetland Pony Stud Book Society, is the *parent* society of *all* major Shetland Pony societies *internationally*.

The local society initially refused to allow addition of these ponies to the New Zealand registry, therefore blocking their exhibition at A & P shows until this was resolved.

In this case the affected ponies were from a registry that is internationally recognised as the dominant stud book. It was also in contravention of the requirements of being a daughter society.

Where a Breed Society requires the owner / competitor to be a current financial member at close of entries, this obstructs owners of eligible entrants from "having a go", and potentially continuing their showing careers.

Any such entrants will be exposed to members of the Breed Society / A & P Societies and potentially be attracted to join them for further inclusion in society activities and shows, thereby increasing overall membership in the long term.

***I propose the continuation of the confirmation of the setting of breed standards, breed eligibility, and minimum schedules by the affiliated society.

See EEFSL 5. Schedules

d) The Breed Standards are governed by the Standard Schedules submitted by the affiliated Breed Societies.

CONTRA

Outline what might be the downside or negative.

None. The setting of breed standards, breed eligibility, and minimum schedules will remain the responsibility of the affiliated society.