

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Association abides by the Royal Agricultural Association of NZ rules and regulations. For all rules in their entirety please visit [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz). A copy of the rules will be available from the Event Administrator's Office on show day but have been abbreviated below to save space for printing purposes. Any enquiries, please contact the Event Administrator.

## **ENTRIES:**

**Close 5.00pm Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2025 (late entries will not be accepted).** Entries should be in the hands of the Event Administrator, by the above date.

Entries for Flowers, Forage Crops and Vegetables may be made on Show Day. All entries must be accompanied with the appropriate entry fees.

## **LIVESTOCK CLASSES:**

Each exhibit must have been the bona fide property of exhibitor for not less than one month prior to the Show except in the case of imported stock.

To save congestion at the measuring pen, a current Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Show or Royal Agricultural Show or Life Certificate will be accepted from exhibitors in all horse classes where height is stipulated.

**Refund of Entry Fees** in the Horse Section: The Association will credit 80% of entries only on production of a Veterinary Certificate or presentation of a Medical Certificate for the rider.

The request for refunds must be in the hands of the Event Administrator within 7 days of the date of the Show.

In respect of District Classes, the District is defined by the former Malvern County Boundaries, and exhibitors in these classes must permanently reside in the Malvern County area.

## **HORSE SECTION:**

Please note that there are changes and alterations in this Section. The former "Malvern County" has been further defined by Roads and additional information with regard to the wearing of helmets, as regulated by the Royal Agricultural Society, has also been included. Please read these regulations carefully since non compliance may render your entry as invalid.

## **HATS AND SAFETY HELMETS**

a) In all cases current WorkSafe New Zealand rules prevail.

b) All riders, including harness drivers/with the exclusion of heavy horse (Clydesdale) working classes, competing at RAS affiliated A&P Shows/Events 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 or the grounds of an affiliated Event.

c) Hats/helmets must conform with one of the current approved safety standards. These standards may be subject to change but the latest list can be found at <http://www.ras.org.nz> – equestrian. RAS will advise any changes via their website and Facebook.

d) All hats/helmets that conform as per c) must be identified by the current tag system implemented by NZPCA, ESNZ and RAS. The standards can be found at the following link:

<http://www/nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/resources/health-safety/helmet-tagging>

Helmet compliance is the responsibility of the rider/parent.

**YELLOW TAGGED HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL RIDERS WHEN MOUNTED. NO YELLOW TAG - NO ENTRY INTO THE RING - NO EXCEPTION**

## **HORSE ENTRIES:**

**There will be NO changes made to ANY entries after Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **BREASTPLATE NUMBER HOLDERS -**

**are compulsory for all classes, except Hunter jumping and Pony Hunter jumping. The competitor is responsible for making the number using the appropriate number that the show issues. Only large black numbers on a white background are acceptable. No other colour combinations or formats are acceptable.**

**Hunter Jumpers & Recreational (Leisure) Horses & Ponies are required to use the Association numbers. The \$4 is to be paid with entry fee, \$2 of which is refundable on the return of the Back Number in good condition.**

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## **YELLOW CARD SYSTEM:**

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 and Regulations/Bylaws, including the Equestrian Rule Book, 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 on the "Yellow Card System" is available to view on the RAS website [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz).

## **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.

## **SUMMARY OF RAS RESOLUTION PROCESS:**

The full process can be found on the RAS website [www.ras.org.nz](http://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.

## **SEEDS, GRAIN, ROOTS & VEGETABLES:**

In Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 all entries must be the bona fide property of, and grown by, exhibitor for the current season.

## **EXHIBITS:**

Must be in their appointed places before 9.30am (unless stated otherwise by individual Sections), on the morning of the Show. No exhibits of any description will be allowed to be removed from the Show grounds until 4.00pm on day of Show without the permission of the Committee or Secretary.

Any exhibits not removed on show day will become property of the Association.

Persons desirous of exhibiting goods for which there are no classes in the Catalogue may, subject to the approval of the Committee, obtain sites on the ground on the payment of a small premium.

Persons in charge of exhibits will be admitted free upon producing an Exhibitor's Pass, and they shall be subject to the orders of the Committee or its Officers.

In cases where non-members exhibitor's entry fees amount to a minimum of \$15.00, such exhibitors will be entitled to an Exhibitor's Pass. Every \$100.00 spent on entries shall receive one ticket thereafter if required. Members receive two Member Entry Passes.

Should an exhibitor, in the opinion of the Committee, be guilty of any fraudulent or unfair practice, or any deceit or concealment in entering or exhibiting stock or any other, or exhibit diseased or infected stock, all the exhibits of such an exhibitor shall be disqualified, and his/her name shall not appear in the official prize list.

Should any exhibitor infringe any of these conditions and regulations or refuse to comply with the direction of the Committee, the Committee shall have power to suspend such person or firm from exhibiting at any exhibition during such period as they may think fit.

Should any person or firms be disqualified or suspended by a kindred Association registered under the Agricultural and Pastoral Societies Act, 1908. The Committee of the Association shall have power to endorse such disqualifications or suspension and suspend such person or firm accordingly.

## **ENTRY FEE FOR SPECIAL PRIZES:**

Are the same as those in Classes to which such Prizes relate or are otherwise specified.

## **LIABILITY:**

The Committee will not, under any circumstances, hold themselves responsible for loss, damage, or mis-delivery of exhibits of any description, whether exhibited at the Show or during transit to or from same.

Parking is entirely at the owner's own risk.

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The Association's policy is that due care has been taken to protect property and grounds, however the Association will not be held liable to any person in case of loss, theft, injury or damage by reason of any defect, accident, negligence or neglect howsoever arising.

**EVACUATION PROCEDURE AREAS:** The Main Ring and the Car Park.

## **PRIZE MONEY:**

In the event of the funds at the disposal of the committee proving insufficient (owing to unforeseen circumstances) to pay all the prizes in full, the committee reserves the right to withhold such a percentage as may be necessary.

All prizes not claimed within two weeks after the Show Date shall be forfeited.

The Committee reserves the right to substitute trophies in lieu of cash prizes should any offers of same come to hand after having the Schedule printed.

## **PROTESTS:**

These must be lodged with the Event Administrator in writing not later than one hour after the Judges have given their decisions. The party entering the protest must deposit \$50.00, which will be returned if the protest is upheld. The Committee will meet on the day of the Show to consider all protests, five members to form a quorum. The decision of the Committee for the time being in office shall be absolutely final in all cases.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN:** A full copy of the Health and Safety Plan is held in the Secretary's office along with a map of the grounds and restricted zones, first aid area and fire extinguishers.

**DOGS: NO DOGS** will be admitted to the grounds unless they are collared and leashed.

**The Malvern A&P Assn request that all dogs BE TREATED AS BELOW before entering the showgrounds.**

Dose all dogs with a praziquantel drug at least 48 hours or within one month prior to going.

Carry some evidence of treatment such as a treatment certificate or receipt from vet.

Carry enough plastic bags to pick up and remove dog faeces should your dog defecate.

If you are going on public land near sheep pasture please apply the same policies to prevent the spread of sheep measles. If you are in doubt or have questions contact Ovis Management on 0800 222 011 or visit [www.sheepmeasles.co.nz](http://www.sheepmeasles.co.nz).

## **CATTLE— MYCOPLASMA BOVIS – MALVERN A&P ASSN SHOW PROTOCOLS**

### **Exhibitors**

1. Animals on properties under any suspicion of exposure to *Mycoplasma bovis* should not be transported to shows and events.
2. Animals showing clinical signs of **ANY** disease should not be transported to shows, as per normal biosecurity practice.
3. Make sure your cattle are tagged and registered with **NAIT**.
4. Keep your **NAIT** movements up-to- date and accurate and record movements to and from the event. Guidance is available on [www.nait.co.nz](http://www.nait.co.nz).
5. Practice good on-farm biosecurity and clean and disinfect outerwear, boots and equipment before attending a show or event. On your return, clean and disinfect again before taking outerwear, boots and equipment back onto your farm. For more information refer to the guidance on [www.mpi.govt.nz/bovis](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/bovis)
6. Animals without a NAIT tag will be denied entry to the event and non-compliance will be reported to MPI.
7. Ensure that the stalls at the event are clean when you arrive and when you leave. USE the SAME stall - do not use a different stall belonging to a different exhibitor at any time during the event.
8. Give animals individual water – do not allow animals to drink from shared water troughs.
9. Keep your cattle herd separate from other exhibitor's cattle and **do not** allow nose to nose contact.
10. Each Stud/Farm to use a separate wash bay/area.
11. Ensure that when your animals are tied in the stalls they are being securely managed by someone who is strong and skilled enough.