

# **Rules and Regulations of the RPSBS**

## **REGISTRATIONS**

Only financial members of the Society can register ponies.

All registration applications must be complete and requested photocopies of their registrations showing proof of ownership and breeding attached.

Young stock registrations made by a member other than the owner of the sire shall be accompanied by a service certificate.

The breeder is deemed to be the owner/lessee of the mare at the time of foaling.

One registration will apply to females in all sections and geldings.

No stock eligible by pedigree for registration or registered in a pure bred section of a stud book recognised by the Society can be registered Section A.

Only stock of a straight colour are eligible for registration. When applying to register adult animals proof of breeding must be provided (that is service certificate or copy of other registration papers).

Thoroughbred mares must have a volume and page number and a copy of commercial papers provided (that is ASB passport, racing papers, catalogue or printout from ASB). Thoroughbred mares (if not ASB registered) will be accepted into the register if proof of three generations of breeding is supplied.

Stud Books recognised by the Society are:

Arabian: Australian Pony: Connemara: Dartmoor: Hackney: New Forest: Thoroughbred: Welsh A,B,C.

Imported Stock from U.K.: Stock imported into Australia which are registered in the Riding Pony Section of the National Pony Society are eligible for registration by pedigree to the appropriate section of the Stud Book.

Imported Stock From New Zealand: Stock imported into Australia registered in the N.Z. Riding Pony Stud Book or the Pony Breeders Society of N.Z. Inc Stud Book are eligible for the relevant registration to a section of the Stud Book subject to the stock meeting such requirements as the National Board may stipulate.

Section A

Progeny Filly or Colt

Gelding transferred to the gelding register

1: Progeny of a mare Section A or Appendix A by a sire adult registered with the RPSBS Ltd

Stallion            Mare

Registered RPSBS Ltd. + Registered RPSBS Ltd.  
Section A or Section A or  
Approved Stallion Appendix A Mare  
2: Progeny of a mare Section B or Appendix B by a sire adult registered with the RPSBS  
Ltd  
Stallion Mare

Registered RPSBS Ltd. + Registered RPSBS Ltd.  
Section A or Section B or  
Approved Stallion Appendix B Mare  
3: Progeny whose dam and sire are registered with the RPSBS Ltd. and are in different  
stud books recognised by the  
RPSBS Ltd.  
Stallion Mare

Registered RPSBS Ltd. + Registered RPSBS Ltd.  
& Stud Book in & Stud Book  
Arabian different Arabian  
APSB Stud Books APSB  
Connemara Connemara  
Dartmoor Dartmoor  
Hackney Hackney  
New Forest New Forest  
Thoroughbred Thoroughbred or with  
Welsh A.B.C 3 generations of breeding  
Welsh A.B.C

Note: To obtain the correct Section Registration for progeny Register the Stallion and  
Mare (ie. Sire & Dam) First Then register the progeny

Section B  
Progeny Filly  
Gelding transferred to the gelding register  
1: Female progeny of a mare registered Section C or Appendix C by a sire adult  
registered with the RPSBS Ltd. or registered in a Pure Bred Stud Book recognised by the  
RPSBS Ltd.

Stallion Mare

Registered RPSBS Ltd. + Registered RPSBS Ltd.  
Section A or Section C or  
Approved Stallion Appendix C Mare  
Not registered RPSBS Ltd.  
and Stud Book  
Arabian

APSB  
Connemara  
Dartmoor  
Hackney  
New Forest  
Thoroughbred  
Welsh A.B.C

2: Female progeny of a mare registered in a Pure Bred section of a Stud Book recognised by the RPSBS Ltd. by a sire adult registered with the RPSBS Ltd.

Stallion          Mare

Registered RPSBS Ltd.          +          Not registered RPSBS Ltd.

Section A or          and Stud Book

Approved Stallion          Arabian

APSB

Connemara

Dartmoor

Hackney

New Forest

Thoroughbred or with

3 generations of breeding

Welsh A.B.C

3: A female whose dam and sire are registered in different Pure Bred sections of a Stud Book recognised by the RPSBS Ltd. and are not registered with the RPSBS Ltd.

Stallion          Mare

Not registered RPSBS Ltd.          +          Not registered RPSBS Ltd.

& Stud Book          in          & Stud Book

Arabian          different          Arabian

APSB          Stud Books          APSB

Connemara          Connemara

Dartmoor          Dartmoor

Hackney          Hackney

New Forest          New Forest

Thoroughbred          Thoroughbred or with

Welsh A.B.C          3 generations of breeding

Welsh A.B.C

4: A female registered in a Pure Bred section of a Stud Book recognised by the RPSBS Ltd.

Mare

Can be Registered RPSBS

Ltd. Section B if Stud Book

Arabian



Section C or  
Appendix C Mare

Not registered RPSBS Ltd.  
& Stud Book  
Arabian  
APSB  
Connemara  
Dartmoor  
Hackney  
New Forest  
Thoroughbred or with  
3 generations of breeding  
Welsh A.B.C

Note: To obtain the correct Section Registration for progeny Register the Stallion and Mare (ie. Sire & Dam) First Then register the progeny

Appendix Mares: Mares which exceed 14.2 hands in height are entered or transferred to the Appendix Section of the Stud Book according to the pedigree. Appendix mares cannot be shown in Riding Pony classes.

Stallions: Section A entire progeny must be adult registered with DNA before either the age of four years or standing at stud. The application for registration of stallions must be accompanied by a current (within 6 months) original veterinary certificate which states the suitability and soundness for breeding purposes with specific reference to genitalia. No photocopies or facsimile copies will be accepted. Stallions registered in Stud Books recognised by the Society are eligible for registration as an approved stallion with the Society. Society Approved stallions must be registered with D.N.A. before a mare can be served. Approved stallions cannot be shown in Riding Pony classes.

Colts: Colts eligible for Section A can be foal recorded before 31st July following the year of birth after which a fee of \$33.00 will apply. All other colts must be gelded before application for registration as a gelding.

Geldings: Gelding can only be registered in the Gelding registration section of the RPSBS Ltd. Stud Book.

Foal recorded Section A colts upon being registered as a gelding will have the foal recording fee deducted from the gelding registration fee. The foal-recording certificate must accompany the gelding registration application.

## **INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

The penalty fee for any registration application not accepted on the first presentation is \$11.00. Allow two weeks for transactions to be enacted. No guarantee can be given of turnarounds under two weeks. If a prompt turnaround is required an additional fee of \$55.00 in the form of credit card payment, bank cheque or money order is payable.

**BRANDS:** All brands must be registered with the Society and with the appropriate State Authority.

Fire or freeze branding is acceptable. All stock bred in Australia must be visibly branded subject to state branding regulations. Either/or a) Breeders registered brand on the near shoulder and the foaling sequence number over the last number of the foaling year on the off shoulder. b) Breeders registered brand over the foaling sequence number over the last number of the foal year on the near shoulder.

A member shall brand the member's stock only with the member's registered brand.

Un-branded imported stock may only be branded with the importer's brand.

All animals must be visibly branded when shown excluding foals whilst on their dams.

## **PREFIXES**

All prefixes must be registered with the Society. No member shall add the member's prefix to a pony not bred by that member. Registered ponies Prefixes are not permitted to be changed.

## **DUPLICATE PAPERS**

Replacement papers will be issued to the registered owner upon application with a new registration application form and a fee of \$33.00 provided the new registration form matched the original. These papers will be stamped DUPLICATE.

Replacement papers will be issued to the new owner as above if there is no objection from the original owner and proof of the new ownership is supplied within 30 days.

## **CHANGE OF NAME**

A change of name is permissible provided that written authority from the breeder is attached to a newly completed registration form. Prefixes are not permitted to be changed. The issuance of new papers is as for a duplicate and a fee of \$33.00 is payable.

## **TRANSFERS**

Transfers are the responsibility of the vendor.

All transfers are to be accompanied by a transfer form, completed registration certificate and a fee of \$33.00 and forwarded to the National Office irrespective of the purchaser's membership status.

A transfer by or to a non-financial member or non-member will not be registered. All transfers are to be lodged within 30 days of each change of ownership.

A penalty of \$33.00 will be incurred when one or more transfers have not been lodged or if the transfer has not been lodged within 30 days of each change of ownership.

## SELLING OF YOUNGSTOCK AS RIDING PONIES

All young stock ponies must be registered by the breeder/vendor and the transfer applied for by the breeder/vendor prior to any transfer being recorded.

## TRANSFER OF EXPORTED PONIES

A vendor exporting a riding pony is to send the pony's papers and a completed Transfer Form to our Registrar along with the appropriate fee. The transfer will be processed to members of the RSPS Ltd. and non-members will receive a duplicate copy of the papers, marked as exported. The STUD BOOK reference to the pony will also note, "exported".

## TRANSFER OF A STALLION WHEN SEMEN HAS BEEN COLLECTED FOR STORAGE

Notification must be given by the owner of a stallion to an impending purchaser that semen has or will be taken from the stallion for storage.

Both the vendor and the purchaser must notify the National Office in writing of an impending sale where stored semen is involved.

No royalty rights on stored semen will be allowed.

## STALLIONS GELDED AND SEMEN COLLECTED

A Section A of Approved Stallion which is registered with the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. and has semen stored may be gelded and the semen can still be used for breeding purposes. All returns and progeny registrations are as per Regulations.

## STALLIONS STANDING AT STUD

All stallions will require a breeding document/return to be lodged with the National Office prior to the end of the stud season. (31st July). Failure to lodge the completed return by this date will incur a penalty of \$110.00.

Failure to lodge a return, failure to include a mare on a return or pay the said fine will deem the resultant foal or foals ineligible for registration unless DNA tested.

Parent validation must be undertaken to prove the breeding and all costs are to be born by the stallion owner. It is the responsibility of the stallion owner/agent for all records to be correct.

Breeding documents/returns are available from the National Office for a fee of \$11.00.

When a stallion is standing at stud other than the owner's property then an official lease must be lodged for the said period otherwise the service certificates issued for that period of time will be considered invalid. Leases may be in joint names,

Service certificates must be issued to all visiting mare owners within 90 days of full payment of the service fee. Failure to issue certificates will incur a fine of \$44.00.

## LEASES

All leases are to be accompanied by an official lease form. The registration certificate and a fee of \$33.00. Leases may be made in joint names. A penalty of \$33.00 will be

incurred when the lease has not been lodged within 30 days of the date of the lease and change of ownership.

At no time will the Society enter into disputes. It is recommended that a written agreement be drawn up between the parties concerned.

#### NOTICE TO STALLION AND MARE OWNERS

The owner of a registered RPSBS Stallion is required to complete a certificate of Service for every mare covered by the stallion, other than those mares owned or leased by the Stallion owner.

Stallion owners must abide by the Society's regulations and issue a service certificate no later than 90 days after full payment of the service fee.

Mare owners (purchasers of the service) should ask for a receipt for full payment of the service fee from the stallion owner.

It is advised that any deals entered into are correctly documented in writing and a signed copy held by both parties.

The Society will not get involved in deals entered into in exchange for service fees.

The stallion owners should protect both themselves and the mare owners by having service contract stating all the conditions of service drawn up and signed by both parties and a copy kept by both parties to avoid any disputes.

Stallion owners must lodge a Stallion Return annually with the Society. This is a record of all mares covered by a stallion in any one season.

Failure to lodge this return by the following 31st of July will incur a penalty of \$110.00.

## ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION REGULATIONS

The RIDING PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY'S Rules require a Veterinarian to perform DNA testing. If you wish to use the DNA results from the Arabian Horse Society of Australia for a duel registered pony the Veterinarian certificate stating the DNA hair sample was collected must be included.

1. The Stallion used must be registered with the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Inc. and DNA tested before the commencement of any programme. If the Stallion to be used is resident outside Australia the Stallion's blood type code must be provided to the Australian Blood Typing Research Laboratory, University of Qld, Dept. of Physiology, St Lucia, Brisbane Aust. 4072.
2. Before the commencement of any Artificial Insemination programme the Mare to be inseminated must be DNA tested. Application for DNA forms for any animal must be made in writing, stating the animal's name, sire, dam, colour and date of birth. Cost to be borne by the owner/lessee. (Forms available on application.) For late applications see Clause (a) Penalties.
3. Before the commencement of any programme applications must be made to the RPSBS Registrar for the official Mare Artificial Insemination Record. This application must be made in writing, stating the animal's name, sire, dam, colour and date of birth. (Forms available on application.) For late applications see Clause (b) Penalties.
4. The Mare Artificial Insemination Record must be duly completed by the Vet/Technician at the time of insemination and it is the responsibility of the mare owner to ensure that the pink copy of the record is forwarded to the RPSBS Registrar within 90 days of insemination taking place.
5. Notation of any pregnancy result must be included on each insemination record.
6. A Service Certificate must be issued by the stallion owner/agent to the mare owner on completion of the Artificial Insemination Programme. (Conditions of issuance of a normal service certificate will apply.)
7. A Stallion Return must be completed by the Stallion owner/agent annually including special notation of the mares artificially inseminated. This Return must be lodged with the Federal Office by 31st July annually.

Applications for registration of resultant foals must be accompanied by:

An official application form for registration, a service certificate:

- a. Mare owner's copy (Yellow copy) of Insemination Record.
- b. An application for DNA testing of foal.
- c. Resultant progeny must DNA tested from 4 months. For late applications see Clause Penalties.

A letter confirming the blood typing application will be forwarded to the applicant this is not any form of registration. A registration certificate will be issued after confirmation of parent validation is received from the Blood Typing Research laboratory by the Federal Office.

Should either of the parties involved wish to lodge an objection concerning the parentage of a resultant foal, they should do so in writing to the Registrar of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Inc. At the same time they shall deposit the sum of \$110.00. If, on investigation, the objection is not sustained, the cost of the DNA testing will be deducted.

#### PENALTIES RELATED TO ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

- a. Late application for Mare Insemination Records after the commencement of the AI Programme the breeding documents will be an additional fee of \$110.00.
- b. Late application for Mare DNA Testing Form after the commencement of the AI Programme will be an additional fee of \$110.00.
- c. c) If resultant progeny are not DNA tested from the age of 4 months an additional fee of \$110.00 payable by the breeder.

D.N.A.

Stallions over the age of 21 years as of 1st August, 2004 are exempt from DNA testing. All other stallions must be DNA tested. Mare owners joining mares from the 2004/2005 season onwards are advised to ensure that the stallion/s they use are DNA tested or if a stallion dies that a DNA test is undertaken.

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#### BY-LAWS

On 4th March, 2007, the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Inc. held an extraordinary meeting. The Society became a Company Limited by Guarantee. The rules of the old constitution were adopted as by-laws.

The Board of Directors of the RPSBS Ltd. has adopted the State Committee Procedures of the RPSBS Inc. in the by-laws.

## **EMBRYO TRANSFER**

Before a foal born as a result of Embryo Transfer may be registered with the RPSBS all the RPSBS current rules for registration will apply and in addition:

1. The Stallion and Mare used must be registered with the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Inc. and DNA tested before the commencement of any programme. Cost to be borne by the owner/lessee. (Forms available on application at a cost of \$120.00 each.) If the stallion to be used is resident outside Australia the stallion's blood type code must be provided to the Australian Blood Typing Research Laboratory, University of Qld, Dept. of Physiology, St Lucia, Brisbane Aust. 4072.
2. Before the commencement of any programme applications must be made to the RPSBS Registrar for the official Embryo Transfer Record. This application must be made in writing, stating the animal's name, sire, dam, colour and date of birth. (Forms available on application.) See Clause (b) Penalties.
3. The Mare Embryo Transfer Form must be duly completed by the Vet/Technician at the time of embryo transfer and it is the responsibility of the mare owner to ensure pink copy of the record is forwarded to the RPSBS Registrar within 90 days of the embryo transfer.
4. Notation of any pregnancy result must be included on each embryo transfer record.
5. Embryos may be sold. "Transfer of Embryo Form" must be completed, together with a fee and lodged at Federal Office.

### **APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A RESULTANT FOAL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY:**

- a. Mare owner's copy (blue copy) of the Embryo Transfer Record signed and completed by the Veterinary Officer of Certified AI Technician.
- b. An application for DNA testing must accompany a completed registration application form.
- c. The Embryo Transfer foal must be blood typed from 4 months. See Clause © Penalties.
- d. A letter confirming the DNA application will be forwarded to the applicant. This is not any form of registration. No registration certificate will be issued until confirmation of parent validation is received from the Blood Typing Research laboratory by the Federal Office.
- e. The only prefix and brand which may be applied to a foal that is born as a result of embryo transfer shall be deemed to be that of the owner of the embryo/foetus at birth. Should either of the parties involved wish to lodge an objection concerning the parentage of a resultant foal they should do so in writing to the Registrar of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Inc. At the same time they shall deposit the sum of \$110.00. If, on investigation, the objection is not sustained, the cost of the DNA testing will be deducted from the deposit.

## PENALTIES RELATING TO EMBRYO TRANSFER

- a. Late application for Embryo Transfer records (after the commencement of an embryo transfer programme) will be an additional fee of \$110.00. e) Late application for Mare DNA testing Form (after the commencement of an embryo transfer programme) an additional fee of \$110.00 will be payable by the breeder.
- b. If the resultant progeny are not DNA tested from the age of 4 months an additional fee of \$110.00 payable by the breeder will be applied.

## **PENALTIES**

For the purpose of these procedures, the following definitions apply:

**Official Event:** Any competition programmed at any event conducted by the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. or any of its sub-committees.

**Competitor:** A person riding, leading or otherwise presenting a horse in any event.

**Exhibitor:** The owner, lessee or representative of the owner or lessee of a pony entered in any event.

**Default List:** A list of persons who have failed to pay a fine imposed under these or any other rules of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. by the time specified for the payment thereof or who have in any other respect failed to comply with the terms of any sanction applied under any such rule.

**Board:** Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd.

Penalties (Effective from 8th July, 2007) will be as follows:

### **1. COMPETING IN OFFICIAL EVENT WITH UNREGISTERED PONY**

Competitor and Exhibitor each subject to the same penalty. First offence; fine of \$100-00. Second and subsequent offences; fine up to \$500-00 and / or suspension to a maximum of six (6) months.

### **2. COMPETING IN OFFICIAL EVENT WITH PONY WHOSE REGISTRATION AND / OR PERFORMANCE IS NOT CURRENT.**

Competitor and Exhibitor each subject to the same penalty. First offence; pay outstanding fees plus fine of \$100-00. Second and subsequent offences; pay outstanding fees plus fine up to \$500-00 and / or suspension to a maximum of three (3) months.

### **3. COMPETING IN OFFICIAL EVENT OUT OF AGE, GRADE OR HEIGHT.**

First offence; fine of \$200-00. Second and subsequent offences; fine up to \$500-00 and / or suspension to a maximum of twelve (12) months.

### **4. FORGING OR FALSIFYING BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR ANY PART THEREOF FOR ENTRY INTO ANY EVENT.**

First offence; fine up to \$5,000-00 and / or suspension to a maximum of 12 months.  
Second and subsequent offences; fine up to \$10,000-00 and / or suspension.

### **5. FALSIFYING FOR PERFORMANCE INTO ANY EVENT.**

First offence; fine up to \$5,000-00 and / or suspension to a maximum of 12 months.  
Second and subsequent offences; fine up to \$10,000-00 and / or suspension.

### **6. FALSIFYING INFORMATION OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A PONY AND / OR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

First offence; fine up to \$5,000-00 and / or suspension to a maximum of 12 months.  
Second and subsequent offences; fine up to \$10,000-00 and / or suspension.

7. ENTERING REGISTERED PONY USING INCORRECT NAME AND / OR LISTING INCORRECT OWNER/S IN OFFICIAL EVENTS.  
Competitor or exhibitor each subject to the same penalty. Each offence fine of \$100-00.
8. COMPETING IN AN OFFICIAL EVENT WHILE MEMBERSHIP OF OWNER/S AND / OR RIDER IS NOT CURRENT.  
Competitor or exhibitor each subject to the same penalty. First offence: pay outstanding fees, plus fine of \$100-00. Second and subsequent offences; pay outstanding fees, plus fine up to \$500-00 and / or suspension to a maximum of three (3) months.
9. COMPETING IN AN OFFICIAL EVENT WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION.  
First Offence; fine up to \$5000-00 and / or suspension for a maximum of 12 months. Second and subsequent offences; fine up to \$10000-00 and / or suspension.
10. AS A REGISTERED OF THE RPSBS Ltd. ONE FAILS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF A REGISTERED PONY WITHIN 30 DAYS.  
Each offence; fine equivalent to double the current transfer fee.
11. COMPETING IN AN OFFICIAL EVENT WHILE ON THE DEFAULT LIST  
Each offence; suspension of membership for three (3) months.
12. PENALTY FEE FOR INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS - \$11-00
13. FAILURE TO LODGE STALLION RETURN BY 31ST JULY ANNUALLY - \$110-00
14. FAILURE TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE WITHIN 90 DAYS - \$44-00
15. LATE APPLICATION FOR MARE INSEMINATION RECORDS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE A.I. PROGRAMME – ADDITIONAL FEE \$110-00
16. LATE APPLICATION FOR MARE D.N.A. FORM AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE A.I. PROGRAMME – ADDITIONAL FEE \$110-00
17. LATE APPLICATION FOR EMBRYO TRANSFER RECORDS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EMBRYO TRANSFER. PROGRAMME – ADDITIONAL FEE \$110-00
18. LATE APPLICATION FOR MARE D.N.A. FORM AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EMBRYO TRANSFER PROGRAMME – ADDITIONAL FEE \$110-00
19. IF THE PRESENCE OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES IS CONFIRMED BY LABORATORY ANALYSIS CARRIED OUT THE F.E.I. RULES –

First offence; \$550-00 twelve (12) months suspension from the date of notification. Loss of prize money and loss of position in class. Second offence; \$1100-00 twelve (12) months suspension from the date of notification. Loss of prize money and loss of position in class. Third offence; \$1100-00 twenty four (24) months suspension from the date of notification. Loss of prize money and loss of position in class. If an offence is proven as a result of a positive test, the cost of testing and any associated costs to the RPSBS Ltd. will be applied to the offender.

#### HOW THE DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM WORKS

If an infringement of these rules is brought to the notice of the Board or Organising Committees, Judges or other Officials, the alleged offender will be informed in writing of the infringement and will be requested within a prescribed time to show cause in writing why the penalty as outlined should not be taken against him/her. The alleged offender's written submission (if any) and the offence, will then be further considered by the Board, which may

- (a) find no case to answer and take no further action; or
- (b) find the offence proven and apply the penalty; or
- (c) refer the matter to the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. Disciplinary Committee for determination.

In any case, where the Board has acted under Clause (b) hereof, the alleged offender may within fourteen (14) days of being advised of the Board's determination, by notice in writing, appeal against the Board's determination, in which case the matter will be placed before an Appeals Tribunal. Every such appeal notice shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 that will be refundable at the discretion of the Appeals Tribunal.

Upon the hearing of any such appeal, the Appeals Tribunal may uphold the Disciplinary Committee's decision, reduce or increase any fine or suspension as it thinks fit or alternatively, over-rule the determination of the Board either in whole or in part and hand down its own decision accordingly.

THESE RULES ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL OTHER RIDING PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY LTD. RULES IN FORCE AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENCE, AS APPLICABLE GENERALLY AND TO SPECIFIC EVENTS OR COMPETITIONS.

## **BULLYING POLICY**

The RPSBS has adopted the EFA WA Branch Bullying Policy

Bullying is an issue in many sports today.

The RPSBS Ltd wants members, organizers and officials to know that bullying is not acceptable at any RPSBS Ltd events.

### **Respect**

Every official, competitor & helper has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. The RPSBS Ltd has a responsibility to ensure this occurs at our events. The RPSBS Ltd can only discipline the appropriate person/s if intimidation is reported. We encourage any person who feels they have been bullied to report it in writing to the RPSBS Ltd:

- Reports will be handled promptly and confidentially
- Disciplinary action will be taken against those who have bullied others at events run under the auspices of the RPSBS Ltd

### **What is Bullying?**

Bullying is any inappropriate behaviour using force or power. Bullying undermines another person's self-esteem & confidence. It may be a one-off or may be repeated incidents:

Disparaging remarks	Name-calling
Public criticism	Smirking
Verbal abuse	Harassment
Written abuse	Swearing
Threats	Socially excluding people
Shouting	Spreading rumours & innuendo
Sarcasm	Throwing papers etc down/around
Belittling	

None of this is ever acceptable please report it to a RPSBS Ltd official. Being uptight at a competition is no excuse for bad behaviour.

### **What is the cost of Bullying?**

Bullying is not confined to the school yard. It costs Australians an estimated \$12 billion a year.

- 1 in 3 people quit work because of bullying (UK data)
- Bullying may make officials, competitors and sponsors leave our sport

Without our volunteer judges, organizers & officials, there would be no competitions.

### **Why do people Bully?**

Those who can, do .... Those who can't bully.

The more inadequate the person, the more they bully

- Bullies blame others for their problems
- Some bully when they are overloaded and not coping
- Some are just socially inept

## Steps the RPSBS Ltd may take

Every time a bully gets away with this behaviour, it is a signal to him or her that the organization thinks it is acceptable. When unacceptable behaviour is reported to the RPSBS Ltd, the committee can:

1. Send a letter to the bully to arrange a meeting with representatives from the RPSBS Ltd
2. Issue the bully with a written warning, which will remain on file
3. Suspend the bully from competing at RPSBS Ltd events for a period of time if in the judgement of the RPSBS Ltd committee the incident merits it, or if further incidents occur.

## How do I handle a bully?

1. Stay calm. If necessary, tell the intimidator that you will not continue the conversation until you have a second official with you (walk away if you have to).
2. Stay polite. Inform the intimidator that the RPSBS Ltd wishes people at events to report inappropriate behaviour.
3. Make a note of the following details as soon as possible.
  - a) Name or bridle number, (ask them to provide their name if you don't know it)
  - b) Time and date
  - c) Others present
4. Put a brief written report in to the RPSBS Ltd so the matter can be handled formally

We need the knowledge & experience of our volunteers.  
We cannot afford to lose good people through bad behaviour.

## Here's how it might go:

**Spectator:** "You haven't got a clue how to marshal this event, my daughter should have been called 10 minutes ago. You're a bloody idiot".

**Marshal:** "If you wish to continue this conversation, you will need to come to the club house / scorer's caravan/ canteen so another official is present while we discuss this issue".

**Spectator:** "What the hell do you mean? She's riding in a test right now. I'm not going anywhere".

**Marshal:** "Officials have been asked to submit written reports on inappropriate behaviour at competitions. When you say "You're a bloody idiot" I feel intimidated.

**Spectator:** "How ridiculous, get a life!"

**Marshal:** "In accordance with RPSBS Ltd guidelines, I am making a note of your daughter's bridle number, the time, what was said, and these other riders' bridle numbers so the incident can be properly reported".

## Who are bullies?

People in authority can victimize people with less power. They are often charming to those they are not bullying, which can make it even more difficult for their victims to complain. Some are clever, competent sophisticated manipulators who enjoy dominating & humiliating others. They like to see their victims squirm.

### **Who do bullies target?**

- Bullies often target people who have made a mistake. We all occasionally make mistakes. Riders do, officials do, judges do.
- Bullies often attack people who are victims – the 'blame the victim' syndrome

For example, an organizer gets abused when a computer, P.A., printer or photocopier breaks down, or weather conditions damage a riding surface or blow arenas down.

### **How do bullies respond when challenged?**

- Deny it
- Blame others
- Claim victimization if they are challenged
- Rationalise to explain their bad behaviour

### **How do we eliminate bullying?**

1. Have a clear policy – bullying is unacceptable
2. Define what is bullying & why it is unacceptable
3. Encourage riders or officials who are being bullied to report it – providing support & confidentiality
4. Appoint committee members to discipline bullies

Did you know?

In Criminal Law:

Assault = threatening behaviour, intimidation, bullying

Battery = physical attack

## **STATEMENT TO JUDGES**

There have been much comment regarding the lack of uniformity of type in all sections of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society of Australia.

It is hoped that all Judges and breeders will pay close attention to type.

1. Judges must be totally conversant with the description of Riding Pony type as laid down in the Stud Book.
2. Judges must not deviate from the description laid down in the Stud Book.
3. Judges must adhere to the printed heights as laid down in the Stud Book.

## **RULES FOR JUDGES**

For the purpose of these rules, “immediate family” shall include the following: husband, wife, parent, step-parent, child, in-laws of the same relation stated above, grandparents, defacto relations, brother and sister, business partners, employers and employees.

1. Grounds for removal of an individual from the Society’s list of approved judges shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Under suspension from the Riding Pony Society, or denial of any privilege there of, the individual will be removed automatically from the list of approved judges.
- (b) Failure to comply with the Society’s Rules and Regulations.
- (c) Removal under the two preceding paragraphs shall be absolute, with no provision for automatic reinstatement.

2. No one may show before a Judge, who boards, or rides, or trains (for show purposes), or agists any horse, under the said person’s ownership or lease, within a period of 6 months prior to the show. (Stud fees excluded).

3. No one may show before a Judge who has remunerated said person for the board or training of any horse for show purpose, within a period of 6 months prior to the show.

(a) No person who has been given tuition by a Judge may show within 6 months before this Judge or conversely, no Judge may adjudicate his tutor until a 6 month period has elapsed.

4. No horse may be shown before a Judge, which has been trained by the said Judge within the period of 6 months prior to the show.

5. No exhibitor or their family shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision, unless he first obtains permission from the show manager or ring steward, who may arrange an appointment with the Judge at a proper place and time. A member of the Society shall remain in attendance during this meeting. The Judge may refuse such a request.

6. Once a class has been judged, it shall not be re-judged.
7. A Judge may order any person, or horse from the competition, for bad conduct of one or both.
8. The Society may appoint any person, in absolute discretion, to the Panel of Judges, to adjudicate events at shows, where the objects and interests of the Society are promoted, and all persons who consent to be appointed to the Panel of Judges agree, as a condition of taking up their appointment, to be bound by these rules.
9. The Panel of judges shall be reviewed annually (date to be decided by the Committee) or other such date as the Committee may from time to time decide.
10. A member shall cease to be a Judge if the appointment is not reviewed at the annual review, or if the appointment is terminated as provided for in Rule 12.
11. A reviewed panel of Judges shall be published by the Committee annually.
12. Any Judge who shall fail in the observance of these Rules or whose conduct in any respect, shall be, in the opinion of the Committee, derogatory to the character, or prejudicial to the interests of the Society. May be removed from the Panel of Judges at any time, by the Committee.
13. Judges may only be accompanied in the ring by persons appointed by the Show Committee.
14. Judges on the Riding Pony Society Panel will exercise discretion in accepting invitations to judge the same type of class, in the same area in any one year.
15. The Committee reserves the right to amend, add to or subtract from these Rules, provided that no such amendment, addition or subtraction from these Rules shall have a retrograde effect, nor shall be effective until published for the benefit of all members of the Society and members of the Judges Panel.
16. A Judge shall not adjudicate in any event in which a member of the family, or any horse owned by them, or trained, or assisted by them, or their family, is competing, within 6 months.
17. No horse should be shown before a Judge that has been sold or leased by that Judge, or his employer, employee or business partner, within a period of 6 months prior to the show, A horse shall be deemed to have been sold or leased when a contract of sale has been signed by both parties and the horse in question, domiciled under the control of the purchaser price and full transfer of the registration paper will not have been completed, provided that proof of intended payment or transfer has been supplied to the Riding Pony Society and/or Breed Society concerned.

18. A Judge shall not be an exhibitor in any Section in which they are officiating.
19. A Judge shall not, from the time of this judging appointment, be house guest of a person who is exhibiting/handling at said show.
20. A Judge may not contact, nor discuss the ponies or proposed exhibitors, owners, handlers, or any of their associates, prior to, or during the show.
21. The Judge reports to the Committee of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society if any contact is made, or attempted, in breach of these Rules.
22. A Judge should not judge a horse in which he/she has a share of ownership or from whom he/she can obtain any financial gain. (Stud fees excluded). Once a Judge has commenced judging a class, a pony may not be taken out of the ring without the permission of the Judge. Once a class has commenced, there shall be no change or order, except in a Championship Class when a competitor indicates that he has more than one exhibit eligible to compete. If no other rider available, the pony may be led into the ring, if permission is granted by the Judge.
23. The onus shall be on the exhibitor to ensure he/she is eligible for certain classes he/she enters. However, where a judge knowingly permits an eligible competitor to compete both parties will be held in breach of the judge's rules.
24. Cruelty to horses - any alleged acts of cruelty are to be reported to the Riding Pony Society, in writing, supported by at least two other witnesses.
  - (a) If in the opinion of a Judge a pony entered in an event adjudicated, by the Judge is in an unsound condition, the Judge may at his/her discretion, ask the handler to escort the pony out of the ring. The Judges decision is final.
25. Competitors shall, at all times, behave in a respectful manner to Judges, Show Officials and their fellow competitors.
26. The Judge's decision shall be considered final. A judge's decision represents an individual preference, and is not protestable, unless held to be in violation of a rule.

## PROTESTS

1. A Judge may lodge a protest against an exhibitor alleging infringement of the Rules.
  - (a) Protest must be lodged in writing with the Show Secretary or
  - (b) Lodged in writing to the Secretary, The Riding Pony Society.

2. An exhibitor or Show official may lodge a protest against a competitor/Judge alleging infringement of the Rules.

- (a) Protests must be lodged in writing with the Show Secretary, accompanied by a deposit of \$50-00 which may be forfeited to the Secretary if the protest be unfounded or frivolous or
- (b) Lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Riding Pony Society.

3. It is at the Committee's discretion that further action be taken over a protest.

4. Any person who has a protest lodged against him/her has the right of reply and defence.

5. Any expense incurred by any parties to the said protests shall be borne by the person concerned.

There is only one quality that is absolutely essential in a Judge, and that is the quality of integrity. It is wholly incumbent upon him or her, to maintain a complete integrity in the judging of a class, putting up, for better or worse, the animal that he or she actually prefers on the day.

Never was it more important than it is today, to observe the rules and suggestions, both in and out of the ring. We live in an age of ever increasing competition and criticism; much of the latter is very often unjustified because the man in the centre sees more than the spectators outside.

But if Shows are to continue in a happy atmosphere, there must be confidence amongst competitors that the Judges are doing the right thing, in the right way.

A member of the Judges panel may judge at only one Qualifying Show (for National Riding Pony of the Year), in Victoria, in a season.

## **NEWCOMER RIDING PONY CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **NEWCOMER RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The RPSBS Newcomer Championship is an incentive scheme for First Season ridden ponies registered with the RPSBS Ltd.

A Riding Pony shall be eligible to be shown as a Newcomer if it has not been exhibited under saddle at any show or competition of any sort, prior to the said pony's newcomer year.

Each State Secretary or State website will have details of their State's Newcomer year commencement date, together with closing dates for all nominations, qualification and all fees. **THESE WILL DIFFER IN EACH STATE.**

The RPSBS Newcomer nomination form can be found on the RPSBS Ltd national website.

Ponies need to qualify to compete in RPSBS Newcomer competition at a State RPOTY final.

Newcomer classes will be held at the RPSBS National HOTY Show, where qualification will NOT be necessary.

The one off nomination fee will be determined by each State Sub-Committee.

Nominations will be sent together with the completed RPSBS Newcomer form and a self addressed envelope to the State Secretary, who will then forward a RPSBS Newcomer card to the competitor.

The colour of the card will change each year, and will be announced by the Board prior to commencement of that year.

Late nominations will be accepted. A late fee may apply.

This competition will be implemented separately by each State Sub-Committee who will run their RPSBS Newcomer Championship final with a sweepstakes pool to be distributed at their State's annual Riding Pony Show.

The State pool to be divided as follows – Champion 45%, Reserve Champion 35% and third 20%.

Newcomer classes will also be held at the RPSBS Ltd National Show.

Competitors **MUST** have a performance card to be carried with them when competing in this class. Failure to do this will mean that the pony will be ineligible for judging.

The card must be signed by the judge on the day of competition.

Ponies entered in RPSBS Newcomer classes are to be ridden in a snaffle bridle.

Stallions may compete in RPSBS Newcomer competition.

Classes will be as follows;

Newcomer Riding Pony ne 12.2hh

Newcomer Riding Pony over 12.2hh & ne 13.2hh

Newcomer Riding Pony over 13.2hh & ne 14.2hh

Champion and Reserve Champion Newcomer pony.

A RPSBS Newcomer will be able to compete all season in the ridden Newcomer section at Riding Pony Shows, or other shows that conduct a Riding Pony programme, even if they have won this event at a previous qualifying show in RPSBS Newcomer classes.

If the winner has previously qualified then the qualification goes to second or if first and second are qualified the qualification can go down the line to third.

A Reserve Champion is a qualifier for the State Riding Pony Newcomer final Championship.

Interstate RPSBS Newcomer contenders may travel interstate to compete, for example a RPSBS Newcomer from Queensland may travel to New South Wales to compete in a RPSBS Newcomer class, however if the Newcomer intends to compete at a New South Wales RPSBS Newcomer championship final, the competitor must pay the appropriate nomination fee to the New South Wales Secretary for inclusion into that State's sweepstakes pool.

Once a RPSBS Newcomer is shown under saddle in any class run under RPSBS rules & regulations during their Newcomer Year, ie, Show Pony, Show Hunter, Leading Rein, First Ridden or Riding Pony Ridden by a child, they are no longer eligible for any RPSBS Newcomer competition at any show run under RPSBS rules and regulations, including the State or National Show.

At the conclusion of the Newcomer year, there may be a gap in time prior to the state or national Newcomer championship during which those newcomer ponies who have kept to the rules during their Newcomer year may contest all Riding Pony saddle classes run under RPSBS rules and regulations because their year has been completed. Those Newcomer ponies that have kept to the rules during their Newcomer year may contest their Newcomer year final championship.

If there is no RPSBS Newcomer class at a show with ridden Riding Pony classes, participation in any other ridden Riding Pony class will exclude the Newcomer entrant from continued participation in further RPSBS Newcomer classes.

There is no rule that prevents a pony from competing in RPSBS Newcomer class and an open Riding Pony class on the same day, providing the Newcomer competition class or final precedes any open ridden Riding Pony class. This immediately excludes a pony from any further RPSBS Newcomer competition.

There is no restriction on any RPSBS Newcomer being shown under saddle in the OPEN ring at any show.

The RPSBS Newcomer restrictions only apply to Riding Pony ridden classes.

(Please read all Rules & Regulations pertaining to the Newcomer Riding Pony Championship.)

## **SHOW PONIES AND SHOW HUNTER PONIES:**

1. In any one show season a pony may be exhibited at Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. Shows as a Show Pony or as a Show Hunter Pony but not as both.
2. A Show Season is from 1st February to the following 31st January inclusive.

### **Stallions and Colts:**

3. Handlers and riders of stallions and colts must be 18 years or over.

### **Leading Rein Ponies:**

A lead rein pony must not exceed 12hh and must be ridden by a child 3 years and under 8 years.

A handler leads the pony, and although it is the pony that is being judged, it is the overall impression that is important. The pony must be suitable for the beginner, as the class caters for younger children starting to ride. Temperament and manners are paramount. The pony must be shown in a snaffle bridle with a leather lead attached to the noseband. The pony must suit the rider, be willing, well mannered, obedient, relaxed and inspire everyone with confidence. The pony should display quality and good conformation. Ponies competing in Lead Rein are eligible to compete in Show Pony Ridden/Show Hunter Ridden/Riding Pony Ridden by a Child classes

1. Ponies not to exceed 12.0hh.
2. Age of rider to be 3 years and under 8 years old on the day of the show.
3. Ponies to be ridden in a suitable snaffle bridle with a lead rein held in the left hand and only attached to the cavesson noseband.
4. No spurs or whips for the rider, however the handler may carry a cane.
5. A narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle.
6. This class should not be judged as Smartest on Parade but for the suitability of the pony for the purpose intended.

### **First Ridden Ponies:**

A first ridden pony is one that is suitable as a first pony of a child once it is able to ride without a lead rein. The pony must not exceed 12.2hh and rider must be under 12 years. The pony must be safe and a confidence giving conveyance as befits a pony that will give a child the first taste of riding alone. The pony must be willing to do all that is asked of it. The pony must be shown in a snaffle bridle. Ponies must only walk and trot on the circle, however a canter is permitted in the individual workout.

Ponies competing in First Ridden are eligible to compete in Show Pony Ridden/Show Hunter Ridden/Riding Pony Ridden by a Child classes

1. Ponies not to exceed 12.2hh
2. Age of rider to be under 12 years old on the day of the show.
3. Ponies to be ridden in a suitable snaffle bridle.
4. No cantering is allowed during work on the circle together, however a short canter is allowed in the individual performance.
5. Ponies must enter and leave the ring at either a walk or a trot.

6. This class should be judged for the suitability of the pony for the purpose intended.

### **Children's Ridden Ponies:**

1. This class should be judged taking into account the suitability of the pony for the purpose intended.
2. Not exceeding 12.2hh, rider to be 12 years old and under on the day of the show.
3. Over 12.2hh and not exceeding 13.2hh, rider to be 14 years old and under on the day of the show.
4. Over 13.2hh and not exceeding 14.2hh, rider to be 16 years old and under on the day of the show.

### **Ridden Show Ponies:**

A show pony must be elegant, full of quality, free moving with correct conformation, have good manners and always exhibit true pony character.

1. This class should be judged on the suitability of the pony for the purposes intended.
2. Not exceeding 12.2hh

Although in the same height range, the 12.2hh show pony should show more quality and be much freer going than a first ridden pony, and also be finer. The pony should have a really impressive front, a very pretty refined head, and sound limbs with adequate bone. Paces should be free, light and airy. The pony should have a good temperament and manners, as they are mostly ridden by children.

3. Over 12.2hh and not exceeding 13.2hh.

The 13.2hh class often contains the finest examples of the Riding pony. At this height the exhibits are large enough to fill the eye, full of quality and elegance, yet they are small enough to retain their pony character. As in all pony classes perfect conformation is sought. They should exhibit a long stride, free movement and appear a comfortable ride.

4. Over 13.2hh and not exceeding 14.2hh.

Most of the points outlined above for the ponies up to 13.2hh also apply to this category, however these ponies will show some evidence of bigger blood. While many of these ponies will have a significant proportion of thoroughbred or Arab in their background, it is absolutely essential that the 14.2hh pony still shows pony character.

### **Ridden Show Hunter Ponies:**

1. This class should be judged taking into account the suitability of the pony for the purposes intended.
2. Ponies are to compete on the flat only.
3. Not exceeding 12.2hh.
4. Over 12.2hh and not exceeding 13.2hh.
5. Over 13.2hh and not exceeding 14.2hh.
6. Show Hunter Ponies should be quality animals showing all the characteristics of a Riding Pony but with more substance. Generally the pony should demonstrate the suitability to carry a child across country.
7. The workout should always include a gallop and a change of rein during the canter. A flat and stilted action is unacceptable. Manners are extremely important.

8. Saddlery should be clean and neat and well fitting but may be more workmanlike than normal for a Show pony class. Brow bands should be plain. A suitable snaffle or double bridle is optional.

9. Riders should preferably wear tweed jackets. Dummy spurs are permissible. Whips are not to exceed 75cms in length.

**Working Hunter Ponies:**

1. Pony to be 4 years and over.
2. Class 13hh and under. Height of fences not to exceed 762mm (2'6").
3. Class over 13hh and not exceeding 14.2hh. Height of fences not to exceed 914mm (3'0").
4. Protective leg boots only may be used for Phase 1 of the W.H. class.
5. No changes of saddlery is allowed between Phases 1 of the W.H. class. (N.B. Whips and spurs are not considered tack).

6. Marking

Phase 1:

Jumping 50

Style and manner while jumping 10

Phase 2:

Conformation, Freedom of action  
and type 30

Manners 10

100

Penalties:

Jumping knockdown 10 faults

First refusal 15 faults

Second refusal 20 faults

Third refusal Elimination

Fall of horse or rider in either phase 20 faults

7. The jumping phase will be judged first.

8. The course must consist of a minimum of 5 fences, one of which must be a spread fence. A change of direction must be included.

9. Ponies may be galloped at the discretion of the Judge, but not more than one at a time.

Standard Workouts:

The standard workouts should be used for all classes.

## **SHOWING REGULATIONS FOR ALL RIDING PONY CLASSES**

All Riding Ponies must be shown in accordance with the Rules of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. Approved Stallions and Appendix Mares are ineligible to be shown in Riding Pony classes.

Pending memberships, registrations and transfers do not constitute eligibility for an exhibit to be shown in Riding Pony classes.

Show Ponies and Show Hunters cannot compete against each other in Supreme Led and Ridden in Riding Pony Shows except in the case of a Supreme Exhibit of the Show, or Leading Rein, First Ridden Class or Children's Ridden Class for a Supreme.

Foals/Weanlings must only be shown in a halter or head collar. No Foal/Weanling under the age of twelve months as of the 1st August can be shown in a bit of any age.

Stallions and Colts over 1 year on 1st August must be bitted when shown.

The ground jury, ringmaster, judge or ring steward is able to remove a pony from competing that is deemed a danger to the handler, rider, competition or general public.

Riders will not be permitted to remount a pony in the Show ring after a fall, resulting in disqualification from that class.

### **Membership Requirements:**

1. All owners/exhibitors must be current financial members of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. Life members must pay the annual Administration Fee.
2. All exhibits must be shown in the name of the registered owner lessee (bona fide owner). This means that an exhibit must be in the name of the last recorded owner/lessee exactly as it appears on the exhibit's Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. Registration Certificate.
3. Current membership cards must be produced upon request at any show.

### **Registration Requirements:**

1. All ponies **MUST** be registered before the closing date of entries to the show when exhibited in Riding Pony classes.

### **Branding:**

1. All ponies must be visibly branded when shown, excluding foals shown whilst on their dam.

### **Registered Name of Pony:**

1. Where an owner of a pony registered with the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. Changes the name of the pony and it is shown under the different name without the consent of the breeder and the owner refuses to stand by the Rules of the Society, the

National Board may suspend the membership of that owner for so long as the breach continues.

2. No Riding Pony Award will be awarded to any pony unless shown under the Registered Riding Pony Name.

Height of Ponies:

1. No exhibit, which exceeds in height 14.2hh is eligible to be shown in Riding Pony classes.

2. No Young stock exhibit is eligible to be shown in Riding Pony classes if it exceeds in height:

13.3hh at 1 year

14.0 hh at 2 years

14.1 hh at 3 years

with 1/2inch to be added for shows in the period from 1st February to 31st July.

3. Any pony that has accepted a measurement from 1. EFA, 2. Hack Council, 3. RAS or State equivalent and/or shown in that height must be shown at an official Riding Pony Show in a class appropriate to the highest measurement shown on any height certificate or the highest class in which it has competed in the previous 12 months. Life Certificates not accepted.

4. A pony will be subjected to measuring if any dispute over its height arises.

Age of ponies:

1. No pony which is not adult registered shall be exhibited in a ridden class as a Riding Pony.

2. No pony which is under the age of 3 years shall be exhibited in a ridden class as a Riding Pony.

Presentation and Dress:

1. All ponies must have manes plaited and tail either pulled or plaited.

2. All ponies must be shown in good coat and condition.

3. All handlers and riders must be present themselves in correct attire relevant to the class being judged.

4. Spurs: The wearing of spurs in Leading Rein and First Ridden classes is not permissible. Riders disobeying this Rule will be disqualified from these classes. Spurs are permitted in all other ridden classes.

5. Hats: No rider will be covered by the Riding Pony Stud Book Society Ltd. Insurance if they are not wearing a safety approved helmet at all times when riding a pony.

6. Whips: Riders are not permitted to carry a whip in Leading Rein classes. Whips carried are not to exceed 75cms in length. Hunting Crops are permissible in Show Hunter and Working Hunter classes.

7. Tack: A narrow strap may be attached to the front of the saddle for children in Leading Rein and First Ridden classes. Under no circumstances may tack be changed during the judging of a class unless it is for safety purposes. (N.B. Whips and spurs are not considered tack).

8. Bridles: Leading Rein, First Ridden and 3 year old ridden exhibits shall be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle with a cavesson noseband. Any suitable snaffle or double bridle is optional in Show Pony or Show Hunter Pony classes. Any suitable bridle may be used in Working Hunter Pony classes, running martingales and any nosebands are permitted.

9. Leg Protection: Only protective leg boots of a plain colour may be used in the jumping phase of the Working Hunter pony classes. No other forms of leg or hoof protection are permissible in any other classes.

## **SWABBING REGULATIONS**

March 2007.

The RPSBS Ltd has adopted all E.F.A. Procedures, Regulations, Rules and Penalties pertaining to Swabbing

For the most up to date rulings kindly visit

[www.efanational.com](http://www.efanational.com)

Proceed to the Rules and Regs page

We advise you familiarise yourself with:

1. EFA Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules
2. FEI Guide for Competitors
3. Equine Anti Doping & Medication Control (EADMC) Rules

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW ORGANISERS**

To ensure the Veterinary Officer has been booked for the event.

That testing area is available at the venue of event.

To ensure that Veterinary Officer is notified of the required testing.

To ensure that the correct testing kits are available to Veterinary Officer.

To ensure that the results of the test are only disclosed to the National Director and that no other person will be entitled to the notification of results.

To provide a declaration form for all show entries declaring the name of the Responsible Officer if applicable.