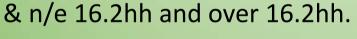# HORSE MATTERS

Wording in Schedule -

Correct wording is essential. Recently a website program had the following - Unless 3 or more in class – no performance – RAS Ruling.   This is NOT an RAS ruling and the sentence had been removed in the hard copy.

Height Wording

- Horse heights – must be described as follows – Ponies classes are not exceeding 12.2hh and then over 12.hh & n/e 13hh; over 13hh and n/e 13.2hh; over 13.2hh and n/e 14hh.

- Galloways are – over 14hh and n/e 14.2hh and over 14.2hh & n/e 15hh

- Hacks – over 15hh & n/e 15.2hh; over 15.2hh & n/e 16hh; over 16hh & n/e 16.2hh and over 16.2hh.

Drug Testing

The ASC has been conducting drug testing of horses throughout the State. Group 13 has also been drug testing at shows within their Group.

Schedule need the following wording inserted in their Rules/Regulations –

"Drug testing may be carried out at this show. Any competitor, exhibitor, owner found to have breached the ASC Disputes and Disciplinary Rules will be investigated by the Disputes and Disciplinary Committee and dealt with accordingly."
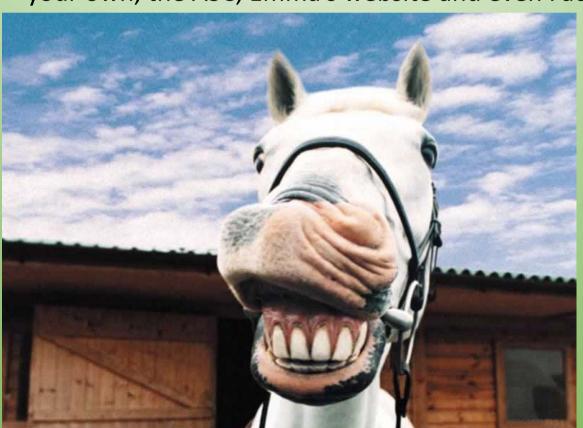
Horse Judges

Judges requirements – initial contact can be by phone or email and once an answer is received a follow-up letter with program, gate pass should be sent. It is also advisable to inquire if the person has any dietary requirements.

Judges should not judge the same section e.g. Hacks at shows in a Group within 3 months of each other.

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Website

Use of websites for schedules – most horse competitors are only interested in the horse section of your schedule so use websites available – your own, the ASC, Emma's website and even Facebook.

General Horse Class Information

Breed classes – beside each breed section put –

Must be registered with Breed Society and owner must be financial.

Performances – in general the RAS requires at least 7 performances – 5 from agricultural shows, 1 Breed show and one Show Horse Council affiliated show or one Equestrian Australia show.

Show Hunters – cannot compete in open hacking classes – RAS will only accept performances for Show Hunters in Show Hunter classes .