

WELLINGTON AREA TRAIL RIDING CLUB INC.



Notes for drafting and submitting remits.

- A remit must specify the title of the document it is intended to amend.
Remits may be submitted for amendments to the WATRC Incorporated Constitution, the WATRC Ride Rules. You can find these documents on our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/watrcnz/resources>
- The substance of your change must be clear to the members who will consider and vote on your remit. That is, members must be able to review the current wording of the rules and see exactly the changes you propose and how they will appear if the remit is passed and the document amended.
To this end:
 - If your remit will change or delete an existing rule or clause, you must reference the rule or clause by its Section name and paragraph number and you must quote the relevant section of the current rule.
 - You must include the complete proposed amendment to the rule, marking any changes in wording by striking through deleted words and high-lighting any inserted or appended words. For complex changes it may be simplest to strike the entire wording of the rule and substitute new wording.
 - You must include the final wording of the amended or new rule (exactly as the rule will read after it is amended or inserted)
 - If you propose a new rule you must make clear where in the document it should fit by specifying “Insert before/after rule X,y,z” or similar instruction and you should ensure the new rule has an appropriate title and section numbering.
- In your “Reason for proposed rule:” we suggest you outline any short-comings you see in the existing rule and state how the revised rule will address these short-comings. It is helpful if you also consider any consequences of the amendment, such as the need to modify other rules for consistency or procedural changes that might be required to implement the new rule.
- This form is provided for your convenience but you may simply copy the headings into email if you prefer. It is recommended that you copy and paste current rules rather than transcribe them.
- Make sure you read and understand the current rules before proposing an amendment. If the intent or effect of your remit is unclear to members, then it probably won’t pass.
- We recommend that you discuss your remit with one or more Committee members before submitting it so that you can consider any feedback they may offer.



***Example Remit**

Document Title: WATRC Ride Rules

Current rule: 1.18 CHAMPIONSHIP RULES :

...
d) To ride in an WATRC Championship ride, the horse and rider (not necessarily that combination) must have qualified in WATRC CTR rides as follows:
...

JUNIOR: (Under 18yrs). Horse and rider must have qualified in TWO Junior 15km or over Points rides in the current season. There must be no more than 30 time penalties in each qualifying ride. Juniors must ride with other juniors (or individually) at Championship events.
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Proposed changes to the current rule:

...
JUNIOR: (Under 18yrs). Horse and rider must have qualified in TWO Junior 15km or over Points rides in the current season. There must be no more than 30 time penalties in each qualifying ride. ~~Juniors must ride with other juniors (or individually)~~
...

Final version of the proposed rule:

...
JUNIOR: (Under 18yrs). Horse and rider must have qualified in TWO Junior 15km or over Points rides in the current season. There must be no more than 30 time penalties in each qualifying ride.
...

Reason for proposed rule:

- The current rule for championship rides is inconsistent with the rules for non-championship rides where there is no requirement for juniors to ride with other juniors or individually.
- In its current form the rule for championship rides prohibits a junior from riding with an adult, whereas they may have been doing so throughout their non-championship qualifying rides.
- Current NZ law makes it an offence to “leave a child aged under 14 without reasonable supervision” and in relation to babysitting allows that “from age 14 a young person can babysit for younger children but only if they’re capable of providing ‘reasonable supervision and care’”
- Refer Office of the Children’s Commissioner: <http://www.occ.org.nz/childrens-rights-and-advice/legal-rights/>
- The rule in its current form could prevent juniors from competing in championship rides if by riding alone they are deemed to be “without reasonable supervision”.
- In our opinion it is not reasonable to expect another junior to provide ‘reasonable supervision and care’ to another while both are competing in the same class.



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WATRC Remit Form for 2025 AGM

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Document Title:

Current rule: *(quote the entire existing rule or leave blank if you are proposing a new rule)*

Proposed changes to the current rule: *(strike out deletions and highlight insertions to change a rule, or note the proposed title and section numbering if a new rule is proposed)*

Final version of the proposed rule: *(the complete wording of the proposed amended or new rule)*

Reason for the proposed rule: *(explain what's wrong or missing from the existing rules and how your new or changed rule will improve this)*

Please return this form by **20th June 2025**

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