

THREE COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S 2023 SHOW

GENERAL SHOW REGULATIONS SHOWGROUND HOLDING NUMBER: 17/551/8000

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR STOCK ATTENDANTS

- R1 RESPONSIBILITY:** The Society, its Officers and Servants, shall not be responsible to any person whatsoever whilst entering on, or leaving the Society's premises, for any damage or loss, however caused to the property of such person, or for any injury, fatal or otherwise, to any such person. The Society, its Officers and Servants shall not be responsible for any accident, damage or loss however caused that may occur to any exhibitor or his employee or to any animal, article or property brought into the showground, or whilst entering or on leaving, or being carried into or out of the said showground. The exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may be done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal, article or property exhibited or brought into the showground by him/her and he/she shall indemnify and hold harmless the Society from all action, suits, expenses and claims on account of, or in respect of any such damage or injury which may be so caused or occasioned.
- R2 CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES:** All persons in charge of stock will be subject to the orders of the Society's Officials. Employees must be in attendance each day during the Show, at least half an hour prior to the time appointed for the examination, exhibition or parade of the animals in their charge. Exhibitors will be held responsible for the behaviour of their employees and for the consequence of any misconduct of such employees. Any fine imposed upon an exhibitor or his/her employee for infringing the regulations or disobedience to the order of the Steward shall be recoverable from the exhibitor as a debt due to the Society, and until such fines be paid shall debar the exhibitor from exhibiting at future shows of the Society.
- R3 ANIMAL WELFARE:** The Three Counties Agricultural Society expects all exhibitors to observe a best practice at all times.

ENTRIES

- R4 ENTRY FORMS AND DATA STORAGE – WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ENTER ON LINE:** Entries can be made online at www.threecounties.co.uk. Alternatively, entry forms for the Show may be obtained from the Equine Team – email equineteam@threecounties.co.uk. No entry will be accepted unless made on the prescribed form and accompanied by the correct fees. Information from entry forms will be stored on computer and the name and details of entries will be published in the catalogue, unless otherwise advised. Information about results may also be published and/or provided to the Press and Breed Societies for publication. Information about exhibitors may also be passed to any regulatory authority, such as DEFRA or Trading Standards, as well as the Society's Veterinary Advisers. The making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.
- R5 EXHIBITS ENTERED IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS:** Animals may be entered in more than one class, except where otherwise stated in the schedule. The number of such additional classes shall be stated in the space provided on the entry form and the additional fees remitted for each entry.
- R6 ENTRIES FOR SPECIAL PRIZES:** No fee is required for such entries, though each exhibit shall have appeared in the appropriate breed class and the fees paid for the same. This regulation does not apply for entry of animals for Champion Prizes as all eligible animals are automatically entered for such awards.
- R7 CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES:** The dates appointed for the closing of entries are:
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| Horses, Ponies | Postal: 13 th May 2023 | Online: 27 th May 2023 |
| Show Jumping | Postal: 5 th June 2023 | Online: 13 th June 2023 |

No livestock or competing entry will be accepted for competition unless the necessary entry form is properly completed and signed by the exhibitor (or by his duly authorised agent acting on his behalf), together with a remittance to cover the necessary fees in full, shall have been delivered to the Livestock Officer at the Society's Offices, on or before the closing date of entry for the respective

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section. No entry can be accepted by telephone. **ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

- R8 CORRECTNESS OF ENTRY FORMS:** Every exhibitor or competitor will be held responsible for the correctness of his/her entry form and must check all entry details when confirmation is sent. At this stage, changes may be made. If, when called upon to prove its correctness, he/she fails to do so, the entry in question may be disqualified and any award made to it cancelled. If it shall be proved that any exhibitor or competitor has knowingly signed an incorrect entry form, or has attempted to obtain a prize by unfair means whatsoever, all awards made to such an exhibitor or competitor in any class or competition may be cancelled and he/she may be disqualified from exhibiting at future shows of the Society. Exhibitors are to state on entry forms if the exhibit has been imported from outside the United Kingdom. **RANDOM IDENTIFICATION CHECKS OF LIVESTOCK WILL BE MADE AT THE SHOW. NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER CLOSING OF ENTRIES.**
- R9 OWNERSHIP:** All exhibits shall be bona fide property of the exhibitor at the original date of entry closing, except where the regulation is varied by any condition applicable to specific classes stated in the schedule. In the event of the death of the exhibitor between the date of entry closing and date of the show, the executor of the deceased shall be deemed to be the exhibitor.
- R10 ENTRY BY MINORS:** Entries by persons under 18 years of age shall be accepted only provided the entry form is countersigned by the parent, guardian or trustee of the entrant, who shall be held responsible for the correctness of the entry and for the compliance with these Show Regulations. Any entry made in contravention of this Regulation and inadvertently accepted may be cancelled.
- R11 PARTICULARS OF EXHIBITS:** Full pedigree details must be given on the entry form. The Sire and Dam of ALL Horse/Pony exhibits including entries for both RIDDEN and BREEDING classes should be included. These details may be printed in the show catalogue. Every animal entered for competition must be entered or certified as eligible for entry in the Herd, Flock or Stud Book of its breed in the UK. Where an animal is entered by the exhibitor as eligible for entry in the Herd, Flock or Stud Book, proof of such eligibility must be furnished at the time of making the entry. This regulation does not apply to Commercial Cattle classes.
- R12 AGE OF EXHIBITS:** The exact date of birth of each exhibit must be stated on the entry form except in the case of horses or sheep, where the year of birth only need be given. In the case of doubt or protest a certificate signed by the Society's duly appointed Veterinary Surgeon shall be considered final and conclusive.
- R13 RIGHT TO REJECT ENTRIES:** The Council of the Society reserves the right to reject or cancel the entry or entries made by any person, if it shall deem fit to do so, and right to cancel any class or classes, refunding any fees made in respect thereof. Owing to shortage of accommodation, which can be provided to house stock at the show, the Council also reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any class or section should this be necessary, with the exception of the Rare and Minority Breeds Show.
- R14 CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES:** In the event of there being fewer than four entries in any breed section (Pig breeds – three exhibitors) the classes for such breed may be cancelled and the entry fees refunded, unless otherwise stated under individual breed sections. In the event of there being less than two exhibitors entered in any class it will be cancelled and entry fees refunded, except in cases where possible amalgamation is specifically allowed for in the schedule.
- R15 NOMINATION OF ENTRIES:** Any form failing to give the full name of the exhibit will be refused. The entry form together with any fees remitted herewith will be returned to the person sending the form.
- R16 ACCURACY OF CATALOGUE:** The Society will not be responsible for any inaccuracy in any pedigree or other particulars inserted in the catalogue, though every care will be made to ensure the accuracy of all particulars printed therein. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS when completing your entry form.

FEES

- R17 PAYMENT OF ENTRY AND/OR ACCOMMODATION FEES:** All remittances in payment of fees shall be by crossed cheque, credit card or debit card, money order or postal order made payable to: ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW. A charge of £25 will be made for any returned or refused cheques.
- R18 ENTRY FEES:** Fees for each entry are shown at the head of each section of this schedule. All entry fees are inclusive of VAT at 20%. (Any change in VAT rate will be applied from the due date.) The acceptance of entries at Members rates is conditional upon the exhibitor having paid their annual subscription. Persons desiring to become Members and wishing to avail themselves of entering at

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Members rates must pay £50.00 being the subscription for 2018. Entry fees include the £12.00 Horse of the Year Show levies contribution where applicable.

- R19 REFUND OF ENTRY FEES:** Any entry fee paid shall not be refundable, except in the case of an animal incapacitated by accident, injury or illness. Any claim under this clause must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer and must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon to be received not later than **2nd June 2022** together with all labels and passes issued by the Society in respect of the entry fees in question. ANY CLAIM RECEIVED AFTER **2nd JUNE 2022** WILL BE INVALID.

TICKETS

- R20 EXHIBITORS' PASSES:** Each exhibitor shall receive passes as listed below, but a Member of the Society will receive his/her Members' Badge in lieu thereof.

- R21 TICKET ALLOCATION:** Exhibitor passes will be allocated according to the number of exhibits entered per day - as listed below. An extra ticket will be sent for competitors entered in Lead Rein classes. Additional one-day exhibitor passes may be purchased in advance only at £16.20 inclusive of VAT.

Number of Exhibit(s) Single day admission passes (valid for day of judging only)

1	2
2	3
3	4
4	4
5 and over	5

- R22 LORRY PASSES – LIVESTOCK:** All vehicles will be inspected before entering the showground. "Dirty" vehicles will be turned away or moved to an area to be cleaned before entering the showground. Exhibitors will be provided with a lorry pass to enable them to bring their stock into the showground, and such passes will cover (pre-show) the lorry and driver. Upon off-loading of stock such lorries will be required to be parked in the designated area and will not be permitted to return to the vicinity of the stock lines until departure time on the afternoon of the last day of the show. Exhibitors must state on entry forms the additional number of such lorry passes required. Please note: A one-way traffic system will be in operation.

DISEASED ANIMALS

- R23 ANIMALS SUFFERING FROM DISEASE:** Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against all actions, claims, proceedings and demands by any person, company or other representative body of whatsoever nature in respect of any matter, directly or indirectly connected with the bringing onto the Society's showground of any animal which may have been suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or which develops such a disease whilst on the showground and in addition the exhibitor shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Society in connection with any such claim. The Society's Veterinary Officers are authorised to refuse permission for any animal to be admitted to or have removed from the showground any animals affected with contagious or infectious disease. The exhibitor or such animal may obtain a certificate from the Show Secretary, stating the nature of such disease or infection. The onus of proving the freedom of any such animal from contagious or infectious disease shall rest on the exhibitor of the animal concerned.

AWARDS

- R24 PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded on the scales shown at the beginning of each entry section.
- R25 CONDITIONAL AWARDS:** In all cases where the prizes are offered or awarded conditionally, they will be withheld until the exhibitor shall have proved to the satisfaction of the Council that the conditions have been complied with.

- R26 ROSETTES AND PRIZE COLOURS:** No animal will be allowed to wear a rosette or ribbon other than those issued by the Society and no rosette or ribbon may be displayed during judging which has been awarded in a previous class. The colours for prizes will be:

SUPREME CHAMPION & CHAMPION	Red, White & Blue
RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION	White & Red
SPECIAL PRIZE	White & Blue
RESERVE FOR SPECIAL PRIZES	Mauve
ALL OTHER AWARDS	White
FIRST: Red SECOND: Blue THIRD: Yellow FOURTH: Green FIFTH: Brown	

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- R27 PROTESTS:** Any exhibitor wishing to make a protest having reference to livestock or horses exhibited at the show, must make the same in writing to the Livestock Officer, and must deposit a sum of £25. If upon investigation the protest is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the sum thus deposited shall be forfeited to the Society's funds. All protests must be delivered to the Show Office at the showground before 4.00pm on the day on which the award shall have been made and no protest will be subsequently received unless a satisfactory reason be given for the delay. Protests will be considered by the Chief Steward of the section concerned in consultation with his/her assistants. If the Chief Steward is unable to resolve the protest, then he/she will refer the matter to the Society's Livestock Committee.
- R28 ALTERATION OF AWARDS:** In case of protest made in accordance with Regulation R27, whereby any prize animal becomes disqualified, the winner of the next succeeding prize in that class shall take the prize that had been awarded to the disqualified animal.
- R29 PRIZE MONEY PAYMENT:** The prize money offered by the Society WILL BE PAID OUT BEFORE 1ST AUGUST 2022 in respect of all prizes offered by the Society. Special prizes offered by private donors of Breed Societies will be paid directly to the winners and the Society cannot hold itself responsible for non-payment of any such prizes. Any claim or complaint regarding prize money paid or unpaid shall be notified to the Livestock Officer of the Society before 1st September 2022. Cheques must be cashed within six months of issue and any cheque not presented within this time limit will deem the prize and cheque cancelled.
- R30 CHALLENGE TROPHIES:** Winners of trophies offered by the Society may hold these until 1st April of the year following the award when the trophies must be returned in good condition to the Office Supervisor or to the Society's appointed agents for engraving. Trophies returned by post must be sent by Recorded Delivery. Failure to return trophies by the due date may incur a maximum penalty of £100. The Society's Trophy Registration Number is shown in brackets after the name of each trophy in the list of Special Prizes in each section. Exhibitors who wish to hold trophies must collect these from the Society's Offices between 9.00am and 5.00pm on each day of the show days to be signed for.

JUDGES:

- R31 JUDGES:** The Judges are instructed to withhold prizes where the entry is not of sufficient merit, and in awarding prizes the Judges are instructed to make their awards according to the relative merits of the exhibits for breeding purposes in breeding classes. If in the opinion of the Judges any animal appears to be unfit for breeding purposes, the Judges shall be at liberty to have the animal examined by one of the Society's Veterinary Surgeons, whose opinion shall be considered final and conclusive, and if he/she so directs, the animal will be disqualified from taking a prize which might otherwise be awarded to it. No person other than a Steward or authorised Official of the Society shall enter a ring when judging is in progress, nor shall have any communication with the Judges during the time of judging, and all exhibitors and their agents acting in opposition to this regulation shall forfeit such prize as may be awarded to their exhibit.
- R32 CHANGE OF JUDGE:** Should an exhibit be forward for competition, which was either bred or previously owned by the officiating Judge, then a referee may be introduced at the request of the Chief Steward of the Section. The onus of a horse being exhibited in a class judged by a person who has had a financial interest in the animal or which has stood in his stable etc. must be on the exhibitor. The exhibitor will know who is judging from the schedule, whereas the Judge will not know which animals are coming before him until he arrives in the Ring. If there is an unforeseen change of Judge, then the exhibitor should stand down from the class and entry fees will be refunded. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INFORM EXHIBITORS OF A CHANGE IN JUDGE.
- R33 PARADES AND JUDGING:** Any exhibitor or employee refusing to bring their exhibits on parade at a specified time when requested by the Stewards to do so shall be liable to forfeit to the Society any prize money their exhibits ready for such parade 30 minutes prior to the times of parades as laid down in the official timetable. White coats or Breed Society uniform must be worn in the Breed judging Ring and the Grand previously awarded to the said exhibits. All employees in charge of stock which is to be paraded must have Parades. Cattle exhibitors should note that bulls should always have two handlers.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS & INSURANCE

- R34 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE:** All livestock exhibitors should ensure they have adequate public liability insurance cover.
- R35 SMOKING:** To comply with Health and Safety Regulations, we are obliged to inform you that there will be no smoking in the livestock lines or at the stable area.
- R36 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK REGULATION:** Exhibitors are reminded that they are responsible for the observation by themselves, their employees and their contractors or all Health and Safety at Work regulations. Any item of risk or hazard should be reported to the Chief Executive's Office immediately.

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- R37 VETERINARY SURGEON:** it is a condition of entry that the Society's Veterinary Surgeons may on their own authority give such emergency treatment as they may consider appropriate in the event that the owner or representative cannot be found.
- R38 DEFRA REGULATION:** Exhibitors should be aware of and conform to the regulations in place by DEFRA at all times.
- R39 TRANSIT OF ANIMALS:** From January 2007, Welfare in Transport Regulations (EC) no. 1.2005 will apply. NOTE: It will be an offence to transport any female animal for whom 90% or more of the gestational period has already passed or female animals that have given birth in the previous week. PLEASE NOTE: if you are transporting animals over 65Kms you will require an Animal Transporter Authorisation, and as from January 2008 it is now a legal requirement to have a Certificate of Competence for transporting animals over 65Kms. (Please check with your local authority).
- R40 STALLING OF EXHIBITS:** Exhibitors and their employees must see that their exhibits are stalled or penned in the allotted space for them in accordance with their exhibit numbers, and no person shall remove or otherwise deface any notice or exhibit number placed by the Society, or its Officers on the stalls or pens, nor shall any exhibit be stalled or penned in the place allotted to another exhibit, and no persons shall utilise a vacant stall or pen without written consent of the Steward or Chief Steward. The penalty for the infringement of this regulation shall be that the exhibitor whose exhibit is incorrectly stalled or penned shall forfeit all prizes awarded to such exhibit and shall incur a fine of £20 for each day, or part of a day the animal is incorrectly stalled or penned. No animal shall be cleansed other than at the wash downs provided for this purpose. GREAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN USING POWER WASHERS TO CLEAN LIVESTOCK.
- R41 STRAW:** Straw will be allocated free on the following basis: Cattle per stall – loose straw in stall on arrival. Further straw to be distributed at the end of each day as required. No straw tickets will be issued. Sheep – one third of a bale per pen plus one further straw bale ticket issued with passes for every three pens. Pigs – half a bale per pen plus one further straw bale ticket issued with passes for every two pens.
- R42 RUGS AND SHEETS:** Except by special permission of the Steward of the Section, no rug or sheet shall be hung up so as to conceal any animal in a horsebox, stall or pen. All sheets used for this purpose must be removed before the opening of the show on each day to the general public and must not be replaced until after the closing of the show each day.
- R43 PUBLICITY:** Exhibitors will be allowed to promote their herd/flock but the following conditions will apply:
- a) **Cattle section** – space allowed per animal forward, maximum of 5' wide per stall.
 - b) **Sheep & pig sections** – space allowed per pen maximum of 5' wide per pen.
 - c) Maximum height for herd/flock publicity boards from ground level, cattle 8', sheep & pigs 6'.
 - d) No promotion material to be hung from the roof or placed in the gangways.
 - e) No advertising other than acknowledgements of suppliers will be permitted.
 - f) Only rosettes and Prize Cards of this Society to be displayed and these must only be for the current year.
 - g) Exhibit cards provided by the Society must be clearly displayed for each animal forward.
- R44 STOVES:** Exhibitors or their employees desiring to bring portable stoves or barbecues onto the showground for cooking etc. will only be permitted to do so provided such stoves are carried and used in a properly constructed fire resisting box. Use of stoves will not be permitted under any circumstances within the confines of Livestock and Stock Person's accommodation within the main showground area.
- R45 STEWARDS:** No person shall officiate in the judging ring as Steward at the time of judging of a class in which he or she shall have an exhibit. In the event of a Steward making entries after his or her

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appointment, the Chief Steward shall at his sole discretion appoint a deputy Steward to carry out the duties for the class in question.

- R46 DOGS / PETS:** are not allowed on the showground or in the Stock Lines with the exception of Assistance Dogs and those taking part in competitive classes or events.
- R47 PENALTIES:** Any infringement of any of the Regulations or Conditions printed in this schedule will subject the exhibitor to forfeiture of any prize to which he/she may be entitled (in addition to the consequences attaching to the infringement) and the Council reserve the right to inform other Agricultural Societies and bodies of any decision it may come to with respect to an exhibitor.
- R48 INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS:** The Council reserves to itself the sole absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and schedule and to finally settle and determine all or any matter, question, difference, in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, or in connection with any incident in connection to the show, to substitute Judges for those announced in the schedule, or make additional appointments as may be deemed necessary.
- R49 PLEASE NOTE:** All exhibitors and other persons admitted to the showground shall be subject to the rules, orders, conditions and regulations of the Council of the Three Counties Agricultural Society. The Organisers of this show have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers and all Officials and Stewards.
- R50 MISCONDUCT:** An exhibitor or their handler who is responsible for an infringement of the regulations or misconduct, or any exhibitor or member of the general public who conducts himself in an improper or offensive manner, to any Judge, Member of Council, Steward or official appointed by the Society will be reported the Chief Executive. He/she may be refused entry to the Showground and may not be allowed to compete in any class or competition that he/she may have entered for the show or possibly any future Shows.

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HORSE SECTION

SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLYING TO ALL HORSE ENTRIES.

ANY PERSON RIDING A HORSE ANYWHERE ON THE SHOWGROUND IS TO WEAR A HARD HAT OF A STANDARD APPROVED BY THEIR APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND ENSURE THAT THE CHIN STRAP IS FASTENED.

NO HORSE IS TO BE RIDDEN OR LED THROUGH THE SHOWGROUND EXCEPT ON DESIGNATED HORSE WALKS. NO CHILDREN OR PUSH CHAIRS PERMITTED IN ANY COLLECTING RING.

TCAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: £60.00

R86 ENTRY FEES: All entry fees are inclusive of VAT @ 20% (any changes in the VAT rate will be applied from the due date). Fees are as below **unless otherwise stated in the schedule**. The following fees include the £16.00 Horse of the Year Show contribution where applicable.

	TCAS Members	Non-Members
In Hand Classes	£15.00	£25.00
Open Ridden Classes	£25.00	£40.00
Horse of the Year Show Qualifiers	£45.00	£55.00
SSADL Classes – LIHS Qualifiers	£40.00	£50.00
Heavy Horse Classes – In Hand/Turnouts	£10.00	£10.00
Double Harness Scurry	£15.00	£15.00

HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW CLASSES PRIZE MONEY:

NO. OF CATALOGUED ENTRIES:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1 – 5	£60.00		
6 – 10	£60.00	£35.00	
11+	£60.00	£30.00	£15.00

PRIZE MONEY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES (UNLESS STATED DIFFERENTLY IN THE SCHEDULE):

NO. OF CATALOGUED ENTRIES:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1 – 5	£35.00		
6 – 10	£35.00	£20.00	
11+	£35.00	£20.00	£15.00

R87 STABLING & GATE INFORMATION: Free stabling is **not** provided. Exhibits must arrive and depart on the day of judging, unless stabling is booked and paid for. Exhibitors requiring stabling for their exhibits must reserve a stable (10' x 10') at a charge of £50 inclusive of VAT (**this includes a £15 deposit per stable per night**) for the period of 22 hours (from **7.00pm** on the evening prior to judging to **5.00pm** on the day of judging). Reservations for stables must be made on the entry form in the space provided and payment made at the time of entry. One bale of straw is provided per stable. **Stables must be cleaned out by the exhibitor prior to departure. The deposit will be refunded after the show providing the stable is left clean. The Stable Manager will issue a refund voucher to the Exhibitor after inspection of the stable. This voucher must be either handed in to the show office or sent in to the Three Counties Agricultural Society to claim the refund. Stables booked after the 27th May will be subject to an additional £15 administration fee - subject to availability. GATES WILL BE SHUT BETWEEN THE HOURS 11.30PM – 5.00AM ON SHOW DAYS.**

R88 FODDER: Free fodder is not provided and will not be available. Exhibitors are strongly advised to bring their requirements with them to the show.

R89 STUD BOOK: every horse entered for competition in the breeding classes shall be entered for, or accepted for, entry in the Stud Book of its breed in this country.

R90 AGE: It is only necessary to state the year of birth in respect of all horses except that of foals, where the exact date of birth must be stated on the entry form. No foals under the age of THREE WEEKS will be allowed on the showground.

R91 WEIGHT: if in the opinion of the Judges an exhibit in the Ridden Hunter classes is in the wrong weight, transfer to the correct weight class is permitted, and no additional entry fee will be levied.

R92 HEIGHT: All certificates must be available with the horse/pony for inspection, failing which the horse/pony will be measured. Failure to pass this height test or to comply with the Joint Measurement

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Scheme Rule Book will disqualify the horse/pony from competition. The decision of the Society's appointed Veterinary Surgeon will be final.

- R93 ELIGIBILITY:** In all classes, animals must be practically sound and no veterinary inspection will be required except where it may be considered necessary by the Judges, or on a protest being lodged. The owner of the animal rejected for unsoundness may, upon request in writing to the Director, be furnished with a copy of the Veterinary Inspector's Certificate, and if he so desires, may remove the animal from the showground at once upon rejection.
- R94 CLASS ATTENDANCE:** it is the exhibitor's responsibility to present their exhibit(s) on time for classes.
- R95 AMALGAMATION OF CLASSES:** The Society reserves the right to amalgamate classes if appropriate.
- R96 BREEDING CLASSES:** Mares whose foals have died or are prevented from being exhibited owing to accident or illness CANNOT be exhibited.
- R97 EQUINE INFLUENZA:** Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are a **compulsory requirement for all horses attending the Three Counties Showground**. The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows: the first 2 vaccinations 21 – 92 days apart, a third booster between 150-215 days, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of an EI vaccination. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old and must have received two primary vaccinations before attending the show. Foals 6 months old and under are exempt. This Rule may be subject to change from guidance from the FEI/BEF and any changes will be notified via the Showing Council and ASAO websites. Random checks on vaccinations will be made.
- R98 FARRIER:** A farrier will be in attendance each day of the show from 07.00 until 18.00.
- R99 FALL OF HORSE/PONY OR RIDER:** A fall of horse/pony or rider during any class will result in elimination. The rider must not remount in the ring and should see a medically qualified attendant before remounting.
- R101 OWNERS/HANDLERS:** All horses must have a competent person in charge.
- R101 ALL STALLIONS:** are to be stabled in separate accommodation for Health & Safety reasons.
- R102 DRESS CODE:** Grooms/Attendants appearing with animals in judging rings must be of smart appearance and in proper dress code (not jeans), with appropriate headwear,
- R103 MOBILE PHONES:** The use of mobile phones is not permitted within the Collecting and judging Rings.
- R104 TIMETABLE:** Classes may commence at or after the published time. The Society will not be responsible for any loss where an exhibitor has made entries in more than one class and because of a time over run it is not possible for him/her or the horse/pony to compete in one or more later classes. No claim for refund of fees paid or other loss, direct, indirect or consequential will be accepted or paid. Once a class has commenced trotting it is deemed the class is closed and no further exhibitors may enter the ring.
- R105 SHOWING:** In some circumstances exhibitors may be asked to perform their show two at a time. The Judge may choose to organise a set show for exhibitors to perform.
- R106 SUITABLY MOUNTED -** All riders must be a suitable size for their horse or pony, whether in the ring, or working in. Riders working in ponies for other competitors or children must also be a suitable size for the pony and suitably mounted. **Only riders competing in the relevant class may be in the Collecting Ring.**
- R107 SENSORY WHISKERS -** are the hard hairs located on the horse's muzzle and around the eyes, also known as 'whiskers' that are used for sensation. It is recommended that horses should not have whiskers trimmed or removed (other than for veterinary purposes or with a vet's certificate). **Brood Mares, foals and youngstock should present with no evidence of whiskers or sensory hairs having been removed.**
- R108 EQUINE OBESITY -** must be avoided and all horses / ponies exhibited should be fit for purpose for the event or class they are competing in. Having a horse / pony which is obese is extremely detrimental to its welfare and animals carrying too much fat are at a significantly increased risk of developing serious health and welfare issues.

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