

T's & C's SPECIFIC TO EQUINE COMPETITIONS
SHOWING ENTRIES CLOSE MAY 14th 2023
SHOWJUMPING ENTRIES CLOSE MAY 21st 2023

CLASSES WILL BE RUN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE RESPECTIVE BREED SOCIETIES AND UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

IT IS A PREREQUISITE OF ENTRY THAT ALL EXHIBITORS, READ, ACCEPT AND COMPLY WITH THESE REGULATIONS WHICH ARE PRINTED IN FULL AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHEDULE.

35a RECEPTION AND SHOWING RULES – EQUINE

Conduct: Under no circumstances will threatening words or abusive behaviour be tolerated. The Show reserves the right to have any person demonstrating this type of behaviour disqualified and removed from the Showground, at the discretion of the Senior Steward.

Access to the Showground: Horse boxes and trailers are required to enter the Showground via Gate A, from the A5183 use Redding Lane next to 'The Hertfordshire Garden Centre'. Please ensure you use Gate A only. Please have your tickets ready.

Reception of Horses: Gate A will be open for the reception of Horses from 6.30 a.m. on Show days, unless they have booked stabling for the Friday night. Please contact the Equine Secretary 01582 792626 or email equine@hertsshow.com for further information.

Passports: The Horse Passports (England) Regulation 2009 requires all owners to obtain a passport for each animal that they own. Please remember to bring these passport(s) to the show and have them available for inspection if requested by Equine Veterinary Surgeon or Local Trading Standards Officers. If you require any further information please contact the DEFRA helpline or visit their website www.defra.gov.uk.

Grooms Dress: Grooms should wear a hat (riding hat, flat cap, trilby or other smart hat) smart jacket, waistcoat, trousers (cords, jodhpurs) and suitable sturdy footwear - no flip flops, sandals, trainers or open toe shoes. Jeans, shorts and baseball caps are not permitted. It is compulsory to wear a suitable hat: riding hat, flat cap, trilby or other smart hat (Baseball caps are not permitted) Herts Horse Show recommends the wearing of protective headgear whilst leading any horse or pony. These standards will be strictly enforced and grooms failing to comply will be asked to leave the ring.

Safety: The onus is on every rider who suffers a fall or any person who suffers an injury whilst on the Showground to report the fall/injury to the Show Secretary. **HATS:** It is the sole responsibility of riders to ensure that whilst on horseback, they wear correctly fitting, 3-point protective headgear which complies with the latest British Standard (All PAS 015; VG1; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards) The Society accepts no responsibility for any injury arising from a failure to comply with this regulation.

Horse Walks: Fenced horse walks will be provided and Exhibitors are required to use these designated routes to access the showing rings and must obey directions from the Officials and Stewards at the crossing points etc. Exhibitors are not permitted to use the horse walks for any purpose other than prior to the start of their class and horses must be kept at a walk. Trotting, cantering or exercising of horses within the horse walks is not allowed under any circumstances and may result in disqualification.

Practice Arena & Warm-up Area: The designated warm up arena for ridden horses is for 'flat work' only; lunging is not permitted. The practice arena is designated solely for the use of warming up, riders and connections are encouraged to act in a courteous manner at all times and use these facilities in a safe and respectful manner. Show Jumping warm up area will also be provided.

Equine Influenza: Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are a compulsory requirement. 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. 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.

The Society's Veterinary Officer will carry out regular checks of the Horse Lines and the Stewards, at their direction, are empowered to require any horse or pony showing clinical signs of equine flu to be immediately removed from the Showground. In the event of a serious outbreak the Society reserves the right to require Vaccination Certificates to be produced.

Equine Health: By entering the Show you are declaring your horse is fit to compete and not currently suffering from any health issues that could be passed on to another animal. Any animal suspected to be infected by stewards will be inspected by the vet, potentially excluded and asked to leave the Showground. No refund of entry fees will be given.

Doping: The presence in any form or quantity, in a Horse being shown, of a substance, which could by its nature affect its performance, is forbidden. Breed Societies may cause tests to be carried out at any affiliated show, or otherwise, to determine whether this condition has been breached; the findings whereof shall be forwarded to the Breed Society for action.

Show Jumping: Entries in all classes are limited to British Show jumping registered horses and must be ridden by Full, Adult, Associate or Junior members in accordance with British Show jumping Rules.

British Show jumping registration numbers of riders and horses must be quoted on entry forms. Allocated stallion parking is available if requested upon entry. No British Show jumping member shall allow a stallion for which he/she is responsible as owner, lessee, authorised agent or rider to compete or be prepared to compete, in any show jumping competition without taking adequate precautions to ensure other members of the public are not put at risk of injury in accordance with BS Rule 82.2.

British Show jumping rules will be applied to cancelled show jumping entries. Please declare on arrival with the Show Jumping Secretary in the Collecting Ring. Substitutions in accordance with BS Rule 79.4 must be made in the Show Jumping Office and Competitors with an Authority to Act must produce it. Competitors must be ready to enter the ring when called; if necessary, the judges will impose BS Rule 232 and the class will be closed.

Please note that some classes are running unmounted prize giving, check schedule for details.