

GENERAL SHOWRULES AND CONDITIONS

Headings are for ease of reference and do not form part of the Show rules.

Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. The Society reserves the right to remove anybody from the show site who shows abusive behaviour.

- 1. ENTRIES.**
- 1.1** Members of the judges family are not allowed to enter that section of the Show, of which he/she has been appointed to judge
- 1.2** **Every exhibitor or competitor entering for the show is deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and entries are accepted on that understanding.**
- 1.3** All entries must be made in writing to the Show Secretary on or before the date specified in the schedule on the requisite forms, accompanied by the necessary entry fees and subscriptions.
- 1.4** Entries received after the closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Secretary or Executive Committee.
- 1.5** The Executive Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason.
- 1.6** If in the opinion of the Executive Committee there are insufficient entries in a class at the closing date the class may be withdrawn in which case the entrant will be informed and the entry fees returned.
- 1.7** The acceptance by the Society of any entry in a class shall not exonerate the exhibitor from the responsibility of ensuring that the entry complies strictly with the rules of that class. Any entry that does not comply will be disqualified.
- 1.8** Exhibitors will comply with any direction or instructions given to them by the Society which the Society deems to be expedient.
- 1.9** If a class is cancelled the only compensation due to an exhibitor will be the refund of the entrant fee paid for the cancelled class.
- 1.10** Competitions qualifying for events organised by other bodies are offered in good faith on information provided by those bodies. No liability is accepted by the Society if those events take place in circumstances other than those originally stated or do not proceed.
- 2 OWNERSHIP.** Exhibits in all classes must be the bonafide property of the exhibitors and must be the property of, and in the possession of the exhibitors at the time of the entry. Any person who has care and control of an exhibit on the Showground will be deemed to be the agent of that exhibit's owner for all purposes connected with the Show.
- 3 ENTRY FEES.** Entry fees must accompany entries or they will not be accepted. The entry fee for any animal entered and not exhibited will be forfeited. Any additional costs incurred by the Society arising from non-clearance of a cheque must be paid by the exhibitor before he/she is allowed to compete.
- 4 JUDGES.** The Show Secretary may substitute a different judge to the one nominated in the show catalogue or programme.
- 5 STEWARDS.** An exhibitor cannot act as a steward in any class in which he/she has an entry.
- 6 OBJECTIONS.** The decision of the judges shall be final. Objections of any kind must be made in writing and delivered to the Show Secretary within one hour of judging, with a deposit of £40 for each objection, in the case of a joint objection the deposit shall be payable by each objector. Such objections will be considered by a panel of not less than three members of the Society appointed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and their decision shall be final. Anonymity shall not be available to any objector. The deposit shall be forfeited if the objection is not upheld.
- 7 SAFETY.** The organisers of the Show have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards. It is a condition of entry that exhibitors conform with the requirements of the Society's safety policy and the health and safety legislation and for ensuring that safe working practices are followed by themselves, their employees, agents and contractors and that appropriate safety and/or protective equipment is worn.
- 8 UNRULY ANIMALS.** All animals must be controlled to the satisfaction of the stewards who shall have power to confine or exclude from the Showground any vicious or unruly animals. Animals with a previous record of unruly behaviour should not be brought to the Showground.
- 9 LIABILITY.**
- 9.1** The Executive Committee shall not be responsible for any error which may appear in the programme or catalogue or for any entry made in the wrong class; nor shall the committee be responsible for exhibits arriving too late to be judged.
- 9.2** The Society shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage to any persons or exhibits at the show and it shall be a condition of entry that exhibitors hold the Society blameless and indemnify it against all such claims and liability.
- 9.3** The Society shall not be liable for any damage to vehicles that may occur while being towed on the Showground
- 10 CONDUCT.** In their absolute discretion the Chairman, the Show Secretary or a Chief Steward shall have the power to order an exhibitor or competitor to leave the Showground and to recommend that the Show Committee to refuse that person's entry for future shows. Should an exhibitor be aggrieved at such action he/she may lodge an objection in writing. Such objections will be considered by a panel of not less than three members of the Society appointed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and their decision shall be final.
- 11 ANIMAL HEALTH.**
- 11.1** If an exhibitor brings to the Showground an animal showing signs of a contagious disease all his/her animals will be sent home and **entries** for future shows may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee be refused.
- 11.2** Diseased or unfit animals will be sent home. Should any animal prove to be, at the time it was sent to the show, suffering from any contagious or infectious disease the exhibitor shall be liable to forfeit and pay a sum of £2000 as damages in addition to any penalty he/she may incur by the contravention of the orders of any public authority or damages recovered by any other stock owner.
- 11.3** In any case concerning the health or well-being of an animal the decision of the Society's Veterinary Officer shall be final.
- 11.4** The presence in any form or quantity in a horse being shown or ridden of a substance, which could by its nature alter its performance, is forbidden.
- 11.5** Any animal showing signs of infectious disease or appearing to be about to calve or abort will be isolated until the Society's Veterinary Officer permits its return to the farm of origin.
- 11.6** The presence of any substance in any form or quantity found in any animal should not be present on the Showground.
- 12 DATA STORAGE.** Information from entry forms may be stored on computer and the name, address and details of entries will be published in the catalogue; information about results may also be published and/or provided at the press and to Breed Societies for publication. Information about exhibitors and their animals may also be provided to DEFRA, Trading Standards Depts of the County Councils, BCMS, SAC and others having regulatory functions 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.
- 13 CHILDREN.** Children shall only handle animals under the supervision of an adult and when they have the necessary strength and experience to deal with foreseeable problems.
- 14 SPECIAL REGULATIONS** applicable to any section and any special class conditions shall be deemed to be part of these General Rules and Conditions. In the event of a conflict then the Special Regulations shall prevail.

ADDITIONAL HORSE, CATTLE AND SHEEP RULES

- 15** Exhibitors and competitors must obey the direction of judges and stewards at all times; failure to do so may result in disqualification and an order to be removed from the ring.
- 16** The Society will not provide fodder or straw.
- 17** All prize-winning animals must be ready to enter the Grand Parade when required or prize money will be withheld.
- 18** All riders must wear appropriate protective headgear when riding animals on the Showground.
- 19** The Show Society are not responsible for any damage incurred to any vehicle whilst being towed in or off the Showground.
- 20** No animals are to be sold whilst they are on the Show Field. They may however be advertised "For Sale" and any agreement reached, completed once they have returned to their registered holding.