

## **SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLYING TO ALL HORSE CLASSES IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL SHOWING RULES**

- 1. ENTRIES:** - No horse may be entered in both a Hack and Hunter or Riding Horse Class. No Horse which has been nicked or docked may be shown.
  - 2. ENTRY FEES:** - All entry fees are inclusive of VAT.
  - 3. RESTRICTED ENTRIES:** - It may be necessary to restrict entries in any class if warranted; accordingly, entries may have to be accepted on a first come first served basis.
  - 4. CANCELLATION OR COMBINING OF CLASSES:** - The society has the right to cancel or combine classes due to insufficient entry numbers. A full refund will be given if a class is cancelled due to insufficient entries.
  - 5. AFFILIATION:** - In any Class or Section which is affiliated to a Governing Body it shall be a condition of entry that exhibitors, whether or not members of that Body, shall comply with its Rules and will be liable to dope testing.
  - 6. TICKETS, PASSES & NUMBERS:** - The first horse entered will receive 3 wristbands, each additional horse on the same ENTRY will then receive 2 wristbands. These wristbands will need to be worn to gain access onto the showground from the Horse Car Park.  
Exhibitor packs, with lorry passes, exhibitor wristbands and numbers will be sent out prior to the show, if you have ticked the box for owners traveling separately then two admission tickets will also be sent out prior to the show. Additional tickets can be purchased through the show website. Personnel not holding tickets will be charged normal prices at the pay on foot entrance gate.
  - 7. PARKING:** - ONLY VEHICLES CARRYING HORSES/PONIES WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE HORSE PARKING AREA – GATE 3. Vehicles other than horseboxes will not be admitted into the Horse Parking area – but can park for free in the Public Car Parks. Your lorry pass must be displayed to get access into the Horse Parking area.
  - 8. SUBSTITUTION:** - Substitution of animals in place of those already entered but unable to be exhibited is NOT allowed, except where BS rules permit.
  - 9. REFUND:** - The entry fee for horses unable to be exhibited after entry owing to accident or illness will be refunded if written notification accompanied by a Vet's Certificate is received before the Show (scan acceptable), except where British Show Jumping rules apply. Any levy which has been or is to be paid to Horse of the year Show, or any other organization will not be refunded. An administration fee will be charged. No refund will be made if the exhibit is found to be ineligible to compete, whether for want of registration or otherwise, nor if duplicate entries are made. No entry fees will be refunded should the exhibit be unable to attend the show due to any Animal Health Order issued by DEFRA.
  - 10. STYLE:** - Horses must be ridden astride in all classes except Side Saddle.
  - 11. HARD HAT:** - On the showground and for all classes, anyone riding a horse or pony must wear headgear to current BSI or European Safety Standard specification, or of a standard approved by the governing body of their respective horse or pony society.
  - 12. PRIZE MONEY:** - Prize money will be paid out from the Horse Secretary's Tent. For late classes only please claim from Show Office before 30th September. Prize money not claimed will be forfeited. Prizes may be withheld if in the opinion of the Judge the exhibits do not reach the standard required.
- No. of entries fwd Prize money awarded to**  
1-5 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> placings  
6+ 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> placings
- 13. TROPHIES:** - No trophies to be taken off the showground. They will be awarded and then given back to the Horse Ring Steward. Photographs of winner with the trophy will be available at no charge.
  - 14. LOCAL CLASSES:** - Open to exhibitors residing or farming within the counties of Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire. Local exhibitors will need to wear a white arm band to show that they are a local exhibitor in Open classes. Any part of the exhibitor's regular holding coming within the area entitles him to show. The words "regular holding" to mean Ownership, Tenancy or Lease. Show officials shall not be held responsible for acceptance of entries which may prove out of area.
  - 15. JUDGING:** - If the judging of the number forward in a class may exceed the time allowed for that class, at the Judge's discretion it is regretted that it may not always be possible for the Judge to ride each horse or for every competitor to be allowed an individual show.
  - 16. FALL:** - If a rider falls off a horse in a class, the rider is not allowed to remount in the ring and the horse is eliminated  
from the class. No judge or steward has the authority to waive this rule. The rider is permitted to compete on other horses entered in the class, unless the medical services personnel or judges' rule this unsafe. The horse is permitted to compete in other classes in which the horse has been entered unless the vet advises otherwise.
  - 17. TIMING:** - 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 overrun 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.
  - 18. LUNGING:** - This is not permitted anywhere on showground. Anyone found lunging will be disqualified from their class and asked to leave the showground.
  - 19. AMATEUR:** - A person is an amateur for showing purposes, when showing in an amateur class, if he or she does not during the current or previous season  
1) Engage in breeding, livery, buying, selling, dealing or hiring horses in a commercial capacity or as a means of deriving a main source of income

2) **Receive** remuneration whether it be monetary or goods in kind for employment in connection with horses in a racing, showing or livery stable or riding school (instruction at Pony Club and Riding Club excepted).

**This does not include the suppliers of ancillary services such as farriers and vets**

3) Own/part own an equestrian establishment including but not limited to riding schools, events centre, stud or livery yard in any capacity, or receive any form of remuneration for employment at an equestrian establishment. For the avoidance of doubt for the purpose of this rule, immediate family members of an owner or part owner of an equestrian establishment who work or are howsoever otherwise engaged or involved in any capacity, whether or not for remuneration at the equestrian establishment, will be treated as being an owner or part owner of that equestrian establishment.

4) Show a horse owned or sponsored by a company or commercial firm, or act as a Brand Ambassador in any showing classes BSHA or otherwise, or a horse for which his or her immediate family accepts livery or training charges from a person outside the immediate family concerned. A competitor is not eligible to compete in Amateur classes on an Exhibit, which has been ridden by a Professional Rider in any Open classes, BSHA or otherwise, with the exception of Open Working Show Horse and Side Saddle classes, during the current year, up to but not including the Royal International Horse Show.

The above Rule does not apply, if the Horse has been Professionally Produced and only ridden by a Professional, during the current season, or if the horse has subsequently been sold and re-registered under new ownership.

5) On the day when an Exhibit is competing in Amateur classes, Professionals are not allowed to ride, to work in (in any form), compete, or enter the Ring to groom/strip the horse.

6) **Amateur Owner/rider: Amateur Owner/Rider.** Open to Horses owned and ridden by an Amateur, (the Rider need not be the Owner of the Horse). This ruling will also apply to Amateurs who wish to compete in the Annual Amateur Points Awards. **No Professional Producers are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the Horse.**

7) **Amateur Home Produced.** Open to Horses, which are either stabled at home or in a D. I. Y. yard and which since 1st January in the current year, have not been shown by a Professional during the current season or stabled in a Professional yard at any time in the current year. To be ridden by an Amateur. This does not exclude Amateur Owner Home Produced riders having lessons at any time with an instructor, providing the Horse remains stabled at home. **No Professional Producers are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the Horse. It is hoped that competitors in Amateur classes will compete in these classes in the spirit for which they are intended.**

**20. MOBILE PHONES:** - The use of mobile phones is not permitted within the collecting and judging rings.

**21. VACCINATIONS:** - All horses and ponies on Moreton Showground must have up to date Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations. The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows: the first 2 vaccinations **21 – 60** days apart, a third booster between **100-180** days, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. Horses may compete having received the primary course and prior to the first booster but not within 7 days of receiving a vaccine dose. **PASSPORT CHECKS MAY BE CARRIED OUT ON SHOWGROUND DURING THE SHOW.**

**22. HORSE PASSPORTS:** - A Defra acceptable equine passport must accompany all horses and ponies on showground; **SPOT CHECKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT.**

**23. CONDUCT:** - If a competitor's behaviour or actions are deemed to be inappropriate by the steward, judge, or any other show official, or it is believed that a competitor, or its groom's behaviour is impairing the welfare of the animal, **this includes someone riding an animal whose size and weight is compromising its welfare**, the Horse Chairman shall have the power to disqualify the animal and depending on the severity of the actions, ask the offender to leave the Showground and recommend that the Council shall 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 Horse Chairman or Vice-Chairman and their decision shall be final.