

GENERAL SHOWING RULES AND CONDITIONS

The use of sub-headings as well as emboldened type in these rules is for ease of reference and does not affect the interpretation of the rules.

1. ENTRIES: -

1.1 RULES: - Every exhibitor making entries for the show shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and it is on this understanding only those entries are accepted.

1.2 ENTRIES: - All entries must be made on the Society's on-line entry system www.moretonshow.co.uk before the dates specified in the Schedule.

1.3 CLOSE OF ENTRIES: - On-line entries may be closed at any time after the published date – please check website.

1.4 RIGHT OF REFUSAL: - The Council reserves the right to refuse any entry.

1.5 WITHDRAWAL OF CLASSES: - Except where British Show Jumping Rule 76.14 applies, in the event that there are less than six entries in any class at the date of closing, such class may be withdrawn, in which case the entrants will be advised, and their entry fees returned. Rule 76.14 may be applied where there are fewer than 4 starters.

1.6 NOMINATION ENTRIES: - These will not be accepted.

1.7 ESSENTIAL ACTION: - Exhibitors will comply with any directions or instructions given to them by the Society which the Society deems to be expedient.

1.8 RESTRICTED LIABILITY: - In the event that a class or classes are cancelled by the Society (whether or not the Show takes place) then the maximum compensation due to an exhibitor will be a refund of the entry fee(s) paid by the exhibitor in respect of the class or classes that have been cancelled.

1.9 QUALIFYING CLASSES: - Competitions qualifying for events organised by other bodies are offered in good faith on information provided by those bodies. No liability is accepted by this 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 bona fide property of the exhibitors and all exhibits must have been the property of, and in the possession of, the exhibitors at the time of 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 that exhibit.

3. ENTRY/STALLAGE AND PENNING FEES: -

3.1 SEE SPECIAL CONDITIONS: - Entry/stallage and penning fees must accompany entries. The entry/stallage and penning 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.

3.2 INTEREST: - Interest upon sums due to the Society under these Rules shall be payable at the rate of 3.5% above the base rate charged by Lloyds Bank from time to time and shall be payable commencing 14 days after the published date for the close of entries in the relevant section.

4. PASSES: - See Special Regulations applying to the appropriate section.

5. JUDGES: -

5.1 APPOINTMENT: - A list of Judges for the forthcoming Show shall be nominated by the Council.

5.2 DEPUTY: - In the event of a Judge or Judges failing to attend on Show Day, the Secretary or Chief Steward may appoint a Deputy or Deputies.

5.3 JUDGES' INTEREST IN ENTRIES: - Exhibitors are particularly requested to note the name of the Judge appointed for the Classes they wish to enter, and are advised, in the interest of all concerned, not knowingly to enter an animal bred by, or that has been owned by, the Judge appointed. In cases where the Judge has a continuing business or financial relationship with an exhibitor, he/she should not judge the animal(s) entered by that exhibitor, whether or not the particular animal(s) form part of the business relationship.

Where the Judge has had a past financial or breeding interest in a particular animal(s), he/she should not judge it. In the event of a Judge having an interest in any exhibit(s) then he/she shall first judge and place all other exhibits and an alternate Judge, if possible, from the Breed panel, shall then place the exhibit(s) in question. The alternate Judge shall be nominated at the absolute discretion of the Society through the Chief Steward of the Section.

6. STEWARDS: - An exhibitor cannot act as Steward in any class in which he/she has an entry.

7. OBJECTIONS: - The decision of the Judges shall be final. Objections of any kind must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary making clear that it is an objection which is being handed in. A deposit of £60 shall be paid with each objection which must be made within one hour of the Judge's decision being given on the day of the Show; in the case of a joint objection a 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 will not be available to any objector. The deposit may be forfeited at the discretion of the panel.

8. SAFETY: - 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 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 to the requirements of the Society's Safety Policy and of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and for ensuring that safe working practices are followed by themselves, their employees, Agents, and Contractors. (See also Cattle Regulation on Cattle Handling). A full copy of our Health and Safety policy can be found on our website.

9. UNRULY ANIMALS: - All animals must be controlled to the satisfaction of the Stewards who shall have power to exclude from the Showground any vicious or unruly animals. Animals with a previous record of unruly behaviour should not be brought to the Showground.

10. LIABILITY: - The Council will not be responsible for any error which may appear in the Catalogue or for any

entry being made in the wrong class, nor will the Council be held responsible for exhibits not arriving in time to be judged. The Council do not hold themselves responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any persons or exhibit at the Show, and it shall be a condition of entry that exhibitors hold the Society blameless and indemnify it against legal proceedings there from.

11. CONDUCT: -

11.1 BEHAVIOUR: - In the event of a competitor, or anyone connected with a competitor, being guilty of improper or abusive behaviour towards his or her animal, any Official of the Society, or the general public, the Chairman or Chief Steward shall have the power to order 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 Chairman or Vice-Chairman and their decision shall be final.

11.2 ANIMAL HEALTH: -

11.2.1 If any exhibitor brings an animal to the Showground suffering from a contagious disease all his animals may be sent home and future entries from him may, by resolution of the Council, be refused.

11.2.2 Unfit or diseased animals may be sent home.

11.2.3 In any case concerning the health or well-being of an animal, the decision of the Society's Veterinary Officer shall be final.

11.2.4 The Society deprecates the administration of substances not naturally occurring or abnormal quantities of natural substances to animals or humans intended to alter their behaviour in the ring ("doping"). Certain of the Societies to which the Show is affiliated, or under whose rule's classes are held, set conditions regarding doping and dope testing and all entries in such classes are subject to those conditions.

11.2.5 Any animal showing signs of infectious disease or appearing to be about to give birth or abort will be isolated until the Show Veterinary Surgeon (if necessary, in consultation with the Divisional Veterinary Manager) permits its return to the farm of origin.

12. PRIZES: - Prize cards will be given to all winners and prize money paid out in the Horse Secretary's Tent. For late classes only please claim from the Show Office before 30th September. Prize money not claimed will be forfeited. Trophies must be left on the showground on show day.

13. DATA STORAGE & PUBLICITY: - The rules & regulations in the schedules should be read, and when the exhibitor has ticked the consent box on the entry form, either paper or online, the Society will use the information as follows:

Store, process and retain, including electronically, all data and personal information provided by exhibitors for the purposes of operating the Show, maintaining appropriate records and communicating with exhibitors in future concerning any of the Societies activities. Information about exhibitors and their animals may also be provided to DEFRA, Trading Standards, County Council departments, BCMS, SAC, breed societies and others having regulatory functions as well as the Society's veterinary, environmental health, legal and safety advisers. The names and home locations (Town & County only) of exhibitors may be published in the Show catalogue and on Society website. Information about results may also be published and/or provided to the press and breed societies for publication. Photographs may be taken of any exhibitor or other person on the Showground and stored and used in the Society publications, website or social media channels the Society will own the copyright of such images. If you do not wish the show to photograph yourself or your animal please let the photographer or a show steward know.

14. CONTRACT: - The contract between an exhibitor and the Society shall be made at Moreton-in-Marsh.

15. SPECIAL REGULATIONS: - applicable to any Section and any special class conditions shall be deemed to be part of these General Conditions. In the event of a conflict, then the Special Regulations shall prevail.

16. LEGAL COMPLIANCE: - Exhibitors shall comply with all relevant Statutes and Regulations.