

GENERAL SHOW REGULATIONS

Showground Holding Number: 35/280/8005

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR STOCK ATTENDANTS

1. RESPONSIBILITY

The Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural 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, 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.

2. 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 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.

3. ANIMAL WELFARE

The Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society expects all exhibitors to observe best practice at all times and adhere to relevant UK legislation.

ENTRIES

4. ENTRY FORMS AND DATA STORAGE

Entries for the show should be made online on the Shropshire County Show website or via the following link: <https://www.shropshirecountyshow.com/competitors/> Full details of how your data is stored and used can be found upon entry. If you would like a copy, please email manager@westmidshowground.com Information from the entry about the animal and name of the exhibitor will be published in the Catalogue unless otherwise advised to the Society. 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.

5. ENTRIES

Animals may be entered in more than one class except where otherwise stated in the schedule. The number of such additional classes shall be entered on the entry form and the additional fees remitted for each entry.

6. ENTRIES FOR SPECIAL PRIZES

Exhibitors are not required to enter for special prizes unless stated. Only animals which have competed in ordinary classes are eligible for entry into special classes.

7. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted up to and on **THURSDAY, MAY 1st, 2025**. Late entries may not be accepted.

8. ACCURACY OF ENTRY FORMS

Exhibitors are responsible for the accuracy of their entry form; if the exhibitor fails, when called upon by the stewards or officers of the Shropshire County Agricultural Show, to prove the accuracy of such entry, the entry may be disqualified, and any award made to it will be forfeited.

9. OWNERSHIP

All exhibits shall be the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the specified closing date.

10. ENTRY BY MINORS

Entries by persons under 18 years of age will only be accepted if the entry form on the day is countersigned by the parent, guardian, or trustee of the entrant. This signatory will be held responsible for the accuracy of the entry and for the compliance with the show's regulations.

11. PARTICULARS OF EXHIBITS

Full pedigree details must be submitted upon entry. 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.

12. AGE OF EXHIBITS

The exact date of birth of each exhibit must be stated on the entry form, except in the case of 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.

13. RIGHT TO REJECT ENTRIES

The Trustees of the Society reserve the right to reject or cancel the entry or entries made by a person, if it shall deem fit to do so, and right to cancel any class or classes, refunding any fees paid in respect thereof.

14. CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES

The Shropshire County Show reserves the right to cancel or amalgamate any class in the event of there being less than a minimum of 5 entries from 3 exhibitors in the livestock breed sections, or to transfer entries to another class.

15. NOMINATION OF ENTRIES

Any cattle forms failing to give the full name of the exhibit will be refused and returned.

16. ACCURACY OF CATALOGUE

The Society will not be responsible for any inaccuracy in any pedigree inserted in the catalogue, though every care will be made to ensure the accuracy of all particulars printed therein.

FEES

17. ENTRY AND ACCOMMODATION FEES – PAYMENT THEREOF

All remittances in payment of fees shall be by BACS, credit card or cash. Cheques should be made payable to Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society (S.W.M.A.S.). A charge of £25 will be made for any returned or refused cheques.

18. ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for members and non-members are clearly laid out in the schedule and online information.

19. REFUND OF ENTRY FEES

Entry fees can be refunded only in the event of cancellation of classes or when an animal is incapacitated by accident, injury, or illness. Applications for refunds must be made in writing to the Shropshire County Show Secretary no later than fourteen days after the date of the show and must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate, together with all labels and passes issued by the Society in respect of the

entry/entries in question. Any claim received after fourteen days from the date of the show will be invalid.

TICKETS

20. TICKETS – EXHIBITORS’ PASSES

Each exhibitor will receive passes as listed below and, if a member of the Society, will receive his/her members’ badge.

21. TICKET ALLOCATION

Exhibitors will be issued with **one** vehicle pass. Please see below a list of ticket allocation for exhibitors, depending on the number of stalls/pens booked.

CATTLE	Number of Admission Passes
1 Entry	1 Ticket – if a bull 2 tickets
2 Entries	2 Tickets
3+ Entries	3 Tickets
SHEEP	Number of Admission Passes
1-2 Entries	1 Ticket
3-4 Entries	2 Tickets
5+ Entries	3 Tickets
HEAVY HORSES	Number of Admission Passes
1 Entry	2 Tickets
2 Entries	3 Tickets
3+ Entries	4 Tickets

22. EXTRA ADMISSION TICKETS

Exhibitors in all sections may purchase additional admission tickets for the day of the show at a reduced exhibitor-rate price if an application for additional tickets and payment thereof is made at the time of making an entry, see the entry form for details. **PLEASE NOTE:** A maximum of 4 extra tickets may be purchased by an exhibitor and all tickets ordered with the submission of entries will be despatched with the exhibitor tickets approximately two weeks prior to the start of the show.

23. LORRY PASSES

Exhibitors will be provided with a lorry pass to enable them to bring their stock into the showground, offload their stock and park in the livestock parking area. This pass will cover the lorry only. All persons in the vehicle must have a valid entry pass.

DISEASED ANIMALS

24. ANIMALS SUSPECTED OF, OR 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 of such animal may obtain a certificate from the Show Manager, 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

25. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded on the scales shown at the beginning of each entry section.

26. ROSETTES

No animal will be allowed to wear a rosette or ribbon other than those issued by the Society. No rosette or ribbon may be displayed during judging which has been awarded in a previous class.

27. PROTESTS

Any exhibitor wishing to lodge a protest having reference to livestock exhibited at the show must make the same in writing to the Show Manager and must deposit a sum of £25. All protests must be delivered at the Show Office on the showground before 2pm on the day or in the case of an award judged later than that time, then within one hour of the completion of the judging of that section, and no protest will be accepted subsequently unless a satisfactory reason be assigned for the delay. If, on investigation by a Protest Committee consisting of three members of the Society's Trustees, the protest is not sustained the sum thus deposited may be forfeited to the funds of the Society. A Notice of Protest on the notice board at the Show Office on the showground shall be deemed sufficient notice to all parties concerned, and the Show Manager shall not be required to serve personal notices.

28. ALTERATION OF AWARDS

In case of any protest made in accordance with Regulation 27 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.

29. PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY

The prize money offered by the Society WILL BE PAID OUT BEFORE 1 JULY 2025 in respect of all prizes offered by the Society. Special prizes offered by private donors of Breed Societies will be paid direct 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 Secretary of the Society before 31 JULY 2025. All payments will be made by BACS transfer, please ensure account details are correct upon point of entry to ensure The Society is able to make payment.

30. CHALLENGE TROPHIES

Trophies awarded at the Show will be made on production of a signed Steward's Trophy Card. Trophies can be collected from the Show Office from 3.00pm until 5.00pm on the day of the award or contact the office after the show. Winners of trophies must give the Society a written **guarantee to return the cup in good condition to the showground not less than six weeks prior to the next show** and that, in the event of loss, the amount of its value be made good to the Society by the holder. Trophies must be returned engraved and sent by recorded delivery. The Society will not be held responsible for any failure on the part of donors, or others, to produce cups or special prizes offered for competition in the schedule or catalogue, nor will the Society accept any liability in respect of the description of trophies and special prizes as printed in the schedule and catalogue.

JUDGES

31. 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 breed 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 to be 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. All exhibitors and their agents acting in opposition to this regulation shall forfeit such prize as may be awarded to their exhibit.

32. CHANGE OF JUDGE

Should an exhibit be put 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 an animal 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 may stand down from the class and entry fees will be refunded or accept a referee appointed by the Livestock Secretary to judge the said animal.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INFORM EXHIBITORS OF A CHANGE OF JUDGE.

33. 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 previously awarded to the exhibits in question. All employees in charge of stock which is to be paraded must have 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 parade. Cattle exhibitors should note that senior bulls should always have two handlers.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

34. SMOKING

In accordance with Health and Safety Regulations there is no smoking allowed in the livestock lines or the stable area.

35. HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK REGULATION

Exhibitors are reminded that they are responsible for the observance by themselves, their employees, and their contractors, of all Health and Safety at Work Regulations. Any item of risk or hazard should be reported to the Show Manager's Office immediately.

INSURANCE

36. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

All livestock exhibitors must ensure that they have adequate public liability insurance cover (suggested minimum of £5 million).

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37. 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 if the owner or his representative cannot be found, and that the owner will be responsible for the cost of such treatment.

38. DEFRA REGULATION

Exhibitors must be aware of, and conform to, the regulations in place by DEFRA at all times.

39. TRANSIT OF ANIMALS

In accordance with Welfare of Animals During Transport Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 it is an offence to transport any female animal for whom 90% or more of the gestation period has already passed, or female animals that have given birth in the previous week. For animals travelling over 65km an Animal Transporter Authorisation is

required as well as a Certificate of Competence for transporting animals over 65km (please consult your local authority regarding this).

40. STALLING OF EXHIBITS

Exhibitors and their employees must see that their exhibits are stalled or penned in the allotted place 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 of its Officers on the stalls or pens, nor shall any exhibit be stalled or penned in the place allotted to another exhibit and no person shall utilise a vacant stall or pen without the consent of the Steward or Chief Steward. Any exhibitor, whose exhibit is incorrectly stalled or penned, shall forfeit any prizes awarded and shall incur a fine of £20. **Exhibitors must ensure that their exhibits are securely penned.**

All mucking out must be completed by 7.30am. All stock attendants are requested to co-operate in ensuring that the lines are kept clean, and that water is not thrown into the lines. **Taps must not be left running.**

41. WASHING OF STOCK

Animals may only be cleansed at the wash down area provided for this purpose.

Great care should be taken if using a pressure washer.

Taps must not be left running.

42. STRAW

Exhibitors are required to bring their own straw.

43. RUGS AND SHEETS

Except by special permission of the steward of the section, no rug or sheet shall be hung up 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 to the public and must not be replaced until after the closing of the Show.

44. PUBLICITY

Exhibitors are allowed to promote their herd/flock with the use of signs which may not exceed 3' wide by 2' high per stall or pen. No promotional material may be placed in the gangways. Only rosettes and prize cards of the Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society may be displayed, and these must be for the current year. Exhibit cards provided by the Society must be clearly displayed for each animal forward.

45. STOVES

Exhibitors are not permitted to cook on an "open fire." Heating or cooking appliances are not permitted to be installed or used inside a tented structure which is not specifically set out for this purpose and is at a safe distance from combustible materials. All stoves must be carried and used in a properly constructed fire-resistant box. **All heating and cooking appliances are strictly forbidden in the livestock line and horse box areas.**

STEWARDS

No person shall officiate in the judging ring as steward at the time of judging of a class in which he or she has an exhibit. In the event of a steward making entries after his or her appointment as steward, the Chief Steward shall appoint a deputy steward to carry out stewarding duties for the class in question.

46. FIRST AID

There is a designated Medical Centre located beside Gate 2 where First Aid will be available.

47. DOGS/PETS

Dogs/pets are not allowed in the livestock area. In other areas of the showground well behaved dogs/pets are permitted on leads and owners must clean up after their dog/pet.

48. PENALTIES

Any infringement of any of the regulations or conditions printed in this schedule will result in the exhibitor forfeiting any prize to which they may be entitled in addition to

the consequences attaching to the infringement and the Society reserves the right to inform other agricultural societies and bodies of any decision it may come to regarding an exhibitor.

49. INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

The Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society reserves the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed regulations, conditions, and prize lists, and to settle arbitrarily and determine all matters, questions, or difference in regard hereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with incident to the show. Also, to substitute judges, refuse and to cancel entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, vary, or cancel awards of prizes or reserve numbers and relax conditions as the Society may deem necessary.

50. STATEMENT

All exhibitors and other persons admitted to the showground shall be subject to the rules, orders, and regulations of the Shropshire & West Midlands 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 of all officials and stewards.

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