

HORSE SECTION

SAFETY STANDARDS, RULES AND BY-LAWS

- **THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL**
- Competitors must ensure that handlers and riders are experienced and able to control their horse/pony at all times.
- Competitors must use the official walkways designated for movement of horses to and from the judging rings.
- Competitors must NOT ride or lead their horses/ponies through designated pedestrian areas; otherwise they will be asked to leave the Showground.
- All competitors must follow designated traffic routes as directed on arrival/departure.
- Animals must NOT be left unattended whilst the Show is open to the public.
- No animal may enter the Showground if its place of origin is under health restrictions.
- All horses entering the showground must have a valid equine passport with them.
- Any person riding a horse/pony anywhere on the Showground MUST wear correctly fitted protective headgear and ensure the chin strap is properly fastened and adjusted, according to the current standards as listed: PAS 015, VG1, (BS)EN1384 2017, ASTM F1163 04a, SNELL E2001, SNELL E2016, AS/NZS 3838 2003 provided they are BSI Kite-marked or Inspec IC marked. Any competitor not complying with this rule will be disqualified.
- ALL grooms must wear protective hats meeting the above requirements and be smartly and professionally turned out when in the ring.
- ONE groom is permitted per horse when in the ring.
- Riders must be of suitable height and weight for size of horse or pony being ridden.
- Horses and ponies may be measured at the discretion of the judges or stewards. Certificates issued under the Joint Measure Scheme of BS will be accepted as evidence for ponies.
- No substitution of horse or pony will be allowed on Show day.
- All equines should present with no evidence of whiskers or sensory hairs having been trimmed or removed (other than for veterinary purposes in which case you must provide written proof from your Vet; this proof must be available at the Show if requested by a Show Official). Sensory hairs are the hard hairs located on the horse's muzzle and around the eyes, also known as 'whiskers' that are used for sensation. The Society may take actions against anyone who is in breach of this regulation.
- The wearing of a correctly fitting body protector is advised for adults and strongly recommended for under 16s.
- No lungeing allowed.
- In the unfortunate event of an animal dying or being destroyed on the Showground, the owner/competitor is responsible for the cost of disposal and agrees to indemnify the Society in respect of that cost.
- Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all horses attending the Burwarton Show. The requirement for the first three vaccinations is as follows: the first vaccination is Day 1; the second vaccination is to be administered 21 – 60 days later; the third booster vaccination within six months plus 21 days of the second vaccination; subsequent annual booster vaccination within 365 days of the previous booster vaccination. No horse should enter competitions within seven days of an EI vaccination. Foals should commence vaccinations at six months old. This is the latest guidance from the FEI/BEF but may be subject to change. Competitors are requested to check the website before entering. Passports will be randomly checked.
- Exhibitors shall be responsible for the correctness of their entries, which must be lodged with the Entries Secretary on or before the dates fixed and published. Entries should be made online and all horses and ponies must be named.
- **No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by the appropriate fees.**
- The Society cannot be held responsible for any incorrect information supplied by Competitors and produced in the catalogue.
- Judges and Stewards have the authority to disqualify any unruly animal from the show, if, in their opinion, it is behaving in such a way likely to cause accident and/or injury to other animals, competitors, their associates or any member of the public.
- The Society defines a colt as being an uncastrated male horse less than four years of age on 1 January 2025.
- The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and also to accept any entry provisionally.
- The Committee reserves the right to withhold any of the prizes offered: (1) if in the opinion of the Judges, the exhibits do not possess sufficient merit, or (2) from any competitor or exhibitor whose entry does not appear in the Catalogue under the appropriate class unless specifically stated otherwise in the Schedule.
- The Committee reserves the right to cancel or amalgamate any Class of insufficient entries. Competitors will be notified of any cancellation or amalgamation prior to Show Day.
- All animals will be considered as being in the sole charge of the competitor who will be responsible for any loss or damage caused by such animal.

- The Committee, or officials appointed by them, shall be empowered to disqualify and demand the removal from the Showground of any animal which, in their opinion, is suffering from, or affected by, a contagious or infectious disease, and all entrance fees for such animals shall be forfeited.
- The Society expects all exhibitors to comply with Breed Society rules for showing of animals whilst on the showground.
- The Committee, or officials appointed by them, shall be empowered to disqualify any exhibitor found to be contravening welfare regulations.
- The Society, its Officers and servants, shall not be responsible to any person whatsoever whilst entering, on, or leaving the Showground, 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 their employee or to any animal, article, or property brought into the showground, or whilst entering, on or 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 them and they 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.
- No Competitor shall act as Steward in the class in which they compete. No person will be allowed in the Judging Ring except Judges, Officials, authorised Stewards and Competitors.
- All objections must be made in writing to the Show Manager within one hour of the finish of the event, together with a deposit of £25.00 for each objection, which will be forfeited if the objection is deemed frivolous. Objections will be considered by the Committee, and their decision shall be final.
- The Committee reserves the right to alter the timing of events, but the order of the Schedule will be adhered to if possible.
- **CHALLENGE CUPS.** With the exception of the Perpetual Challenge Cups, all Challenge Cups are to become the property of exhibitors winning them three times in succession or four times in all. Winners must undertake to return all Challenge Cups **not later than 30 June, 2026.**
- The decision of the Committee, or anyone appointed by them, in all cases of dispute and on all questions as to the conduct of the Show, shall be absolutely final.
- Prize money for Classes 359-365 will be paid in the Ring. All other prize money will be paid by BACS by 31 August 2025. It is essential that you present your bank details clearly on your entry form to enable this method of payment. No prize money will be awarded to any competitor whose entry does not appear under the appropriate class in the catalogue except in BS affiliated Classes 357 & 358. No prize money or refunds will be paid after 30 September 2025.

VETERINARY PRESENCE: A veterinary surgeon will be available all day on the showground. If, for whatever reason, they may be required please inform a Steward or the P.A. commentator and they will get the vet to you. Appointed veterinary officers in the Horse Field: Severn Edge Vets – Equine

FIRE: In the event of a fire occurring, immediately notify the Commentators, Chief Stewards and Show Manager, giving exact details of the location. Follow instructions and, in the absence of a steward, ensure that everyone retreats to a safe area away from the fire and clear the approach roads. If it is safe to do so, tackle the fire with extinguishers until the Fire Service arrives. Any directive given by Emergency Services must be followed.

DOGS: If you do bring your dog, it MUST be kept on a lead at all times. Dogs are not permitted in the Livestock field or any marquees.

ALL VEHICLES AND PERSONS ENTERING THE SHOWGROUND MUST HAVE VALID PASSES. SPOT CHECKS WILL BE MADE.

Vaccination Certificates and Passports

Please bring these documents with you on Show Day
Random checks will be carried out on the showground during the show
Vaccinations are subject to local risk assessments by the attending veterinarians
We urge all owners to adhere to strict bio-security protocols at all times