

## LIVESTOCK & EQUINE RULES 2026

1. To enable the Committee to make the necessary arrangements, all entries for inclusion in the Catalogue (excluding Show Jumping classes) must be made on or before Thursday 23rd April 2026. Late Entries (until 13th May) of sheep, cattle, horses, eggs/poultry and home produce will be taken by payment of increased entry fees plus Membership of the Association if not already paid. Late entries will not be included in the Catalogue. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fee and documents. **NO NEW ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN ON SHOW DAY.**
2. No refunds will be given other than for Showjumping entries, where BS Rules apply.
3. All exhibitors of cattle, sheep and horses (except for showjumpers and those entering HOYS qualifier classes **ONLY**) must be members of the Association.
4. Animals can be entered in more than one class, if eligible, but no guarantee can be given that they can be judged in all the classes entered, due to the timings of the various sections.
5. All stock shown must have been **TWO MONTHS AT LEAST** in possession of the exhibitor. Any infringement of this rule will render the exhibitor liable to be expelled from the Association, and all prize money gained will be forfeited.
6. The ages of all animals shall be computed from 1 January in their respective years, except in the cases especially mentioned in the Premium List.
7. Cattle entered must be from accredited or negative herds or have been individually tested as BVD negative if they come from a not negative herd.
8. BVD negative status forms to be supplied by cattle exhibitors at the time of entry.
9. All calves born on or after 1 July 1999 must have a properly completed passport, which must be available on request during the period of the Show. This is the responsibility of the keeper of the animal. Cattle Passports must be presented by the exhibitor at the Secretary's Tent before 11 am on Show day.
10. Bulls of 1yr old or over must be ringed.
11. Breeding cows must be in calf or have had a calf within the 12 months previous to the Show.
12. Animals of any age that have had a calf must be shown as cows.
13. A miracle milker will be available to assist in milking dairy exhibits.
14. Brood mares must be four years old and upwards. Foals must be at least three weeks old on Show day.
15. All horse passports should accompany the horse/pony to the Show.
16. Substitutions – for the same class only - will be permitted, at the Secretary's discretion. Details must be provided to the Secretary by Noon on 21st May.
17. Exhibitors with MV/CAE Accredited sheep herds must give an SAC valid Certificate of Status to the Steward on entry to the showfield BEFORE unloading any animals. These will be validated and returned to SAC.
18. All stock eligible to compete in Open and Confined classes shall be entitled to win prizes in either.
19. Where only one competitor is entered in a section the Show Committee reserves the right to amalgamate sections.
20. Where fewer than 2 animals are forward in any bull or heifer class, where the section has 2 bull classes & 2 heifer classes, these will be combined into one bull and one heifer class.
21. The Committee reserves the right of refusing any entries they may think fit, to exclude or cancel any entry made, or to prohibit the exhibition of any stock, and also to cancel any class, or to withhold any of the prizes if there are not sufficient competitors, or to make enquiries into a breach of the Rules and Regulations without any protest from any exhibitor.
22. It is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor to present his/her animal for judging at the appropriate time. The stewards and/or show officials will not be held responsible should an exhibitor fail to present his/her animal for judging at the appropriate time.
23. Should an animal appear to be uncontrollable, at any time, the Convener will have authority to inform the exhibitor/handler to immediately return the animal to its pen/lorry.

24. As an exhibitor/owner, you are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by you, your employees, support personnel, your agents or your animals. All exhibitors/owners, therefore, must have valid third-party liability insurance.
25. All livestock must be supervised at all times by a person over 16 years of age and experienced in the handling of such animals.
26. Earrings/body studs, visible jewellery must not be worn in Light Horse or Heavy Horse classes – In-Hand, Ridden or Driven. If a Judge sees an exhibitor with earrings/body studs or visible jewellery, they should ask the exhibitor to remove them or leave the Ring. If the exhibitor does not remove them, the Judge will disqualify the exhibitor from the Class. The only time earrings may be kept in is if they cannot be removed for medical reasons, and exhibitors should advise the Show Organiser of this in advance. Earrings/body studs may not be taped or have plasters over them, they must be removed.
27. No person, with the exception of the competitors in a current class, Judges, Stewards, Members of Committee, Stock Leaders and the Secretary is to enter any of the rings.
28. No animal will be taken out of its stall or pen after the judging has commenced, except by Order of Committee, or with the permission of the Secretary. Stock will not be allowed to stand about the Showfield in groups. Those infringing this rule will be liable to a fine of £10+ VAT or may be expelled from the Showfield.
29. The judge's decision will be final.
30. Any objections must be made to the Secretary within 15 minutes of the completion of judging of the class concerned, accompanied by a deposit of £25 + VAT, which will be returned if the objection is sustained. The referee and Acting Committee will meet to consider protests, and their decision will be final.
31. Prize Money Vouchers will be given to prize winners along with the Rosettes and must be exchanged at the Secretary's tent before 6p.m on Show Day. Except in classes where an unresolved objection has been lodged, or where classes are still being judged, any Prize Money not claimed on Show day will be forfeited and no claims will thereafter be entertained.
32. Prize money for Heavy Horse classes (Shetland ponies, Highland ponies, Clydesdale horses and Heavy Horse Turnout and Ridden classes) will not be given out until the Parade of Livestock has finished or 3p.m., whichever is later.
33. All prize winners to be paraded when required under penalty of forfeiture of all prizes by the owners of any animal not paraded when required. This rule will be strictly enforced.
34. Stock handlers must be in attendance at the animals' heads 15 minutes prior to judging and 15 minutes prior to the Parade of Livestock.
35. Stock must not be removed until after the Parade of Livestock without prior permission from a Committee Member.
36. The Association complies with and follows the ASAO & BHS guidelines on Animal Welfare and has its own Welfare Plan in place. The welfare of livestock is also the responsibility of the owner.
37. A fully equipped Paramedic Ambulance will be on the showfield from 8.00 am on Show Day. To help defray this additional expenditure a fee of £3 inc.VAT per ring handler/rider/driver of livestock and equines and per trade stand is charged (as noted on Website Online System, Entry and Application Forms).
38. Competitors will not be notified of any change of judge after publication of the Premium List; changes will be noted on the website where time allows.
39. The winners of Trophies are to give security to the Association for their return on or before next year's Show. Trophies must be returned to the Secretary by Show day each year.
40. All persons in charge of stock and other exhibits, and all persons admitted to the Showfield, shall be subject to the Rules of the Association and must obey the Order of Committee, Secretary, and other Officials of the Association.
41. Exhibitors shall be answerable for the conduct of their representatives.
42. The Association will not be responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever
43. The Officials have power to enforce these Rules.