

## **Totnes Show**

### **Special Rules and Regulations applying to Horse Section 2026**

1. All entries to classes in which height restriction apply must be measured by the official measurer before entering the collecting ring, measuring will take place at the entrance to the collecting ring. Half an inch will be allowed for shoes and the official measurer's decision will be final. Joint measurement scheme certificates will be accepted in all classes.
2. Exhibitors and riders have a duty of care to ensure that horses and ponies are handled and ridden in a manner that does not present a foreseeable risk to members of the public, officials or other competitors.
3. Any rider in classes subject to restrictions as to age may be required to produce their birth certificate. The age of the rider will be as of ...e.g. 1 January 2026.
4. Suitably Mounted – All animals ridden anywhere on the showground, rings or lorry park, must only be ridden by a rider whose size and weight does not compromise the animal's welfare. We are operating under the 20% rider weight guideline where the rider in full riding attire with full tack must be less than 20% of the animal's bodyweight. This is based on a relatively fit, healthy animal, as an overweight animal is also a welfare concern.
5. The Show Committee reserves the right, in consultation with the Veterinary Surgeon and/or Stewards, to require a rider to dismount or withdraw from a class where concerns exist regarding rider suitability or animal welfare.
6. Competitors wearing an incorrect number, or more than one number, in the judging ring are liable to disqualification.
7. Rosettes may not be worn in the ring whilst judging is in progress.
8. The committee wish to make it known that entries close, 12 noon - on 22 June 2026. The Show Manager has been given instructions that No 1 of the general rules must be rigidly adhered to and no entries are to be accepted for any classes, under any circumstances, unless accompanied by the requisite entry fee or fees.
9. The attention of competitors and exhibitors is drawn to the general rules for the Show, especially Rule 25.
10. Entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
11. No nomination entries will be accepted.
12. Horse exhibitors are not allowed to ride or lead horses in the Show Fields, except those going to or from the Judging Rings, but must use the exercise area provided. The committee reserves the right to order any horse, rider etc. from the Showground to the exercise area.
13. Where an animal is contained in an area with the use of electric fencing; the electric fencing must be clearly signed for the public using approved industry signage.
14. Exhibitors entering more than one class must, if class times clash, decide which class they wish to attend.
15. All Champion and Reserve Champions in the horse sections must stay and take part in the Supreme Horse Championship in the main ring.
16. All riders must wear protective headgear, according to the **current British Safety Standards**.

The Totnes Show Society recommends the wearing of protective headgear when leading any horse or pony on the showground and when in the collecting rings. Protective headgear **MUST** be worn when mounted

12. The Judges decision is final.