

RULES OF THE SHOW

1. The Annual Agricultural Show will be held over two consecutive days namely Friday ("Pre-Show Day") and Saturday ("Show Day") on dates to be published in advance.

2. ENTRIES AND EXHIBITS:

2.1 All entries for the Show which have not been received by the Secretary in writing together with the appropriate fees by the closing date published in the Schedule shall not be accepted.

2.2 All exhibits for the Home Industries and School's Section must be received at the Exhibition Hall between 12 noon and 2.00 pm on Pre-Show Day.

2.3 All exhibits for livestock classes must be in the Show Grounds not later than 9.30 am on Show Day.

3. COMPETITORS:

3.1 Competitors in equestrian events should report to the Chief Steward half an hour prior to the time stated in the Schedule for the event in which they are entered.

3.2 Competitors in all other events will be advised in advance by means of the Public Address system of the location and time of their events.

4. POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES:

4.1 The Association may at its discretion and without prior notice create new classes of exhibits or modify or change existing classes or dispense with the continuance of any class or classes or any exhibit and modify the conditions pertaining to the award of any prize or trophy.

4.2 In the event of there being a small entry in any class the judge shall have discretion as to the prizes to be awarded.

5. DISCIPLINE IN JUDGING ENCLOSURES:

5.1 No person other than the appointed judge and authorised stewards shall enter any judging enclosure while competition is in progress or attempt to distract, obstruct or interfere with any judge or steward while in the execution of their duties.

5.2 The instructions of any steward or authorised official of the Association must be implicitly obeyed.

5.3 Any person disobeying such instructions will be asked to leave the Show Grounds forthwith and will forfeit all entrance money, fees, prizes, etc., and the Association shall not be liable for any compensation whatsoever.

6. PARADE OF PRIZEWINNERS:

6.1 A parade of prizewinning animals, which will be in the same order as the classes set forth in the Schedule, will be held at the time stated in the Catalogue or at such other time as may be announced but at any rate not later than 3.00 pm.

6.2 Any prize winner which does not parade may forfeit any prize which may have been awarded.

6.3 All animals in the parade must be under the control of a responsible adult at all times.

7. **REMOVAL OF STOCK OR EXHIBITS FROM THE SHOW GROUND:** No stock or other exhibits may be removed from the Show Grounds until after the parade of prize winners or, in the case of Home Industries, 4.00 pm. Any exhibitors who remove their stock or other exhibits before this time may forfeit any prize which may have been awarded.

8. DISPUTES:

8.1 All disputes relating to exhibits, prizes, awards or any like matter must be reported to the Complaints Committee appointed by the Association.

8.2 Any complaint or objection must be lodged in writing with the Secretary within one hour of the alleged cause for complaint together with a deposit of £20 (twenty pounds) for each protest received.

8.3 In the event of a complaint not being upheld by the Committee then the deposit paid in respect of that complaint shall be forfeited.

8.4 The decision of the Complaints Committee shall be final and shall be binding on all the parties concerned.

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY:

9.1 The Association will take every reasonable precaution to ensure a high standard of safety during the show but shall not accept liability for any loss, injury or damage whether in respect of any person, stock or article and suffered at or in connection with the Show.

9.2 All trade exhibitors shall be responsible for ensuring that nothing exhibited by them or used, or stored on any trade space rented by them shall constitute any risk to the health and safety of any person or animals.

9.3 All exhibitors and competitors are responsible for ensuring that their animals are fitted with an appropriate head stall, halter, nose ring or screw, and are controlled by the number and type of persons appropriate to that type of animal. Anyone failing to observe this rule will be required to remove their animals from the Show Grounds forthwith and any prizes that may have been awarded will be forfeited.

10. **PRIZES:** Winners of perpetual trophies are responsible for the welfare of those trophies and for ensuring that they are returned to the Association at least one month before the next Annual Show.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SHOW RULES:

Each competitor or exhibitor, whether or not he or she shall have done so, shall be deemed to have read and understood these Rules and shall be bound by them and no appeal, save as provided for in Rule 8 shall be entertained by the Association.

(By order of the Association)

Anne McLaughlin

Hon. Secretary