

SWPA SHOW RULES

- ✓ The Show is run under the rules of the South West Pony Association's constitution and general show rules, a copy of which can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Medwin Broad. Where classes are affiliated to other organisations their rules apply.
- ✓ All competitors take part at their OWN RISK and are expected to exercise due care at all times and obey all notices displayed.
- ✓ The organisers and owners of any of the venues our association uses accept NO responsibility for any accident, loss, or damage to any competitors, spectators, animals or property. It shall be a condition of entry that competitors will hold the organisers blameless and indemnify them against any loss, damage, or legal proceedings.
- ✓ The SWPA recommend that all exhibitors should have adequate personal sports insurance.
- ✓ All accidents/incidents/falls should be reported to the Secretary.
- ✓ Exhibitors may not knowingly exhibit any Pony/Horse that has been bred, sold, leased or produced by the Judge or his/her immediate family or his/her employer.
- ✓ An exhibitor may not show an equine in a competition judged by any member of his/her immediate family.
- ✓ An exhibitor may not show under a judge for whom he/she has produced an equine within two years of the current year date.
- ✓ A rider may not ride in a class judged by someone for whom he/she has ridden in a competition within two years of the current year date.
- ✓ The Judge's decision will be final.
- ✓ All Ridden Equines MUST be 4 years old & over.
- ✓ All Colts / Stallions two years old and over must be in possession of a current License. (unless otherwise governed by the individual Breed Society) and adequately bitted.
- ✓ **STALLIONS:** SWPA recommend the wearing of 'Stallion Badges' on ponies/horses in all showing classes
- ✓ **IN-HAND STALLIONS AND COLTS:**
NPS, PUK and SWPA: Stallions / Colts may NOT be LED by any Juniors who have not attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- ✓ **RIDDEN STALLIONS:**
Any Pony Stallion not exceeding 138cms or Small Breed Mountain & Moorland Stallions may NOT be ridden by juniors who have NOT attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year at any show affiliated to South West Pony Association. Stallions exceeding 138cms or Large Breed Mountain & Moorland Stallions may NOT be ridden by Juniors who have NOT attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year at any show affiliated to South West Pony Association.
(unless otherwise governed by the individual Breed Society)
- ✓ **JUNIOR HANDLERS:** SWPA recommend Handlers of equines in all In-Hand classes aged 14 years and under wear correctly secured current British Standard skull caps/riding hats.
- ✓ All Children MUST have attained their 3rd birthday by 1st January in the current year before competing in ANY ridden classes, and must comply with the upper limit of the class entered, and be prepared to supply a copy of their birth certificate if requested.
- ✓ Riders MUST be within the correct age limits for the type of Horse/Pony ridden for the qualification to be valid.
- ✓ In Ridden Classes, if a rider falls off at any time whilst in the ring, both pony/horse and rider leave the ring and take no further part in the class.
- ✓ Correct British Standard Headgear conforming to European VG1 and/or PAS015 both with BSI Kitemarking or current standards to be worn at all times when mounted, with chinstraps from 3 points on the hat fastened.
- ✓ SWPA recommend that exhibitors in both Ridden and In-Hand classes wear NO Face and or Body Jewellery.
- ✓ Reins that restrict the natural movement of a pony/horse MUST not be used in the ring.
- ✓ NO Spurs to worn in any ridden class and Showing Canes MUST not exceed 30".
- ✓ LEAD REIN, FIRST RIDDEN, (unless governed by NPS rules) ALL SWPA NOVICE RIDDEN CLASSES, SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY will be accepted. *(Please see list of permitted bits posted outside the Secretary's Office)*
- ✓ Mountain & Moorland ponies MUST be shown in their natural state and trimming MUST comply with the respective Breed Society Stud Books.
- ✓ Mountain & Moorland ponies and Part Breds must be registered with their respective Pure Breed Societies and registration numbers to be stated on the entry forms and when entered on the day, (unless otherwise stated on the individual class).
These conditions also apply to horses/ponies entered as Pure-bred, Part Bred & Anglo Arabs.
- ✓ All Foals MUST be at least three weeks old on the day of the show. No Foals to be clipped, Lunged or shown Bitted. Mountain & Moorland Foals must be eligible for entry into their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.
- ✓ The organisers may divide/amalgamate/cancel classes as they see fit, without prior notice.
- ✓ The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry of persons or ponies at the committee's / secretary's discretion and without assigning a reason.
- ✓ ALL dogs MUST be kept on LEADS.
- ✓ Objections must be in writing and given to the Secretary within 30 minutes of the completion of the relevant class and accompanied with a fee of £10.00 (refundable if the objection is upheld)
- ✓ Parents should be aware that there may be official photographers at this show, and if they do not want their children photographed, *THEY MUST* make their own arrangements with the photographers. Official photographers *ONLY* will be allowed in the rings.
- ✓ **Entry fees are not refundable.**