

Royal Bath & West 2024

EQUINE CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL

1. All exhibits and all persons in charge of the same will be subject to these Conditions, Orders, Regulations and Rules of the Show, and the Stewards shall have the power to remove from the Showground the Stock or property belonging to, and to cancel the admission ticket of, any Exhibitor who shall infringe any of the Regulations or Conditions of the Show, or who shall refuse to comply with any instructions given by the Stewards, without any responsibility attaching to the Stewards of the Show in consequence of such removal.
2. All persons in charge of exhibits will be subject to the orders of the Stewards and will be required to parade or exhibit the animals in their charge at such times as may be directed by the Stewards. Attendants must be in attendance each day during the Show at least a quarter of an hour before the time appointed for exhibiting the animals under their charge in the Show Rings. No attendants shall be allowed to lead more than one animal at a time in the Judging Ring or Main Ring. Attendants in charge of animals must see that their animals' stables or stalls are kept clean. Owners of animals exhibited will be held responsible for the behaviour of their attendants, and for the consequences of any misconduct of such attendants. Attendants and Grooms entering the Judging Rings must be tidily dressed.
3. The Exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against, and take full responsibility for all claims, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the Exhibitor, his servants, agents, exhibits, vehicles or equipment on the Showground.
4. (Save as aforesaid) the Exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against all claims.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

5. All equine exhibitors should ensure they have adequate **Public Liability Insurance** cover.
6. Exhibitors are reminded that the Show environment can be upsetting for Horses, even those of normally placid temperament. Horses with unstable or aggressive temperament should not be brought to the Showground. When in the opinion of the Show's Officers, Senior Stewards, the Police, enforcement authorities or other competent authority, an animal's behaviour poses an immediate threat to life and limb of people in its immediate vicinity the Show reserves the right to mitigate such threat in such a manner as deemed appropriate without any obligation to make good any loss or damage suffered as a consequence of enacting this regulation.
7.
 - a) Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (as amended) and other relevant Health and Safety legislation. Exhibitors must also comply to The Equalities Act 2010 (formerly The Disability and Discrimination Act); the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005; the Health Act 2006 incorporating the Smoke Free Legislation.
 - b) **Smoking is prohibited in the Horse Lines and all buildings.** Environmental Health Officers and Trading Standard Officers will be in attendance at the Show and have the authority to take appropriate enforcement action.
 - c) **USE OF EXTERNAL ELECTRIC/PETROL GENERATORS ON THE SHOWGROUND OR IN ANY OF THE CAR/LORRY PARKS IS PROHIBITED.**

- d) To comply with Health and Safety Executive guidelines the Show has provided horse walks. It is a condition of entry that all exhibits keep within these designated routes; that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent accidents and that guidance is taken from Officials or Stewards at crossing points etc.
- e) Exhibitors are responsible for providing their attendants with the necessary equipment to control their stock at all times whilst on the Showground.
- f) Lunging is only permitted in the top lorry park.
- g) Horses/ponies must not be tied to lorries/trailers. No horse/pony should be left unattended.
- h) No horse or pony to be stabled onsite other than in the society provided stables.

COMPETENCE OF EXHIBITORS

- f) Classes will run under the respective Breed Society rules, but the Show requires that all Exhibitors must have the **physical ability**, relevant experience and be competent to handle the animal in their charge at all times.
- g) In driving classes, the driver must be aged 10 years or over on the day of competition. Any driver under the age of 18 years must be accompanied in the vehicle by a competent and responsible person aged 18 years or over (proof of age may be requested).
- h) It is the responsibility of the owner/driver, or if the driver is under 18 years the responsible adult, to ensure that groom(s) are competent for the purposes of attending to the turnout and aged 10 years or over on the day of the Show. When in the vehicle groom(s), passenger(s) and driver must have their feet firmly on the floor of the vehicle or use a suitable fixed footrest.

HATS & ATTIRE

- i) It is mandatory for all riders (**including Judges**) to wear protective headgear, according to the current standards as listed: All PAS 015; VG1; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; SNELL E2016; AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards. Hats or helmets requiring covers must be worn with a dark coloured, plain peaked cover.

Such headgear must be worn with the chin strap correctly and securely fastened at all times whilst mounted on the Showground.

Please note hats with BS.EN1384 standard alone, are no longer acceptable.

- j) The Show shall not be liable for any loss including (whether for death or personal injury or for any consequential or indirect loss suffered) in relation to the protective helmets worn by riders and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any failure by riders to wear protective helmets to the recommended standard.
- k) In classes where grooms/attendants are permitted to enter the ring during judging, they must be smartly and professionally turned out. **ALL GROOMS MUST WEAR A HAT WHEN IN THE RING.**

FALL OF RIDERS

- 8. A fall of horse or rider in any class will result in retirement from the class and must leave the ring dismounted.

STALLIONS

- 9. All Stallions, 3 years old and over must, at all times, be wearing a bit or chifney whilst **moving around** the Showground. In the interest of safety, Stallions 3 years old and over, will be stabled in Stallion boxes.

MOTORBIKES, SCOOTERS AND QUADS

10. The use of motorbikes, scooters and quads/ATV's on the Showground, by Exhibitors or their staff, is prohibited.

FIRE RISK

11. a) No oil, cooking stove or barbecue of any description must be used in the stables area, and anyone found offending in this respect will be dealt with in accordance with Regulation 52.
- b) All electrical equipment coming on to the Showground must have a current Safety Test Certificate and be in a safe condition.
- c) All equipment must be suitably maintained and fit for purpose prior to being brought onto the Showground. Portable electrical equipment must be PAT tested and suitably labelled and available for inspection by any of the regulatory authorities or agents of the Organiser. Electric sockets must not be overloaded.
- d) iPhone/ipod and other appliance chargers must not be left plugged in and charging in sleeping accommodation or stables unattended.
- e) All gas appliances coming on to the Showground must have a Gas Safety Record completed by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.
- f) In the event of it being necessary to vacate the stable area or lorry park in the event of a fire or other emergency, please follow the instructions of the Show Incident Officers or the onsite Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Fire Officers. Once evacuated, please secure your horse(s) in the area as requested. Do not re-enter the building/structure/area unless authorised to do so by the Show Incident Officers or a Fire Officer.
- g) All vehicles containing living accommodation must be fitted with a fire extinguisher.

TRANSIT OF ANIMALS

12. Exhibitors transporting animals over 65kms may require an Animal Transporter Authorisation. From January 2008 it is a legal requirement to have a Certificate of Competence for transporting animals over 65kms (please check with your local authority). It will be an offence to transport any female animal for whom 90% or more of the gestation period has already passed or female animals that have given birth in the previous week.

RECEPTION OF ANIMALS

13. The Showground will be open for the reception of horses and ponies as follows:

Wednesday	from 12:00noon to 10:00pm
Thursday & Friday	from 5:00am to 10:00pm
Saturday	from 5:00am

FEES

14. Entry fees will only be refunded in the event of the cancellation of classes, the cancellation of the Show, a DEFRA order prohibiting the exhibition of animals at the Show or in line with Regulation 20.)

Stable fees will not be refunded.

Light Horse)
Heavy Horse) the fees payable are shown in the relevant Schedule.
Scurry)

Stables: £55.00 including VAT per stable, per night.

Exhibitors requiring stables should book and pay for the stables at the time of making their entry. Accommodation cannot be guaranteed until 5:00pm on the day for which the stable is booked.

See Reg 41 concerning bedding.

15. No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by the appropriate fee.
16. In the event of any payment being dishonoured for any reason, the Exhibitor will not be allowed to compete until the fee is paid in full, together with any administration fee the Show shall charge.

ENTRIES

17. Entries to be made via www.bathandwest.com.

Entries must be received in the Entries Office by the appropriate closing date. If an animal is entered in more than one class, this must be clearly stated.

Please note: As a condition of your entry limited exhibitor information will appear in the catalogue and on the Society's website. For classes run under Breed Society rules, your details will be verified with the society concerned to ensure your eligibility to enter.

Please see the Society's website for full details of our privacy policy.

18. **Correctness of Entry Details.** It is the Exhibitors' or Competitors' responsibility to ensure ALL information provided on the entry form, **or online**, is correct. An Exhibitor omitting to give the information requested with regard to age, breeder, name, sire, dam etc. of an animal, will be liable to have his/her entry disqualified.

An entry, which has been incorrectly entered into a class can only be moved at the discretion of the Show.

19. If an Exhibitor or Competitor fails, when called upon by the Stewards or Show Officials, to prove the correctness of his/her Certificate of Entry to their satisfaction, the entry may be disqualified, and any award made to it cancelled.

20. Cancellation of Entries, after the closing date, will not be refunded except on production of a veterinary certificate. Levies included in an entry fee will not be refunded. Stable fees will not be refunded.

Submission of a veterinary certificate must be received by the Entries Office, no more than **7 days** after the last day of show in order to receive a refund as detailed above.

RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRIES

21. Exhibitors must ensure the horse/pony is registered with the appropriate breed society for the classes being entered and, where necessary, the owner and rider should also be registered.
22.
 - a) Mares (**with the exception of Hunter Brood Mares**) entered as "in-foal" must be shown with own foal at foot, but where a foal has died from accident or disease prior to the date of exhibition, or where the foal is absent due to illness or injury, the Mare will be eligible to compete on production to the Show's Veterinary Officer of a Veterinary Certificate to that effect.
 - b) Foals must be at least three weeks old at the date of the Show, unless specified by individual breeds societies.
23. The Breeding of all foals entered for exhibition must be stated on the entry form.

JUDGES INTEREST IN EXHIBITS

25. Exhibitors are not permitted to enter any animals in any class which is to be judged by a person who has or has had a financial interest in the animals, or which has stood in his/her stable. Stud fees are not considered to be financial gain. The onus of complying with this regulation rests entirely on the Exhibitor.

AMENDMENT TO CLASSES

26.
 - a) The Show reserves the right to cancel any class without giving reasons and will refund entry fees.
 - b) The Show reserves the right to amalgamate or cancel any class if there are insufficient entries.
 - c) The Show reserves the right to refuse any entries without any reason and refund the entry fee.

MALPRACTICES

27. If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards or Show Officials that an Exhibitor or Competitor has knowingly signed an incorrect Certificate, or knowingly given an incorrect pedigree of any animal, or has attempted to enter any animal or other exhibit or to obtain a prize by any other unfair means at this or any other Agricultural Society's Shows, or is under exclusion from any Breed Society for fraudulent practice, the Show shall have the power to cancel all awards made to such Exhibitor or Competitor, to disqualify him/her from exhibiting or competing at future Shows of the Company, and to inform other Agricultural Associations of their action in this respect.

SUBSTITUTIONS

28. When, after entry, an animal dies, the Exhibitor will be permitted to substitute another entry for it in the same class without payment of any further fee upon affording evidence of death and furnishing particulars of the substituted entry in time for the alteration to be made in the published catalogue.

OWNERS

29. When a horse/pony of a non-riding owner has been placed 1st and/or is a Champion they are very welcome to enter the Show Ring to stand with their exhibit during the presentation of awards. The Ring Steward is responsible for their safety, so the owner must make himself/herself known to the Steward who will indicate when they may enter the Ring.

JUDGES

30. The Show reserves the right to substitute other Judges for those named in the Prize List or to make additional appointments. Every effort will be made to inform Exhibitors of any change.

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

31. The judges are instructed as follows, and entries are received subject to this:
- a) Not to award any prize or commendation unless the entry possesses sufficient merit.
 - b) Not to award a prize to any Horse in the Breeding classes, unless it is free from unsoundness likely to be transmitted to its progeny; or, if a gelding, unless free from unsoundness: in either case, an accident having temporary consequences only excepted: and in awarding the Sport Horse Breeding (formerly HIS) premium to give preference to animals showing weight-carrying properties.
 - c) To draw the attention of the Stewards to any exhibit that has been improperly prepared for exhibition or is wrongly entered.
 - d) To award in every class, in addition to the prize money, Award Rosettes at the Judge's discretion providing the exhibit is of sufficient merit.
 - e) To award one Reserve number for each Championship or Special Award indicating the second-best exhibit in case the exhibit to which the prize has been awarded should be disqualified.
 - f) Immediately after judging, to deliver to the Stewards their signed awards stating the numbers to which the prizes are adjudged and noting all disqualifications.
 - g) Although every effort will be made, it may not be possible for the Judge to ride every horse forward in the class.

AWARDS

32. In no case shall a prize be awarded unless the Judge deems the entry to have sufficient merit; and should the Judges consider the exhibits unworthy of the highest prizes offered, it shall be in their power to award a lower prize.

Horses & Ponies:

Where the Show has amalgamated a yearling class into another class, the Show will offer a "Best Yearling" rosette to the highest placed yearling together with a cash prize. If the yearling is placed within the amalgamated class, only one cash prize will be payable (whichever is the higher).

33. Only the signed awards of the Judges are accepted by the Show as evidence that a prize has been awarded, and the production of the prize card or the rosette by an Exhibitor will not entitle him/her to the prize. The Show reserves to itself the right to withhold any prize, if in the opinion of the Stewards, the conditions and regulations have not been properly complied with, or if, in the opinion of the Judges, there is insufficient merit.

REFEREE

34. Should any question arise upon which the Judges may desire a further opinion the Stewards shall provide them with a Referee.

PAYMENT OF PRIZES

35. Stewards will issue winning exhibitors a prize money voucher which **MUST** be redeemed during the period of the Show at the Cash 4 Events unit on Eighth Avenue, between 08:30hrs and 18:00hrs Please see conditions on the reverse of the voucher.

36. **Unpresented prize money vouchers will be forfeited.**

ROSETTES

37. No animals shall be decorated with colours other than the Show's Prize Rosettes and other rosettes awarded at the current Show.

TROPHIES

38. Exhibitors are requested to have trophies engraved at their own cost, but any engraving must be similar in size, style and layout to previous engravings to ensure consistency. The Show will seek reimbursement for the cost of repairing any damage caused to trophies through mishandling or engraving. All trophies must be returned in their protective boxes

PLACARDS

39. No person will be allowed to fix any placard, or to take down any placard in the Showground, without the permission of the Stewards.

OBJECTIONS

40. a) Any Exhibitor in the Horse classes wishing to lodge an objection against an award made in the Horse classes must do so in writing to the Show's Office and deposit the sum of £50. An objection form will be made available from the Show Office to do so. All objections should be delivered to the Show Office no later than 17.00 on the day of the award or the first day of Show, as appropriate, and no objection will be **subsequently** received, unless a reason, satisfactory to the Disqualifying Committee, be assigned for the delay. (An objection made under the Joint Measurement Board shall be lodged in accordance with the regulations of that scheme). Should the objection be with regards to welfare, the initial investigation will take place with the Show Official veterinary surgeon, prior to the disqualifying committee being convened if required. The Vets decision shall be final. Should the Vet uphold the objection, then the Disqualifying Committee may be convened. In all other cases, the judge's decision shall be final.
- b) The Disqualifying Committee will consider such objections at a time and place to be fixed by them, at which time and place any person making an objection is expected to attend.
- c) Objections will not be entertained from any person or organisation not exhibiting in the same class as the animal to which objection is raised.
- d) The Show reserves the right to refer an objection to any Authority or Organisation to adjudicate, wholly or in part, in respect of that objection, on behalf of the Show.
- e) The decision of the Disqualifying Committee shall be final.
- The Disqualifying Committee of The Society shall include a legal advisor and a Senior Steward of the Shows or department concerned and will be chaired by the Honorary Show Director and Organisers of The Show.

BEDDING

41. Straw - the Show will provide a limited amount of straw.

PRIVATE CARS

42. Fodder, harness and other equipment will not, under any circumstances, be allowed to be brought into the Showground in private cars.

ANIMAL WELFARE

44. The Bath & West Shows Limited expects all Exhibitors to observe best practice at all times.

45. It is recommended that the total load carried by any animal (to include weight of rider, tack and equipment) does not exceed 20% of the animal's body weight. This ratio is based on the bodyweight of a given animal at a healthy Body Condition Score, as overweight animals are also a welfare concern.

ILL TREATMENT/USE OF WHIP

46. No person shall ill-treat animals at any time whether by misuse/excessive use of a whip, bit or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever.

ILLNESS AND DISEASE

47. In the event of a Veterinary Surgeon advising the removal of any animal from the Show, his decision shall be final and immediately complied with.

48. Every Exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against all actions, claims, proceedings and demands by any person, company or other representative body of whatsoever nature in respect of any matter, directly or indirectly connected with the bringing onto the Showground of any animal which may have been suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or which develops such a disease whilst on the Showground and in addition the Exhibitor shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Show in connection with any such claim. The Show's Veterinary Officers are authorised to refuse permission for any animal to be admitted to, or to have removed from, the Showground any animals affected with contagious or infectious disease or with disease which, in their opinion, was likely to prove dangerous to other animals. Concealment of disease will render the Exhibitor liable to disqualification.

49. Exhibitors are specially cautioned not to send to the Show animals which are suffering from ringworm in any stage. Any animal found to be so affected will, on the certificate of the Veterinary Officers, be disqualified from competition and removed from the Show, and will subject the Exhibitor to a fine not exceeding £50 in each case.

50. **Equine Influenza** - All equines attending the Royal Bath & West Show must have been vaccinated.

The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows:

- the first 2 vaccinations 21 – 92 days apart;
- a third booster between 150-215 days;
- an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter.

No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of an Equine Influenza vaccination.

Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old.

The Show's Veterinary Officers will carry out regular checks of the Horse Lines and the Stewards, at their direction, are empowered to require any horse or pony showing clinical signs of Equine Influenza to be immediately removed from the Showground. In the event of a serious outbreak prior to the Show, the Show reserves the right to require Vaccination Certificates to be produced prior to admitting animals to the Showground.

51. All Exhibitors should read, understand and adhere to the common code of practise for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) as published by the Horse Race Betting Levy Board.

MISUSE OF DRUGS

52. The Show forbids the administration to Show exhibits (entered either for competition or sale/demonstration) of tranquillisers or other substances which may in any way affect the performance of the animal in question or have the effect of making it behave in the Show Ring in a manner which is not natural. The Show reserves the right to take any necessary samples and to consign them to an analytical laboratory of its own choice. A refusal to submit an animal for the taking of samples shall constitute a breach of this rule. The finding on analysis of a prohibited substance, or metabolite of such a substance, is presumed to be a deliberate act of the Exhibitor or the Exhibitor's representative. Any

Exhibitor (or his/her representative) who is found to have administered or caused or permitted the administration of a tranquilliser or other prohibited substances to any Show exhibit will be reported to the appropriate committee and dealt with at their discretion. In addition, the matter will be referred to the appropriate Breed Society or Organisation.

INFRINGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

53. Any infringement of any of these or any other prescribed regulations or conditions will subject the Exhibitor to a fine of £50 by the Stewards, and to the forfeiture, by order of the Show, of any prize to which he/she may be entitled (in addition to all other consequences attaching to such infringement). The Show reserves to itself the right to inform other Agricultural Associations of any decision it may come to with respect to any Exhibitor.

INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

54. The Show reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations, or Prize Sheets, and to settle arbitrarily and determine all matters, questions or difference in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Show. Also to refuse and to cancel any entries, disqualify Exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, vary or cancel awards of prizes or reserve numbers, and relax conditions, as the Show may deem expedient.

New or amended regulations are marked in the margin

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