



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 Festival, 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 Festival, or who shall refuse to comply with any instructions given by the Stewards, without any responsibility attaching to the Stewards of the Festival 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 Festival 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 Festival 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 Festival 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 Festival 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 Festival'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 Festival 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 Festival 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 Festival 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.

COMPETENCE OF EXHIBITORS

f) Classes will run under the respective Breed Society rules, but the Festival requires that all Exhibitors must have the **physical ability**, relevant experience and be competent to handle the animal in their charge at all times.

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 Festival 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 Festival 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 Festival 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:

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

FEES

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

Heavy Horses & Scurry the fees payable are shown in this Schedule.

Stables: £45.00 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.

Caravan/Camping: limited space is available in the Horse Vehicle Parking for caravans, motorhomes or tents. A valid pass will be required to gain access to the horse parking area (excludes horseboxes with living accommodation). Exhibitors staying in caravans/motorhome etc which is separate to the horse carrying lorry will not be parked amongst the horse vehicles, but to one side of the lorry park.

15. No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by the appropriate fee.

ENTRIES

16. Entries to be made via the online entry system only.
Please see the Society's website for full details of our privacy policy.
17. **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 Festival.
18. If an Exhibitor or Competitor fails, when called upon by the Stewards or Festival 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.
19. 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.

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

RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRIES

20. 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.
21. 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 Festival's Veterinary Officer of a Veterinary Certificate to that effect.

b) Foals must be at least three weeks old at the date of the Festival.
22. The Breeding of all foals entered for exhibition must be stated on the entry form.

JUDGES INTEREST IN EXHIBITS

23. 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

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

MALPRACTICES

25. If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards or Festival 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 Festival 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

26. 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

27. 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

28. The Festival 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

29. 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.
 - 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.

AWARDS

30. 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.
31. Only the signed awards of the Judges are accepted by the Festival 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 Festival 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

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

PAYMENT OF PRIZES

33. Prize money will be paid out after the Festival via BACS.

ROSETTES

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

SHOW JUMPING TROPHIES

35. 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 Festival 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

36. 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

37. 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 Festival's Office within 30 minutes of the completion of the judging of the class to which it refers, and a deposit of £50 must, at the same time, be handed to the Steward. (An objection made under the Joint Measurement Board shall be lodged in accordance with the regulations of that scheme).
- 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 must attend or be represented by his/her authorised agent.
- 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 Festival 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 Festival.
- e) The decision of the Disqualifying Committee shall be final.

BEDDING

38. Heavy Horses - the Festival will provide straw bedding.

Show Jumping – the Festival will provide an initial bedding of shavings. Additional shavings will be available to purchase, or exhibitors should bring their own.

PRIVATE CARS

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

ANIMAL WELFARE

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

ILL TREATMENT/USE OF WHIP

41. 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

42. In the event of a Veterinary Surgeon advising the removal of any animal from the Festival, his decision shall be final and immediately complied with.
43. Every Exhibitor shall indemnify the Festival 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 Festival in connection with any such claim. The Festival'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.
44. Exhibitors are specially cautioned not to send to the Festival 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 Festival, and will subject the Exhibitor to a fine not exceeding £50 in each case.
45. **Equine Influenza** - All equines attending the Royal Bath & West Festival 2020 must have been vaccinated for Equine Influenza. Equines may attend having received the primary course, and prior to the first booster, but not within 7 days of receiving a vaccine dose. The primary course is 1st vaccination and then 2nd vaccination 21 - 92 days later. This should be followed by the first booster (150 - 215 days) and all subsequent boosters. **All Equines must have been vaccinated within the 6 months prior to the Festival.** Foals - In-foal mares that have already had vaccinations of primary Equine Influenza course should be vaccinated 4-6 weeks before the foal is due to be born. Foals should be vaccinated for Equine Influenza at 6 months to commence their primary course.

The Festival'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 Festival, the Festival reserves the right to require Vaccination Certificates to be produced prior to admitting animals to the Showground.

46. 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

47. The Festival forbids the administration to Festival 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 Festival 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 Festival 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

48. 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 Festival, of any prize to which he/she may be entitled (in addition to all other consequences attaching to such infringement). The Festival 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

49. The Festival 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 Festival. 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 Festival may deem expedient.

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