

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED



MEMBERS 2024 RULE BOOK & SHOWING RULES

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UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED
RIHS YOUNG RIDERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RIDDEN FINAL 2024
RIHS AMATEUR RIDERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND FINAL 2024

To be held at

The Royal International Horse Show, Hickstead, West Sussex, RH17 5NU in July 2024 To be judged in accordance with the Rules of UK Ponies & Horses Limited

**** CONTINUED FOR 2024 – UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIHS WILD CARD SERIES****

Please see Rules for the Wild Card Series on Page 7

Owners must be Adult / Life Members, Riders must be current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Annual Members and the ponies currently registered with UK Ponies & Horses Limited before time of entry in order to compete in these classes

Open to Mountain and Moorland Ridden Stallion (Intermediate class only), Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C or D.

The highest placed exhibit not already qualified within the first five will qualify for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited RIHS Young Riders M&M Ridden Final.

The highest placed pony and rider not already qualified within the first five will qualify for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited RIHS Amateur Riders M&M Finals at the RIHS Hickstead in July 2024.

Qualification will be verified by the office.

Method of Judging

- **Either one or two judges (optional)** to be taken from the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Platinum or M&M Gold Panel, ideally, one for the performance section and one for the conformation. The Judge / Judges will officiate on the go round and then judge their section individually. **A final walk round is compulsory.**
- No marks will be allocated but further consultations after both phases have been completed may take place to decide the final placings.
- Judges may not officiate at more than two qualifiers during the current year. The two qualifiers cannot be within a 100 mile radius of each other.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited Intermediate M&M – Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A, B, C or D. Rider not to have attained their 25th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).

UK Ponies & Horses Limited M&M Large Breeds – Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D. Rider not to have attained their 18th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited M&M Small Breeds – Mare or Gelding 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Rider not to have attained their 14th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur Rider Ridden M&M - Mountain and Moorland ridden Stallion, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud Books of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fells Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B,C,D rider any age.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited Mini Juniors. Mare or Gelding 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Rider to have attained their 8th Birthday but not their 13th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Combinations are not required to be a member of UKPH to compete in this class for 2024. **This class is a non RIHS qualifying class.**

Only 1st & 2nd prize winners from the Large Breeds, Small Breeds & the Intermediate Section will be eligible for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Championship. All three sections must be included in the Championship.

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED

AMATEUR RULES

The Amateur Class will be a Stand Alone Class

It is expected that Exhibitors will compete in the true spirit of these Rules. The Directors/Board reserve the right, in their absolute discretion, to reclassify an Exhibitor's Amateur status/entry should they deem it necessary.

Ownership: All owners should be registered in the passport as per the latest DEFRA regulations.

Professional Producer/Trainer/Rider: A person who undertakes the preparation/training/keeping at livery, production of equines/riders or competes as a Rider or jobbing Rider.

Professional Groom: A person who is employed full, part-time or is self-employed and receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for the preparation/training/keeping or production of equines.

No commercial branding can be visible in the ring, during a class, this applies to equines, riders and any attendees.

(A) Professional Showing Status: anyone who has operated as a Professional Showing Producer, Rider or Groom will, for the purposes of these Rules, always be deemed a professional; including when acting as a Groom.

(B) Amateur Status – a person is an Amateur for the purpose of classes run under Association Rules if he/she does not:

(i). Any Judge listed on an Affiliated Panel who accepts judging appointments for RIHS or HOYS qualifiers will not be eligible to compete in UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur classes.

(C) Amateur Status – a person is an Amateur for the purpose of classes run under Association Rules if he/she does not, during the current or previous season:

(i) Engage in breeding, livery, buying, selling, dealing or hiring horses in a commercial capacity, or as means of deriving a source of income.

(ii) Receive remuneration, whether it be monetary or goods in kind, for employment in the connection with horses in racing, showing, livery stable or riding school (instruction at Pony Club and Riding Club excepted). This does not include the suppliers of ancillary services such as farriers and vets.

(iii) Own/Part own an equestrian establishment including but not limited to riding schools, events centre, stud or livery yard in any capacity, or receive any form of remuneration for employment at an equestrian establishment. For the avoidance of doubt for the purpose of this rule, immediate family members of an owner or part owner of an equestrian establishment who work or are howsoever otherwise engaged or involved in any capacity, whether or not for remuneration at the equestrian establishment, will be treated as being an owner or part owner of that equestrian establishment.

(iv) Show a Horse owned or sponsored by a company or a commercial firm, or act as a Brand Ambassador, in any showing classes, **UK Ponies & Horses** or otherwise, or a Horse for which his/her immediate family accepts livery or training charges from a person outside the immediate family concerned. A competitor is not eligible to compete in Amateur classes on an Exhibit, which has been ridden by a Professional Rider in any Open classes, **UK Ponies & Horses** or otherwise, with the exception of Open Working classes and Side Saddle classes, during the current year and the following year, up to but not including the Royal International Horse Show.

(The above Rule does not apply, if the Horse has been Professionally Produced and ONLY ridden by a Professional, during the current season, or if the horse has subsequently been sold and re-registered under new Ownership).

(v) **If you ride/compete equines on a regular basis, which you do not stable at home, your Amateur status will be reviewed by the Board, i.e., if you ride/compete multiple equines or ride regularly for one or more owners, you could be deemed professional.**

On the day when an Exhibit is competing in Amateur classes, Professionals, **including Professional Grooms**, are not allowed to ride, to work-in (in any form), compete, or enter the Ring to groom/strip the Horse. **The combination of horse and rider competing in amateur classes must continue their Amateur status for the duration of the day.**

(D)Amateur Owner/Rider: Open to Horses owned and ridden by an Amateur. This ruling will also apply to Amateurs who wish to compete in the Annual Amateur Points Awards. No Professional, **including Professional Grooms**, are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the Horse.

(E) Amateur Home Produced: Open to Horses, which are either stabled at home or in a D. I. Y. yard and which since 1st January in the current year, have not been shown by a Professional during the current season or stabled in a Professional yard at any time in the current year. To be ridden by an Amateur. This does not exclude Amateur Owner Home Produced riders having lessons at any time with an instructor, providing the Horse remains stabled at home. No Professional, **including Professional Grooms**, are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the Horse.

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIHS WILD CARD SERIES

UK Ponies & Horses Limited is delighted to announce *its continued support of the Wild Card Series for 2024.*

This will allow one competitor from each of the three Young Rider classes, as well as the Amateur Class, to gain qualification to the Royal International Horse Show 2024 in their respective classes via a Wild Card Ticket, which will be based on a league table. The league table will be updated after each RIHS qualifying show via the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Facebook page and the website. As each combination qualifies in their own right, they will be removed from the table and the highest placed combination at the end of the qualifying period once the last RIHS qualifying show has taken place will be the combination that is awarded the Wild Card. Verification on the results will be confirmed by the UK Ponies & Horses Limited office.

In the event of a tie, the ticket will be decided on the number of placings based on a sliding scale in the current year. If this still results in a tie then the decision will be made on the number of shows attended in the current year.

Please see inside back cover for the full list of RIHS qualifying shows for 2024

AFFILIATED SHOWS - GUIDELINES FOR SHOW SECRETARIES

AFFILIATION FEES:

2024 Annual Affiliation Programme (multiple shows under one fee):	up to 5 shows	£30.00 Inc. VAT
	6 to 10 shows	£100.00 Inc. VAT
2025 RIHS (applicable to allocated shows only) – inclusive of all Championships:		£140.00 Inc. VAT

A copy of the final schedule stating Judges appointed must be forwarded to the administration office a minimum of 8 weeks prior to the date of the event.

Affiliation will **NOT** be accepted until:

- The Affiliation form and fee has been received, after which an affiliation number will be allocated.
- A draft schedule, which **must** include the Judge's name has been received and approved/amended by UK Ponies & Horses Limited.
- The Final Schedule **MUST NOT** be printed or issued until the draft has been approved and **all** amendments requested by UK Ponies & Horses Limited have been incorporated.
- Results must be submitted to the UK Ponies & Horses Limited office either via post or email within 3 days of the show.

A CHANGE OF SHOW SECRETARY MUST BE NOTIFIED TO THE UK Ponies & Horses Limited OFFICE IMMEDIATELY in order that the website can be updated.

SHOWS WITH WEBSITES

PLEASE ENSURE YOU SUPPLY US WITH YOUR UP TO DATE WEBSITE ADDRESS IN ORDER FOR US TO PROVIDE A LINK FOR COMPETITORS TO VISIT YOUR SHOWS WEBSITE AND DOWNLOAD SCHEDULES ETC AS REQUIRED TO PROMOTE YOUR EVENT.

JUDGES TRAVELLING FEES / EXPENSES:

Shows are expected to pay Judges reasonable travelling fees or any other expenses. We advise a maximum amount to be agreed **prior** to the event, preferably in writing. If Officials are expected to work on a voluntary basis this should be agreed prior to the date of the show.

RIDE JUDGES – Will be appointed in accordance with current COVID-19 Guidelines at the time of each individual Event.

Shows affiliated to UK Ponies & Horses Limited - who are not affiliated to an individual Governing Body - may select to omit the Ride Judge from any Horse classes providing a Ride-Conformation Judge is used. Should a Ride Judge fall or be thrown whilst judging under UK Ponies & Horses Limited rules they may not continue to ride the exhibits or carry out any further ride judging on that day. If the Judge is capable of continuing his / her duties then **all** exhibits in the class must give an individual show (including any exhibit previously ridden). In the event that the Judge is not capable of continuing, an appropriately qualified replacement may be appointed otherwise the class must be abandoned. Should a replacement Judge be appointed or the class abandoned a full report must be submitted in writing to UK Ponies & Horses Limited within 7 days of the incident. ALL Ride Judges officiating under UK Ponies & Horses Limited rules **MUST** wear a hat to the current approved standard at all times whilst mounted

Secretaries are politely reminded that only Judges on the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Platinum & Gold Panels are eligible to judge RIHS or HOYS qualifiers.

Show Secretaries are reminded that the Association continues to enjoy the opportunity for Affiliated Shows to also appoint judges on the equivalent panels from other societies. The societies are BSPS, NPS, SHB (GB), CHAPS (UK), BSPA, BSHA & AHS

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED SPRING CLASSIC GOLD MEDAL SERIES

16TH & 17TH March 2024

For shows between 1st August 2024 – 28th February 2024

1st 2nd and 3rd placed competitors will qualify for the Gold Medal Series at the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Spring Classic 2024, For shows between 1st March 2024 and the 28th February 2025

1st 2nd and 3rd placed competitors will qualify for the Gold Medal Series at the UK Ponies & Horses Spring Classic 2025

IN HAND M&M, COLOURED & PLAITED HORSES/PONIES		
A01	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Mountain & Moorland In Hand Gold Medal Series	
A02	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Piebald/Skewbald In Hand Horse/Pony Gold Medal Series	
A03	UK Ponies & Horses Limited In Hand Plaited Riding Pony /Horse/Hunter Part Bred Gold Medal Series	
A03a UK Ponies & Horses Limited Young Handler Gold Medal Series		
RIDDEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND		
A04	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Mountain & Moorland Gold Medal Series	
A05	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Novice Ridden Mountain & Moorland Gold Medal Series	
A06	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Young Riders Royal international Ridden Mountain & Moorland	
A07	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein Gold Medal Series	
A08	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Mountain & Moorland First Ridden Gold Medal Series	
A09	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur Riders Royal International Ridden Mountain & Moorland	
MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND WHP		
A10	UK Horses & Ponies Ltd Mountain & Moorland WHP Gold Medal Series	*Including Beginners & Nursery Stakes
RIDDEN SHOW PONY		
A11	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Show Pony Gold Medal Series	*Including Lead Rein and First Ridden
SHOW HUNTER PONY		
A12	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Show Hunter Pony Gold Medal Series	*Including SHP Lead Rein*
WORKING HUNTER PONY		
A13	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Working Hunter Pony Gold Medal Series	*Including Beginners & Nursery Stakes*
RIDDEN COB		
A14	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Cob Gold Medal Series	*Including Maxi Cob*
RIDING HORSE & INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE		
A15	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Riding Horse Gold Medal Series	
A16	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Intermediate Show Riding Type & Intermediate of Hack Type Gold Medal Series	
RIDDEN HUNTER & INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER TYPE		
A17	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur Riders Ridden Horse/Hunter/Cob/Hack Gold Medal Series	*Inc. Small Hunter
A18	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Intermediate Show Hunter Type Gold Medal Series	
A19	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Open Hunter Gold Medal Series	*Including Small Hunter*
WORKING HUNTER		
A20	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes Gold Medal Series	
RIDDEN PIEBALD/SKEWBALD		

A21	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Piebald/Skewbald Horse / Pony Gold Medal Series
A22	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur Riders Ridden Coloured Horse or Pony Gold Medal Series
RIDDEN PART BRED	
A23	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Part Bred Gold Medal Series
RIDDEN HACK	
A24	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Hack Gold Medal Series
A25	UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden & In Hand Veteran Series
A26	UK Ponies & Horses Young Riders Working Hunter Pony Series

A01 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED M&M IN-HAND GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Mountain & Moorland, Stallion, Colt, Filly, Mare or Gelding, any age, registered with their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A, B, C and D.

May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show but at least two classes must be included in the schedule:

- **M&M In Hand, Colt, Filly, or Gelding, 1, 2, 3 year old** – Small Breeds.
Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and Welsh Section A or B.
- **M&M In Hand, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over** – Small Breeds. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and Welsh Section A or B
- **M&M In Hand, Colt, Filly, Gelding, 1, 2, 3 year old** – Large Breeds.
Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest and Welsh Section C or D.
- **M&M In Hand, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over** – Large Breeds.
Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest and Welsh Section C or D.
1, 2 and 3 in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited M&M Gold Medal Series.

A02 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED IN HAND PIEBALD/SKEWBALD HORSE/PONY GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Piebald/Skewbald, Non-Native/Native/Traditional Cob/Show Cob Type, Stallion, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Filly, any height.

May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.

- **Piebald/Skewbald, Non-Native**, Colt, Filly or Gelding 1, 2, 3 year old, any height.
- **Piebald/Skewbald, Non-Native**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, any height.
- **Piebald/Skewbald, Native/Traditional Cob/Show Cob Type**, Colt, Filly or Gelding, 1, 2, 3 year old, any height.
- **Piebald/Skewbald, Native/Traditional Cob/Show Cob Type**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, any height
1, 2 and 3 in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited In Hand Gold Medal Series.

A03 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED IN HAND PLAITED RIDING PONY/HORSE/HUNTER/HACK/PART BRED PONY GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Riding Pony/Horse/Hunter/Hack/Part Bred, In Hand, any age, any height, and any sex

May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.

- **In Hand Riding Pony**, Colt, Filly or Gelding 1, 2, 3 year old not to exceed 153cms at maturity.
- **In Hand Riding Pony**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over not to exceed 128cms.
- **In Hand Riding Pony**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 128cms and not exceeding 138cms
- **In Hand Riding Pony**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 138cms and not exceeding 148cms.
- **In Hand Riding Pony**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 153cms.
- **In Hand Hack**, Colt, Filly or Gelding, 1, 2, 3 year old, not to exceed 160cms at maturity.
- **In Hand Hack**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over not to exceed 160cms.
- **In Hand Riding Horse**, Colt, Filly or Gelding 1, 2, 3 year old, any height.
- **In Hand Riding Horse**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, any height.
- **In Hand Hunter Pony**, Colt, Filly or Gelding, 1, 2, 3 year old not to exceed 153cms at maturity and Hunter Pony, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 122cms.

- **In Hand Hunter Pony**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 122cms and not exceeding 133cms
- **In Hand Hunter Pony**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 143cms.
- **In Hand Hunter Pony**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 143cms and not exceeding 153cms.
- **In Hand Part Bred**, Colt, Filly or Gelding, 1, 2, 3 year old, any height.
- **In Hand Part Bred**, Stallion Mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, any height.
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited In Hand Gold Medal Series.

A03a UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED YOUNG HANDLER GOLD MEDAL SERIES

- **To be judged on the child's ability to present and control the pony whilst in the ring.**
- **Open to Mares & Geldings only, no Stallions or Colts. Handlers age as at the 1st of January in the current year.**
- **Only qualifications achieved in age groups will be honoured in the Gold Medal Finals.**
- **Handler to have attained their 5th birthday, but not their 8th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year.**
- **Junior Handler to have attained their 8th birthday, but not their 12th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year. Junior Handler to have attained their 12th birthday but not their 16th birthday in the current year**
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Young Handler Gold Medal Series

A04 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIDDEN M&M GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open Mountain & Moorland, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered with their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A, B, C or D. Rider any age. (Please see Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book)
May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show but two classes must be included in the schedule.

- **Mountain & Moorland Small Breeds** – Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B.
- **Mountain & Moorland Large Breeds** – Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D.
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden M&M Gold Medal Series.

A05 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED NOVICE RIDDEN M&M PONY GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Novice Mountain & Moorland, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A, B, C or D. Not to have won a first prize of £10.00 or more in any open Ridden M&M class at any show before 1st January in the current year. Rider any age. (Please see Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).

May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.

- **Novice M&M, Stallion, Mare or Gelding**, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Not to have won a first prize of £10.00 or more in any open ridden M&M class at any show on or before 1st January in the current year. Rider any age. (Please see Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
- **Novice M&M, Stallion, Mare or Gelding**, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D. Not to have won a first prize of £10.00 or more in any open ridden M&M class at any show on or before 1st January in the current year. Rider any age. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book). *st nd rd*
1, 2 and 3 in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Novice M&M Ridden Gold Medal Series

A06 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED YOUNG RIDERS ROYAL INTERNATIONAL RIDDEN M & M

Mountain & Moorland, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C and D. Rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).

May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.

- **M&M Small Breeds** – Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Rider not to have attained their 14th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
- **M&M Large Breeds** – Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest Welsh Section C or D. Rider not to have attained their 18th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

- **Intermediate M&M** – Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A, B, C or D. Rider not to have attained their 25th Birthday before the 1st January in the current year. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Young Riders Ridden M&M Final
- **Mini Juniors** - Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Riders to have attained their 8 but not their 13th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year.

A07 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND LEAD REIN GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 122cms. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest and Welsh Section A or B. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle. Lead Rein to be attached to the noseband only. Rider not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited M&M Lead Rein Gold Medal Series.

A08 UK PONIES & HORSES MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND FIRST RIDDEN GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open Mountain & Moorland, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 128cms. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. To be shown in any suitable bridle. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.

- **Open M&M, Mare or Gelding**, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 128cms. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. To be shown in any suitable bridle. Rider not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year. **1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited M&M First Ridden Gold Medal Series.**

A09 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED AMATEUR RIDERS ROYAL INTERNATIONAL RIDDEN M&M

Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over registered in the Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Shetland and Welsh Sections A, B, C & D Rider any age. (Please see rule 25 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book) **Qualifying classes may be divided into small and large breeds.**
1st 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur Riders Ridden M&M Final

The UK Ponies & Horses Limited M&M Amateur Riders Qualifier – please see new Rules on pages 6 & 7 of the current Rule Book.
Please note that this class is not included in the Championship where shows are holding the series of RIHS qualifiers. The
Amateur class is a standalone class.

A10 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND WHP GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open Mountain & Moorland WHP, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland or Welsh Section A, B, C or D. Rider any age.
(See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section.

- **Beginners Stakes** not exceeding 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year.
- **Nursery Stakes** not exceeding 128cms - Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- **Not exceeding 122cms** - Rider any age. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
- **Exceeding 122cms** but not exceeding 133cms - Rider any age. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
- **Exceeding 133cms** but not exceeding 143cms – Rider any age. (See Rule 7 of the current Ponies (UK) Rule Book).
- **Exceeding 143cms** – Rider any age. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book)
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited M&M WHP Gold Medal Series.

A11 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIDDEN SHOW PONY GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open Show Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 148cms.
Rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.

- **Open Lead Rein Pony**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over not exceeding 122cms. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle. Lead rein to be attached to the noseband only Rider not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Open First Ridden Pony**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 122cms. To be shown in a snaffle bridle. Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year
 - **Open Show Pony**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 128cms. Rider not to have attained their 13th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Open Show Pony**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 128cms but not exceeding 138cms. Rider not to have attained their 15th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Open Show Pony**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 138cms but not exceeding 148cms. Rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Mixed Height Show Ponies** not exc 148cms. Rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Show Pony Gold Medal Series.**

- A12 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED SHOW HUNTER PONY GOLD MEDALSERIES (Inc SHP Lead Rein)**
 Open Pony of Show Hunter Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 153cms. Rider not to have attained their 20th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.**
- **Open Lead Rein Pony of Show Hunter Type**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 122cms. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle, the lead rein to be attached by the noseband only. Rider not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Open Pony of Show Hunter Type**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 123cms. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Open Pony of Show Hunter Type**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms. Rider not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Open Pony of Show Hunter Type**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms. Rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Open Pony of Show Hunter Type**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms. Rider not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Mixed Height Show Hunter Pony** not exc 153cms.
 Rider not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited SHP Gold Medal Series.

- A13 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED WHP GOLD MEDAL SERIES (Including Beginners & Nursery Stakes)**
 Open Working Hunter Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 153cms.
 Rider must be the correct age for the animal they ride. Fences to be adjusted for each height section. **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.**
- **Beginners Stakes**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 122cms.
 Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year.
 - **Nursery Stakes**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 133cms.
 Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 - **Open WHP**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 133cms. Rider any age. (See Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
 - **Open WHP**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
 - **Open WHP**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book).
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited WHP Gold Medal Series.

- A14 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIDDEN COB GOLD MEDAL SERIES (including Maxi Cobs)**
Open Ridden Cob, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms, Rider any age. **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.**

- **Open Lightweight Ridden Cob**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. Rider any age.
- **Open Heavyweight Ridden Cob**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. Rider any age.
Maxi Ridden Cob, mare or gelding, 4 years and over exceeding 155cms. Rider any age. To be judged as cobs, judges may take particular attention to type e.g. short legged animal at cob type. **To be shown hogged. 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Cob Gold Medal Series.**

A15 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIDING HORSE GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open Riding Horse, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms. Rider any age. **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.**

- **Small Riding Horse**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.
- **Large Riding Horse**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 158cms.
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Riding Horse Gold Medal Series.

A16 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED INTERMEDIATE SRT GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Intermediate Show Riding Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 158cms. Rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.**

- **Intermediate Show Riding Type**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 153cms.
- **Intermediate Show Riding Type**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 153cms but not exceeding 158cms.
- **Intermediate of Hack Type**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 160cms.
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Intermediate SRT & Intermediate of Hack Type Gold Medal Series.

A17 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED AMATEUR RIDERS RIDING HORSE/HUNTER/COB/HACK TYPE GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Mare or gelding 4 years old and over, any height, Rider any age.
Please see rule 25 of the current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book. **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show:**

- **Amateur Riders Ridden Horse** Supreme Championship Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, any height. Rider any age
- **Amateur Riders Ridden Hunter** Supreme Championship Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, any height. Rider any age • **Amateur Riders Ridden Cob** Type Supreme Championship Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, any height. Rider any age • **Amateur Riders Ridden Hack** Type Supreme Championship Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, any height. Rider any age
1st 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur Riders Riding Horse/Hunter/Cob/Hack Type Gold Medal Series.

A18 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER TYPE GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Intermediate Show Hunter Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 158cms. Rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Intermediate SHT Gold Medal Series.

A19 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED OPEN HUNTER GOLD MEDAL SERIES (including Small Hunter)

Open Hunter, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 153cms. Rider any age. **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.**

- **Small Hunter**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exc 158cms. Rider any age.
- **Open Lightweight Hunter**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, capable of carrying up to 79.5kgs (12 stone 7lbs). Rider any age.
- **Open Middleweight Hunter**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, capable of carrying 79.5kgs (12 stone 7lbs) and not exceeding 89kgs (14 stone). Rider any age.
- **Open Heavyweight Hunter**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, capable of carrying over 89kgs (14 stone). Rider any age.
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Open Hunter Gold Medal Series.

A20 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED WORKING HUNTER TRAINING STAKES GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Plaited and Un-Plaited Working Hunter Horse/Pony, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 year old & over. Rider any age. (See Rule 7). These classes are designed to encourage the horse/pony and rider to perform stylishly. The final will be divided into the following 3 divisions:

- Maximum Height 60 cms
- Maximum Height 75 cms
- Maximum Height 90 cms

1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited WHP Gold Medal Series.

A21 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIDDEN PIEBALD/SKEWBALD HORSE/PONY GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open ridden Piebald/Skewbald Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current Rule Book).

May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.

- **Open ridden Piebald/Skewbald Non-Native**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 153cms to be shown plaited and trimmed. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current Rule Book).
- **Open ridden Piebald/Skewbald Non-Native**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 153cms, to be shown plaited and trimmed. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current Rule Book).
- **Open ridden Piebald/Skewbald Native/Traditional Cob/Show Cob Type**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms, to be shown either with full mane, tail and feathered or hogged and trimmed as appropriate. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current Rule Book).
- **Open ridden Piebald/Skewbald Native/Traditional Cob/Show Cob Type**, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 148cms, to be shown either with full mane, tail and feathered or hogged and trimmed as appropriate. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current Rule Book).
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Piebald/Skewbald Gold Medal Series.

A22 UK PONIES & HORSES AMATEUR RIDERS RIDDEN COLOURED HORSE/PONY GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Piebald/Skewbald Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, Rider any age. Please See Rule 25 of the Current UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book.

1st 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur Riders Ridden Coloured Horse/Pony Gold Medal Series.

A23 UK PONIES & HORSES PART BRED RIDDEN GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open Ridden Part Bred, Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over. Exhibits in this section must be registered in the approved Part Bred Section of their Breed Society. Registration numbers must be stated on the entry form. Exhibits to be judged as a Riding Pony/Riding Horse. Horses may be ridden at the Judge's discretion. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current Rule Book). **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.**

- **Open Ridden Part Bred, Stallion, Mare or Gelding**, 4 years old & over, not exceeding 148cms. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current Rule Book).
- **Open Ridden Part Bred, Stallion, Mare or Gelding**, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms. Rider any age (Please see Rule 7 of the current Rule Book).
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for UK Ponies & Horses Limited Part Bred Ridden Gold Medal Series.

A24 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIDDEN HACK GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Open Ridden Hack, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 160cms. Rider to have attained their 15th birthday before 1st January in the current year. **May be split at the discretion of the affiliated show.**

- **Small Hack** 4 years old & over, Mare or Gelding exceeding 148cms not exceeding 154cms.
- **Large Hack** 4 years old & over Mare or Gelding exceeding 154cms not exceeding 160cms. ***1st 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Hack Gold Medal Series.***

A25.UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RIDDEN & INHAND VETERAN GOLD MEDAL SERIES

Veterans In Hand, 15 years & over.

May be amalgamated at the discretion of the affiliated show.

- **Veteran Pony to be shown In Hand, 15 years & over.**
- **Veteran Horse to be shown In hand, 15 years & over.**
1st 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited In Hand Veteran Gold Medal Series.
Veterans Ridden, 15 years & over.
May be amalgamated at the discretion of the affiliated show.
- **Veteran Pony Ridden, 15 years & over.**
- **Veteran Horse Ridden, 15 years & over.**
1st 2nd and 3rd in each class to qualify for the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Ridden Veteran Gold Medal Series.

A26 UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED WORKING HUNTER PONY YOUNG RIDER SERIES

- **To include a section for Nursery Stakes riders to be twelve years and under.**
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over NOT EXCEEDING 133 CMS
Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A & B, Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C & D. Riders not to have attained their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
Max Heights of fences as Follows: - Nursery Stakes not exceeding 55cms, not exceeding 122cms – 60cms, not exc 133 cms - 70 cms.
- **UKPH YOUNG RIDERS WORKING HUNTER PONY exceeding 133cms** Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over.
Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A & B, Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C & D. Riders not to have attained their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
Maximum Heights of fences as follows: - Exc 133 cms but not exc 143 cms – 80 cms
& Exc 143cms – 90 cms.
- **UKPH YOUNG RIDERS WORKING HUNTER PONIES INTERMEDIATES**
Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section A, B, C, D. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. (Please refer to the current UK Ponies & Horses Rule Book).
Maximum Heights of fences as follows: - Not exceeding 122cms – 60 cms, not exceeding 133cms – 70cms,
Exc 133 cms but not exc 143 cms – 80cms.
Exceeding 143cms – 90cms

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All Exhibitors competing at UK Ponies & Horses Limited Shows shall be considered as having read the following Regulations. It is the Exhibitors responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the Rules & Regulations of UK Ponies & Horses Limited.
At shows where the schedule states that a class is 'To be judged under the rules of UK Ponies & Horses' the class will be judged according to the rules in this Rule Book.
Please be aware that in relation to Horse of the Year Show qualifying classes affiliated to UK Ponies & Horses there are separate Horse of the Year Show rules which take precedence over the Rules in this book, and it is both the Judges and Exhibitors responsibility to make themselves aware by downloading a copy of the Horse of the Show Rules from www.hoys.co.uk.

Neither UK Ponies & Horses of any of its officers, assistants or stewards shall in any way be responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may happen to exhibitors or their assistants or other members of the public, or to any animal or property or to any vehicle brought onto the showground or on any premises used in conjunction with the show, or while entering or leaving the same.

It is necessary for all exhibitors to carry Public Liability Insurance for an adequate indemnity to protect against their negligence including any injury caused by their animals or property.

2. Spurs/dress spurs must **NOT** be worn in any Show Pony / Intermediate Working Hunter / Intermediate Show Hunter Type / Intermediate Show Riding Type / Show Hunter Pony/Working Hunter Pony, M&MWHP or any Ridden Mountain and Moorland showing class.
3. Show Canes / Whips are not to exceed 30" (75cms) when, exercising or competing.
Any suitable bit/bridle may be used unless otherwise stated
Exhibitors competing in UK Ponies & Horses Limited classes must only use tack, show canes and whips permissible in UK Ponies & Horses Limited classes whilst mounted on the showground. Only elasticated side reins may be used when lunging on the showground.

Exhibitors & Grooms please note that Company or Team Logos are not permitted in the ring for any UKPH affiliated class.

- 4 **Hats: Hat Standards accepted as of 1st January 2024 are as follows:** PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 & 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards. **MUST** be worn by riders at all times when mounted.

Hats meeting more than one standard: Some hats are badged with two or more standards. As long as a hat contains at least one compliant hat standard, then it is deemed suitable for use under UKPH rules, even if it is additionally labelled with an older or out of date standard.

Hats should have a plain cover either Black, Navy Blue, Brown, Grey or Green. Velvet covers are encouraged.

A rider whose hat comes off will be eliminated.

A rider whose strap comes undone, whilst competing must on Penalty of Elimination, replace it or fasten it before continuing. A rider may stop without penalty to fasten the strap.

Riders **NOT** competing in Lead Rein or First Ridden classes may wear Bowlers or

Top Hats during an Afternoon Gala or Evening Gala Performance subject to the signing of a disclaimer For classes run under the auspices of an individual Governing Body, their rules must be conformed to.

- 4a All Ride Judges** officiating under UK Ponies & Horses Limited rules **MUST** wear a correctly secured hat to one of the above standards whilst mounted.
- 4b Any Ride Judge** who falls or is thrown whilst judging under UK Ponies & Horses Limited rules may not continue to ride the exhibits or ride judge any further exhibits on that day. If the Judge is capable of continuing his / her duties then all exhibits in the class must give an individual show (including any exhibit previously ridden). In the event that the Judge is not capable of continuing, an appropriately qualified replacement may be appointed otherwise the class must be abandoned. **Please see Guidelines for Affiliated show Secretaries.**
- 4c BODY PROTECTORS – Body Protectors became mandatory from 1st January 2024.** This will be for all competitors competing at a UK Ponies & Horses Affiliated show, when jumping in any Working

Hunter Pony or Working Hunter class, including the practise ring. This will include the Spring & Autumn Classic.

In 2024 Body Protectors must meet either BETA 2009 Level 3 (purple label) or BETA 2018 Level 3 (Blue & Black label).

From the 1st of January 2025 only garments made to BETA 2018 Level 3 will be accepted.

5. All stallions and 2/3 year old colts must hold a current licence (unless otherwise governed by the Individual Breed Society).
- 6a. Stallions / Colts **may not be shown** by any junior who has not attained their 14th birthday before January 1st in the current year, at any show affiliated to UK Ponies & Horses Limited.
- 6b. Handlers of horses/ponies competing in Young Handler & In Hand classes, including those in the UK Ponies & Horses Miniature classes, aged 14 years and under must wear a correctly secured hat to one of the above standards as detailed above (Rule 4). A Top Hat may be worn only in an Evening performance provided that a disclaimer form has been completed and registered at the show office prior to the class.
7. Any pony stallion not exceeding 138cms **OR** Small Breed Mountain & Moorland Stallions – i.e. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and Welsh A & B – may **NOT** be ridden by juniors who have **NOT** attained their 12th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year, at any show affiliated to UK Ponies & Horses Limited. Any pony stallion exceeding 138cms or Large Breed Mountain & Moorland stallions – i.e. Connemara, Dales, Fells, Highlands, New Forest, Welsh Section C & D – may **NOT** be ridden by any Juniors who have **NOT** attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year, at any show affiliated to UK Ponies & Horses Limited unless the class is run under the auspices of an individual Governing Body when their rules must be conformed to.
8. **ONLY** Mares and Geldings are eligible for Young Handler, Junior Ridden M & M, Lead Rein & First Ridden classes, excluding Miniatures.
9. Handlers / Riders may only compete with one horse/pony in any one **Showing** class. A competitor may ride more than one exhibit (maximum 2) in an Open Working Hunter / Pony or M&M Working Hunter Pony, **but before the final phase the Exhibitor must nominate to the Steward which horse / pony he / she will ride for the final presentation of marks and rosettes**. Once the class has commenced there shall be no change of rider, except in a Championship. This does not apply at the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Spring Classic.
10. No ridden pony shall be shown on a Lead Rein except those exhibited in classes confined to Lead Rein ponies.
11. **DOPE TESTING** – All animals taking part in any classes will be liable to dope testing. Random dope tests may be made at any time, at any show, affiliated to UK Ponies & Horses Limited. The presence of any form of prohibited substance will render both exhibitor and pony/horse liable to disqualification from competing at all future UK Ponies & Horses Limited shows. Tests will be run according to Horse Racing Authority. **Please see UK Ponies & Horses Limited Dope Testing information on Page 45.**
12. Boots (including over-reach boots) are permissible in the Jumping Phase of any Working Hunter, UK Ponies & Horses Limited Event Pony classes and Show Jumping Competitions, but they must be removed before conformation phase. **At no other time can a change of tack be permitted.**
13. Horses and ponies must be four years old and over in all ridden classes. The age should be calculated from 1st January in the year of their birth.
14. All Mountain & Moorland ponies must be registered in the approved section with their respective Pure Breed Societies and must be within the height specifications as laid down by their Breed Society. All horses/ponies competing in classes restricted to breeds **OR** part-breeds – must be fully registered with their respective breed society/stud book.
- 14a. A horse/pony must be shown under the name in which it was originally registered in the Official Stud Books of the GSB, NPS, M&M Stud Books, BSPS, BSJA, BHD, UK Ponies & Horses Limited or any other recognised society.
15. Official Identity documents will be required for all animals born after 1st January 2001 registering with UK
16. Horses/ponies must be registered and entered at any show in the name of the Legal owner.
- 16a. **UK Ponies & Horses Limited would like to make it clear to all competitors that any horse /pony brought to the show but not entered is done so at the owner's risk and the Association cannot accept liability or cover insurance unless an entry fee is paid.**
17. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday on or before the day of the show unless otherwise stated.
- 17a. To become a Rider Member, the Rider must have attained their 3rd birthday but not their 18th by 1st January of the current year.
- 17b. Earrings and body studs must not be worn.
- 17c. Mobile phones and ear pieces must not be taken into the ring.

18. In the First Ridden classes ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show. Ponies in Riding Pony, Show Hunter Pony, and M&M classes may be galloped 4 at a time **ONLY**, except in a Championship **OR** during the Final Judging of a class.
19. Horses & ponies must be trimmed and shown as set down by their relevant Breed Societies. Animals exhibited in UK Ponies & Horses Limited Riding Horse/Riding Pony classifications must be plaited. Mountain & Moorland Ponies in Showing Classes **MUST** be shown unplaited. **Animals shown with their whiskers left on in any UK Ponies & Horses Affiliated Class, will not be discriminated against.**
20. No Horse/Pony may enter the ring after the judging process has begun and the Steward has closed the ring, except at the Judge's discretion. In the event of the rider or handler leaving the ring they **MUST** be present for the final assessment and presentation of awards. At the Spring and Summer Championship Shows a competitor may leave the ring with permission from the judge to compete in another class but must be available for final assessment if required. A representative is acceptable for the presentation of awards. The class is completed when the Judge dismisses the class.
21. **The Judge's decision is FINAL – PLEASE SEE JUDGES POLICY ON PAGE 39**
22. An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony that has been bred, sold, leased, produced, broken, ridden or trained by the Judge and/or his/her immediate family or his/her employer or by anyone with whom he/she resides.
- 22a Judges must not knowingly Judge a Horse that has been Owned, Produced, Exhibited, Bred or Ridden by them or a close relative or anyone with whom they are in a business partnership with or by anyone they employ or by anyone who employs them or by anyone with whom they live.
23. A rider/handler may not show in a class judged by someone for whom he/she has exhibited in the show ring in the previous two years as of the date of the show.
- 23a. A rider may not show a Horse/Pony in a competition judged by any member of his/her immediate family.
- 23b. An exhibitor may not show under a Judge for whom he/she has produced a pony in the previous two years (an exhibitor is, the owner, leesee or the person who produces and/or shows the pony). Group training is acceptable but private training is not acceptable.
- 23c. An exhibitor may not show under a Judge where he/she has entered into a financial/commercial undertaking in the previous two years.
- 24 - Not applicable for 2024

25. **DEFINITIONS:**

- * A **MEMBER** is a fully paid up Adult or Life Member of UK Ponies & Horses Limited.
 - * A **REGISTERED HORSE/PONY** is an animal registered with UK Ponies & Horses Limited to a CURRENT Adult Annual or Life member.
 - * An **EXHIBITOR** is the owner/lessee/or person who produces and/or shows the pony/horse.
 - * **AMATEUR RIDER /HANDLER** – Please see new Amateur Ruling as stated on page 6 and it is expected that exhibitors will enter into the true spirit of this competition. The Directors reserve the right in, their absolute discretion, to refuse an exhibitor's entry should they be in contravention of this rule in the Directors considered opinion. **No person included on any Affiliated Judging Panel can compete in a UK Ponies & Horses Limited Amateur class, UK Ponies & Horses Limited feel that this is not entering into the spirit of the competition**
 - * **NOVICE** – Not to have won a first prize of £10.00 or more in the appropriate open classification.
26. UK Ponies & Horses Limited reserve the right, at their absolute discretion, to refuse or refund applications for Memberships, Pony Registrations, Show Affiliations, Traders, and class entries.
27. **MEMBERSHIP** – A person ceasing for any reason to be a Member of the Association shall not be entitled to a refund in whole or in part of any annual subscriptions or other monies already paid by him/her to the Society and they shall remain liable for payment of all annual subscriptions or other monies to the Association up to the date on which they ceased to be a Member.
- UK Ponies & Horses Limited reserves the right to withhold any Memberships in respect of the following:-
- Cheques made payable to UK Ponies & Horses Limited in respect of Memberships & Registrations are not honoured by the bank.
 - Credit Card payments in respect of Memberships and Registrations are declined on more than one occasion.
 - If there are any outstanding monies owing to UK Ponies & Horses Limited or a UK Ponies & Affiliated Show.

Note - A surcharge of £10.00 will be charged if replacement cheques have to be processed, along with all other relevant Bank charges incurred by UK Ponies & Horses Limited.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited reserves the right to terminate the membership of any member who acts to the detriment of UK Ponies & Horses Limited, brings the Association into disrepute or breaches UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rules, regulations or procedures.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited will not condone any form of abusive behaviour, from any member or non-member whatsoever, to any person, official, horse, pony or any animal at any show, event, venue or workplace associated with UK Ponies & Horses Limited, whether in person, by telephone, in writing or via social media. This includes intimidation and bullying, that is deemed to be aggressive, damaging or inappropriate. Members will be held responsible for the actions of any non-members who are family members or employed by them or assisting, supporting, representing, or otherwise acting on their behalf, and any action or conduct of such person which would be a breach of the Rules were they a member shall constitute a breach of the Rules by the member concerned. Family members in this context will include any person who is in the reasonable opinion of UK Ponies & Horses Limited a member of the Member's family in the wildest sense.

Any Member of the Association or any person at any time, who conducts themselves in a manner which may be deemed to bring the name of the Association into disrepute, shall be guilty of a breach of UK Ponies & Horses Limited rules.

Any Owner, Rider, Producer and / or horse that is banned for any period of time as a result of any disciplinary action taken by UK Ponies & Horses Limited, BSPS, CHAPS, NPS, SHB (GB) or BSHA may not compete in UK Ponies & Horses Limited affiliated classes at the discretion of the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Board. Any action taken by UK Ponies & Horses Limited against any Owner, Rider, Producer or horse/pony may be shared with BSPS, CHAPS, NPS, SHB (GB) or BSHA.

The Board reserves the right to refuse Membership at application stage. An appeal may be granted should it be deemed appropriate.

28. **JUDGES/MEMBERS** – The Directors reserve the right, in their absolute discretion, to refuse the application from any Panel Judge or Member who has been convicted of any criminal offence.
29. **OBJECTIONS** – may only be made by an Exhibitor at a UK Ponies & Horses Limited Event. All objections shall be made in writing with the objector's full name and address within one hour of the event concerned, and lodged at the Secretary's Office together with the appropriate remittance of £100.
30. The Association reserves the right to refuse or cancel any entry or membership already accepted for good and sufficient reason in the opinion of the Directors. Whenever, under this Regulation, an entry or membership is refused or cancelled, or an exhibit is refused admission or removed, the fees paid may at the discretion of the Council, be refunded and, if refunded, shall be accepted by the exhibitor or intending exhibitor in full satisfaction of all claims against the Association.
31. **Affiliation will not be accepted until:-**
- The Affiliation form and fee has been received, after which an affiliation number will be allocated.
 - A draft schedule, which **must** include the Judge's names, must be sent to UK Ponies & Horses Limited 8 weeks prior to the event.
 - The Final Schedule **MUST NOT** be printed or issued until the draft has been approved and all amendments requested by UK Ponies & Horses Limited have been incorporated into the Final Schedule and forwarded to the UK Ponies & Horses Limited office.
 - Affiliations will be withdrawn if qualifying events fail to send in a final schedule at least one month prior to the event.
 - Results must be submitted to the UK Ponies & Horses Limited office either via post or email 3 days after the show.
32. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the behaviour of their assistants and riders and all persons in charge of exhibits shall be subject to the orders of the Stewards or Judges. All exhibitors including grooms, other attendants, attending exhibitors in the judging rings, must be correctly dressed wearing a jacket and must wear a hat. **Exhibitors & Grooms please note that Company or Team Logos are not permitted in the Ring for any UKPH Affiliated Class.**
33. Stewards – A good steward can make a vast contribution to the running of a ring, therefore allowing the Judge to perform his / her duties without any distractions. A code of dress for ring stewards in order to maintain a standard enables him / her not only to appear smart but also show respect for the Judge. Gentlemen should wear a dark suit and a bowler or a trilby and ladies should wear a dress or trouser suit and a suitable hat. Suitable footwear is also a necessity.

34. **Equine Influenza Vaccinations.**

Equine Influenza vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all horses/ponies competing in UK Ponies & Horses Limited affiliated classes. 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, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of an EI vaccination. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old. This Rule may be subject to change from guidance from the FEI/BEF and any changes will be notified via the UK Ponies & Horses Limited website. The current FEI ruling is for a six monthly booster as opposed to annual; therefore it is recommended that you check with shows that fall under FEI regulation before entering e.g. Windsor,

Hickstead, and HOYS etc. It is also strongly advised that all animals are vaccinated against tetanus in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. This will be subject to spot checks at UK Ponies & Horses Limited shows.

35. Any Owner, Rider, Producer or Horse/Pony that is banned for any period of time as a result of any disciplinary action taken by any member body of the Showing Council may not compete in any UKPH Affiliated classes at the discretion of the UKPH Board. Any action taken by UKPH against any Owner, Rider, Producer or Horse/Pony may be shared with the other Member Bodies of the Showing Council.

**RULES FOR ALL WORKING HUNTER PONY/WORKING
HUNTER & MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CLASSES not
affiliated to the BSPS, SHB (GB), BSHA & NPS**

1. Any pony/horse taking the wrong course or jumping another fence after completing the course will be eliminated.
2. If a pony/horse turns its quarters to a fence or has a complete turn round, or crosses its tracks on approach to the next fence a refusal will be given
3. Boots (including over-reach boots) are permissible in the Jumping Phase of any Working Hunter, Style & Performance WH/WHP and UK Ponies & Horses Limited classes, but they must be removed before conformation phase. **At no other time can a change of saddlery be permitted.**
4. Ponies/horses displaying disobedience - mounted or dismounted - during either phase will be eliminated.
5. Competitors may walk the course dismounted before their class.
6. The fall of horse and/or rider anywhere on the course will result in elimination. The Rider may not attempt another fence but must leave the arena immediately on foot.
7. In the event of equality of marks, the **TOTAL** mark from Phase One will take precedence, followed by the Manners Mark and then the Conformation Mark. If there is still a tie, the Judge's decision is final.
8. **SAFETY CUPS** – It is recommended that Course Builders use safety cups whenever possible – particularly for top rails

HEIGHT OF FENCES AND WIDTHS OF SPREADS FOR UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED M&M WHP CLASSES

It is essential Course Builders construct a flowing course to encourage ponies/horses to jump fences freely. The course is to consist of not less than 7 fences and should contain a change of direction and one fence should be a spread, and built within the band of minimum and maximum heights according to the conditions of the ring, the material available and the standard of entry.

M&M NOVICE CLASSES

CLASSES	MINIMUM HEIGHT	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	MAXIMUM SPREAD
Nursery	45cms	55cms	40cms
Not exceeding 122cms	50cms	60cms	45cms
Exc 122cm Not exc 133cm	55cms	70cms	60cms
Exc 133cm Not exc 143cm	70cms	85cms	70cms
Exceeding 143cm	75cms	90cms	75cms

M&M OPEN CLASSES

CLASSES	MINIMUM HEIGHT	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	MAXIMUM SPREAD
M&M Beginner Stakes	45cms	55cms	45cms
M&M Nursery Stakes	50cms	60cms	47cms
Not exceeding 122cms	55cms	70cms	55cms
Exc 122cm Not exc 133cm	65cms	80cms	65cms
Exc 133cm Not exc 143cm	75cms	90cms	75cms
Exceeding 143cm	85cms	100cms	85cms

MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND WORKING HUNTER PONY

MARKING SYSTEM FOR M&M WORKING HUNTER PONY NOT AFFILIATED TO NPS

Shows holding Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony classes that are **NOT** affiliated to the NPS will be sent Mark Sheets.

Jumping	50 Marks
Style of Native Breed Type whilst Jumping	20 Marks
Breed Type & Conformation	20 Marks
Individual Show & Manners within Breed Type	10 Marks
	100 Marks

PENALTIES

10 penalties	Knockdown
15 penalties	1 st refusal
20 penalties	2 nd refusal
Elimination	3 rd refusal
Disqualification	Fall of horse/pony or rider

HEIGHTS OF FENCES AND WIDTHS OF SPREADS FOR UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED WHP OR WORKING HUNTER CLASSES not affiliated to the BSPS, SHB (GB) or BSHA

In the Working Hunter classes course-builders are encouraged to build within the band of Minimum/maximum heights according to the conditions of the ring

NOVICE CLASSES

CLASSES	MINIMUM HEIGHT	MAX HEIGHT	MAXIMUM SPREAD
Beginner Stakes	40cms	55cms	60cms
Nursery Stakes	45cms	60cms	65cms
133cms	55cms	75cms	70cms
143cms	70cms	85cms	80cms
153cms	75cms	90cms	85cms
Intermediate	75cms	100cms	95cms
Working Cob	70cms	75cms	75cms
Working Hunter	75cms	100cms	120cms
Working Show Horse	70cms	80cms	80cms

OPEN CLASSES

CLASSES	MINIMUM HEIGHT	MAX HEIGHT	MAXIMUM SPREAD
Tiny Tots inc Lead Rein	35cms	45cms	40cms
Beginner Stakes	55cms	70cms	75cms
Nursery Stakes	60cms	75cms	85cms
133cms	75cms	90cms	100cms
143cms	85cms	100cms	110cms
153cms	90cms	105cms	115cms
Intermediate	100cms	115cms	125cms
Working Show Horse	85cms	95cms	95cms
Open Coloureds 148cms	70cms	85cms	90cms
Open Coloured exc 148cms	75cms	95cms	95cms
Working Hunter	95cms	120cms	130cms

MARKING SYSTEM & RULES FOR OPEN WHP AND WORKING HUNTER CLASSES not affiliated to the BSPS, BSHA or SHB (GB)

Shows holding Open WHP and Working Hunter classes that are **NOT** affiliated to BSPS or Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain will receive Mark Sheets.

- PHASE I** 50 marks - Jumping
 20 marks - Style and Manners while Jumping
- PHASE II** 20 marks - Conformation and Type
 10 marks - Manners whilst performing short individual show or Judges Ride
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Total 100 marks

- PENALTIES** 10 penalties - Knockdown
 15 penalties - 1st refusal
 20 penalties - 2nd refusal
 Elimination - 3rd refusal
 Elimination - Fall of horse/pony or rider in either phase

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED WORKING HUNTER PONY TRAINING STAKES

A course of a maximum of 10 jumping efforts – with a maximum 10 marks per fence - to be judged on style of jumping. There is no set penalty for a pole down or a run out, but three refusals results in **Elimination**. Fall of horse/pony or rider: - **Elimination**

There will be no mark awarded for conformation or manners, but a mark out of 20 will be awarded for overall impression at the completion of each round.

In the event of a tie, the overall impression mark will determine the final placings. Should there still be an equality of marks, the jumping marks will be taken into consideration – the comparison beginning with fence one and continuing thereafter until a result is achieved.

The final will be divided into the following 3 divisions

1. 60 cms
2. 75 cms
3. 90 cms

METHOD OF JUDGING:

1. Horses/Ponies will enter the ring individually and jump a course of obstacles designed to produce a maximum of 10 jumping efforts. Course Builders are recommended to avoid fences with a related distance.
2. Each jumping effort will be marked out of 10 and 20 for overall impression - at the Judge's discretion.
3. There is no set penalty for a pole down or run out but three refusals will result in elimination.
4. Fall of horse or rider will result in elimination.
5. There will be no mark awarded for conformation or manners, but a mark will be awarded for overall impression at the completion of each round.
6. In the event of a tie, the overall impression mark will determine the final placings. Should there still be an equality of marks, the jumping marks will be taken into consideration - the comparison beginning with fence one and continuing thereafter until a result is achieved.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

UK Ponies & Horses Limited acknowledges the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Linked in, home web-pages, chat rooms, BBM and all other forms of electronic communication and the role which “social media” plays in the day to day lives of members.

This policy note is to remind members that the Rules of UK Ponies & Horses Limited apply to members when using social media and the internet. Failure to adhere to this policy note could lead to disciplinary action being taken against a member.

2. USING SOCIAL MEDIA

- 2.1 You should be aware that UK Ponies & Horses Limited may from time to time carry out internet searches to identify postings which include references to UK Ponies & Horses Limited and its members.
- 2.2 UK Ponies & Horses Limited produced images are the subject of copyright and should not be copied or used in social media save as provided in the UK Ponies & Horses Limited website user terms and conditions.
- 2.3 You should ensure that any material that you transmit or post to social media is clearly stated to be your personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of UK Ponies & Horses Limited.
- 2.4 You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of UK Ponies & Horses Limited, its members or former members, or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of UK Ponies & Horses Limited.
- 2.5 You must not post or transmit any material relating to UK Ponies & Horses Limited, members or former members or their horses or ponies, or which could otherwise be associated with or which may reasonably be attributed as coming from UK Ponies & Horses Limited:
 - 2.5.1 That is threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory, blasphemous, in breach of confidence, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or
 - 2.5.2 Which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of the UKPH Rules, or constitutes a criminal offence, or which could give rise to civil liability, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of, or infringe the rights of any third party in the UK or any other country in the world.
- 2.6 UK Ponies & Horses asks all Judges to carefully consider their use of social media and to avoid communicating about any ponies or competitors they have judged or may judge during the season. UK Ponies & Horses requests that all Judges refrain from remarking on social media postings of ponies that they may find themselves judging. (2024)
- 2.7 Any breach of this policy may constitute a breach of the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against you.

3. DISCLOSURE UNDER LAW OR REGULATION

You should be aware that UK Ponies & Horses Limited will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting or directing UK Ponies & Horses Limited to disclose the identity or locate anyone posting any material in breach of this policy. If we are requested by the police or any other regulatory or government authority investigating suspected illegal activities to provide your personal information, UK Ponies & Horses Limited is entitled to do so.

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED CHILD PROTECTION (SAFEGUARDING) POLICY

Child protection is defined in the Children Act 1989 and legislation is in place to protect children from significant harm, abuse (physical/sexual/emotional) neglect and exploitation

UK Ponies & Horses Limited takes its responsibilities to ensure that children competing at our events do so in a safe and protected environment

It is acknowledged that when children compete in UK Ponies & Horses Limited competitions this is done so in the public domain and relationships between children and any officials is different to those of an instructor/trainer relationship. Therefore safeguards that need to be put in place do not need to be as extensive

In all circumstances parents remain accountable and responsible for the safety of their children and their own actions and behaviour towards their own and other people's children whilst competing in UK Ponies & Horses competitions.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited takes its responsibilities in this regard very seriously and requires all its paid employees, directors (Council Members), judges and officials who appear in the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book, to voluntarily disclose whether they have any convictions, cautions or outstanding matters that would prohibit or make them unsuitable to be in the close proximity of children or vulnerable adults. (This includes criminal convictions that would otherwise be classed as 'spent' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974). This declaration authorises the Society to request an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Certificate on any person where any concerns are raised and to ban anyone who they deem to be unsuitable from membership of the Society.

At UK Ponies & Horses Limited Championship Shows, the Association takes the safety and security very seriously and always contract with an appropriate security provider to minimise risks and ensure that everyone can compete in a safe environment

It is everyone's responsibility to report and take action, if they believe any child is being subject to abuse. In such circumstances, the Association will report these matters to the Police and relevant child protection agencies immediately upon receipt of the information. Information of this nature will not and cannot be kept confidential as the safety of child and young people is paramount.

RIDERS MINDS

UK Ponies & Horses supports Riders Minds which is a free resource for riders of all levels from grass roots to professionals.

Riders Minds is an online bespoke resource dedicated to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all horse riders.

Currently there are 19 million riders in the United Kingdom. Given that 1 in 4 people in the UK will experience a mental health issue at some point in their lives, this indicates that a large proportion of riders at some point will experience a mental health problem, whether directly or indirectly.

Admitting to yourself that you are not 'okay' can be hard, but it is important to know that you are not alone and support is available.

The Objective of Riders Minds is to remove the stigma of speaking out by raising mental health awareness, understanding and confidence amongst all riders.

To provide guidance, support and help by creating Riders Minds: an extensive, user friendly online mental health and well-being resource.

To provide and host a Riders Minds helpline that is accessible to all riders.

Riders Minds Helpline – 0800 088 2073 or Text 07729 774 117. A team of trained professionals are available to help, all calls are confidential.

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED DISABILITY POLICY

UK Ponies & Horses Limited is supportive of exhibitors competing in its classes who may suffer from a physical or learning disability.

The Association recognises that horses and ponies can have a very positive impact on the lives of people suffering a disability, and as an inclusive Association, will endeavour to be as supportive as possible in these situations.

Exhibitors who have a disability are welcome to compete in UK Ponies & Horses Limited classes providing the following criteria are met:-

- All exhibitors are judged equally one against the other.
- Exhibitors with a disability must only compete in classes in accordance with the rules and eligibility as described in the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rule Book.
- The Association has the right to make reasonable adjustments to allow an exhibitor with a disability to compete in its classes; this is at the sole discretion of the Officers and/or the Board of the Association.
- All Exhibitors in UK Ponies & Horses Limited classes must be competent and able to compete without putting the safety of others at risk.
- No Exhibitor may compete in UK Ponies & Horses Limited classes with any type of broken limb. It is recognised that Exhibitors with for example, hearing loss or learning difficulties may require extra care and patience from Stewards, Judges and Officials to ensure that they clearly understand any instructions given to them. E.g. setting a show or being asked questions by the Judge. In such circumstances, the parent or relation of the Exhibitor must advise the Steward in advance of the class, who will then ensure that the Judge is made aware of the particular circumstances in advance of the class commencing.

Any Exhibitor who has any concerns regarding competing in UK Ponies & Horses Limited classes with any form of disability, should contact the Office for further advice.

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED PRIVACY POLICY

This is the Privacy Statement of UK Ponies & Horses Limited. In this statement 'we', 'us', 'our' or similar, refers to UK Ponies & Horses Limited. 'You' or similar refers to the data owner.

The General Data Protection Regulation, herein after referred to as GDPR is a new regulation, designed to strengthen and unite the data protection processes for all individuals within the EU. GDPR applies to any organisation processing an EU citizen's personal data irrelevant of where the Organisation is based.

GDPR has placed new obligations on Organisations processing personal data and has conferred additional rights on data owners. This document describes how UK Ponies & Horses Limited complies with the requirements of GDPR.

Personal information we process.

- Name & preferred contact name (Owner) Name & preferred contact name (Exhibitor) Contact address and post code.
- Telephone number (landline and / or mobile).
- Email address.
- Animal Registration Details

Data is only collected from the data owner, by means of:-

- Paper forms
- Our website
- Email
- Telephones, voicemail, or mobile phones.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited does not hold any sensitive personal data relating to physical or mental health, or criminal records.

How UK Ponies & Horses Limited use your personal information.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited only uses personal data to meet its obligations, for the needs of members and to interact with Member Bodies in the equine industry. The principle ways data is used are as follows:-

- Provide information as required by regulatory, statutory or enforcement bodies.
- Provide member services and support that members receive as a benefit of membership.
- Provide members with our Newsletters and reports.
- Facilitate the general operation of the society, such as providing information about the society, its activities and undertakings, and general communications with data owners by post, email or telephone.
- Carry out identity verification, complaint investigation, and detection of potential fraud.
- Enable full use of our website.
- Maintain records as required to meet the reasonable expectations of our members and contacts.
- Carry out current and historical analysis of Registrations and Membership to provide information to support decision making.

Personal information is NOT used for any of the following:-

UK Ponies & Horses Limited only use data where directly required for the operation of the Association. We do not:-

- Use personal data for marketing purposes that are not incidental to the operation of the Association (e.g. informing members of local shows).
- Make personal data available to third parties (save those specified below) or marketing organisations. Use personal data for modelling, profiling, or in automated decision making.
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UK Ponies & Horses Limited shares your personal information with.

The organisations with which we do or may share personal data with are:-

- Regulatory, statutory or enforcement bodies as required to maintain our statutory requirements as an Association.
- DWR Technology is our software supplier and provides us with offsite data security facilities and backup member support. We have General Data Protection (GDPR) regulations compliant data processing agreement in place with them to ensure personal data is managed in compliance with GDPR.

How UK Ponies & Horses Limited processes your data.

Data is processed using an industry standard software package. This package is used to store and process data and to produce the outputs supplied to members, and equine bodies with whom we share data.

This system is held on a password protected PCs. Encrypted backups are held locally and by our support provider.

Some data may be held on emails or spreadsheets where required for internal UK Ponies & Horses Limited functions. This data will be destroyed when it has served its use.

Children

There is special protection for the personal data of a child. The age when a child can give their own consent is 16. If UK Ponies & Horses Limited requires consent from young people under 16, consent will be obtained from a parent or guardian in order to process the child's personal data lawfully.

How long does UK Ponies & Horses Limited retain personal information?

- Information relating to the breeder of an animal, and anyone, who owned the animal, will be retained for a minimum of 35 years, or until 2 years after the death of the animal if required by legislation.
- Information relating to members who are neither breeders nor animal owners will be retained as long as they are members, and thereafter for research & analysis purposes unless we are requested to remove it.
- Personal data relating to deceased animals will be kept indefinitely for the purposes of historical research, unless UK Ponies & Horses are requested to remove it.
- Other information such as that relating to suppliers, press, equine industry contacts and others who we contact or who contact us in the course of the Associations operations will be kept as long as its retention and use is in ways the data owner could reasonably expect us to use their data.

Your rights as a member of UK Ponies & Horses Limited

- **Access to information.**

You have the right to be supplied with a copy of the personal data that we hold about you. Where such a request is made we will provide the information within 30 days following receipt of payment.

- **Correcting information.**

UK Ponies & Horses Limited will endeavour to make sure that all personal data is correct and current. You have the right to ask the Association to update any data that you believe is not correct or current.

- **Deletion of personal data.**

You have the right to ask UK Ponies & Horses Limited to delete your personal data where:

- You consider that it is no longer required to meet statutory or contractual needs. Note that such data can only be deleted if the statutory or contractual need has lapsed.
- You consider that the personal data held is in excess of what is required to meet statutory or contractual needs, in which case the excess information can be requested to be deleted.
- We are using information with your consent and you withdraw that consent.
- You have lodged a valid objection to our use of that information.

- **Data portability.**

- You can ask us to pass your information to another organisation. We can only pass such data where doing so does not conflict with our legal obligations as an Association.

Your Right to Object.

In addition to the right to have personal data deleted, individuals have the right to object on the basis of 'grounds relating to his or her particular situation.

EQUINE FLU POLICY

Equine Influenza vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all horses/ponies competing in UK Ponies & Horses Limited affiliated classes. 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, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of an EI vaccination. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old. This Rule may be subject to change from guidance from the FEI/BEF and any changes will be notified via the UK Ponies & Horses Limited website. The current FEI ruling is for a six monthly booster as opposed to annual; therefore it is recommended that you check with shows that fall under FEI regulation before entering e.g. Windsor, Hickstead, HOYS etc. It is also strongly advised that all animals are vaccinated against tetanus in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. This will be subject to spot checks at UK Ponies & Horses Limited shows.

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED DOPE TESTING POLICY

In common with other similar bodies, UK Ponies & Horses Limited takes a very serious view of doping, whether intentional or unintentional, having particular regards to the safety of children and vulnerable adults. Members should be aware that many proprietary feeds and preparations contain Prohibited Substances (as defined below as do many foods such as chocolate. Prohibited Substances can be absorbed through the skin and they are also contained in some homeopathic remedies including calmers.

It is the responsibility of the Member having custody of a horse, particularly in the twenty four hours before a Show, to ensure that nothing is fed, administered or applied to a horse that contains a Prohibited Substance; ignorance is not an adequate defence.

The UK Ponies & Horses Limited Office is not authorised to give guidance, however UK Ponies & Horses Limited follows the Equine Prohibited Substances List ("EPSL") as published from time to time by the Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI"). For a list of the banned and controlled substances, please click the link below

<https://inside.fei.org/content/anti-doping-rules>

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

UK Ponies & Horses Limited values equestrian and membership diversity, and seeks to establish and maintain an environment within which competition is conducted, with fairness and equality wherein respect and tolerance for others is shown by all.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited values all equines and seeks to ensure a non-discriminatory showing environment with a "level playing field" for all.

The rules of UK Ponies & Horses Limited and the Conduct of Officers seek to establish and secure equality of competitive opportunity in all equine spheres.

All members are considered of equal status and valued. None are given privileges or exemptions regarding UK Ponies & Horses Limited rules and code of conduct.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited does not tolerate any offensive or discriminatory behaviour from any member towards Judges, Stewards or Officers nor between members.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited will not tolerate any discriminatory behaviour or language. This will include issues of Race, Faith, Culture, Gender, Sexuality, Age, Disability or Appearance.

Anyone found to be behaving in this way will be removed from the Register of Membership and lose all benefits and entitlements of Membership.

UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

The attention of Members and other persons is drawn to the disciplinary provisions of UK Ponies & Horses Limited whereby UK Ponies & Horses Limited. Has wide powers to discipline Members and other persons in the event of failure to observe any provisions of these Rules or any other regulations, rules and bylaws made by UK Ponies & Horses Limited.

The Rules are intended to ensure that Members compete against each other in UK Ponies & Horses Limited competitions under the fairest possible conditions but inevitably circumstances will arise which are not precisely covered. In such circumstances wherever possible the spirit of the Rules will be followed to produce the fairest result for Members.

All Members of UK Ponies & Horses Limited are bound by its Rules as amended from time to time and shall be deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof by reason of all or any of the following: -

- (a) Submission of a membership application form followed by acceptance of membership.
- (b) Submission of a request for annual renewal of membership followed by acceptance of such renewal.
- (c) Registration of a pony.
- (d) Registration of the lease/loan of a pony or its transfer.
- (e) Acceptance of registration as an Authorised Representative.
- (f) Any other act by a Member pursuant to the Rules of UK Ponies & Horses Limited.

Neither UK Ponies & Horses Limited nor any of its National or Area Officials or Judges accept any financial responsibility for its or their decisions.

No Member of UK Ponies & Horses Limited shall conduct himself in a manner or be guilty of behaviour which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of UK Ponies & Horses Limited and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) no Member shall behave in an offensive or abusive or unpleasant manner to any person at any show or at any other location where UK Ponies & Horses Limited business is being transacted or via social media or the internet or via any publication in whatever format or via any other written or electronic format.

Members' attention is drawn to the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Social Media and Internet Policy set out in this Handbook.

It is the duty of every Member to assist the officers of UK Ponies & Horses Limited in their investigations of breaches of the Rules and an unreasonable failure or refusal to assist any such officer in such investigation will itself constitute a breach of the Rules.

Members shall not ill-treat ponies at any time whether by misuse or excessive use of a whip or bit or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever and shall not cause or allow a pony to jump any hand held obstacle or to be rapped.

Members are responsible for the actions of any non-members who are Family Members (as defined below) or who are friends or friends of Family Members or who are employed by them or assisting, supporting or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf and any action or conduct of such non-member which would be a breach of the Rules were he a Member shall constitute a breach of the Rules by the Member concerned. Family Member shall include a spouse or civil partner, a partner, a direct descendant or ascendant of the Member or his spouse or civil partner, brothers, sisters or adopted children of the Member or his spouse or civil partner, or any other person who is part of the same household as the Member or is in the reasonable opinion of UK Ponies & Horses Limited a member of the Member's family in the widest sense

Failure to observe any of the rules may result in disqualification of the pony concerned and the institution of disciplinary proceedings by UK Ponies & Horses Limited against the person breaking the rules in accordance with UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rules. In the event of disqualification of a pony after a cup, rosette or prize money has been awarded, such cup, rosette or prize money must be returned forthwith to the Show or UK Ponies & Horses Limited as appropriate.

Any Owner, Rider, Producer (Member or Non-Member) or Horse/Pony that is banned or suspended for any period of time as a result of any disciplinary action taken by any Member Body of the Showing Council, may not compete in UKPH Affiliated classes, or apply for membership except at the discretion of the Board of UK Ponies & Horses. Any action taken by the Board of UK Ponies & Horses against any Owner, Rider, Producer or Horse/Pony may be shared with the other Member Bodies of the Showing Council. A full list of all Showing Council Member Bodies can be found at <http://theshowingcouncil.co.uk/member-bodies.asp>

Objections and Complaints any objection or complaint relating to the rules of a particular Show Executive should be made to that Show Executive in accordance with the procedure set out in such rules, except a complaint relating to a J.M.B. Certificate or a UK Ponies & Horses Limited Judge.

Members wishing to register an objection or complaint, whether it is against the Judge or Exhibitor or the organizer of a Show or otherwise, should write to the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Office. Two separate letters must be received from unrelated Adult members of different families and they must be received within fourteen days of the date of the event giving rise to the objection or complaint. THE LETTERS MUST BE SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY. The matter will then be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rules.

Whilst officiating a UK Ponies & Horses Limited Judge, Course Builder or Steward, when wishing to register an objection or complaint against a member, should write to the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Office. A Show Secretary wishing to register an objection or complaint against a Judge or member should write to the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Office. THE LETTER MUST BE SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY and must be received within fourteen days of the date of the event giving rise to the objection or complaint. The matter will then be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in the UK Ponies & Horses Limited Rules.

J.M.B. Objections Any dispute or complaint in respect of a J.M.B. Certificate must be referred to the J.M.B. Stewards and will be dealt with in accordance with their Rules. If an objection is lodged against a height certificate or UK Ponies & Horses Limited requests a re-measurement the pony must be re-measured within 21 days of the notification by the J.M.B. of the objection or request. Unless the pony is re-measured within this time its UK Ponies & Horses Limited registration will be withdrawn and the matter may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and the membership of the owner, at the time of the request for a re-measurement will be suspended. UK Ponies & Horses Limited have the right to request a measurement on any pony registered on an Annual J.M.B. Height Certificate whether or not it has been issued during the current year or on any Full Height Certificate. The pony must be measured at the owner's expense within 21 days of notification by UK Ponies & Horses Limited.

Unless the pony is measured within this time its UK Ponies & Horses Limited registration will be withdrawn and the matter may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and the membership of the owner, at the time of the request for a measurement will be suspended.

An animal that received an objection to its J.M.B. height certificate which is subsequently upheld will forfeit any previous qualification gained for H.O.Y.S, R.I.H.S, or UK Ponies & Horses Limited Championships Shows in the current year and the qualification will be passed to the next eligible exhibit with the eligible placings.

UK Ponies & Horses Limited have the right to request a measurement on any Heritage M&M pony whether or not it has a valid J.M.B Height Certificate. The pony must be measured at the owner's expense within 21 days of notification by UKPH. The Joint Measurement Board Limited, Hereford, HR1 9QQ Telephone Number – 01981 510201.

Email – admin@thejmbonline.co.uk. Website
– www.thejmbonline.co.uk

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE WELFARE OF HORSES & PONIES AT SHOWS & EVENTS

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1 Preface

1.1 In this code of practice 'horse/pony' refers to all equines and should, where the context allows, be taken to mean 'horse or horses, pony or ponies, donkeys or other equidae'.

2 General Conditions

- 2.1 This guidance has been developed by The British Horse Society (BHS) who have advised The Showing Council (TSC) in developing bespoke guidance for competitors/members/exhibitors competing in Member Body classes.
- 2.2 These guidelines have been produced to provide advice and support to members, competitors, show organisers, stewards, judges, volunteer assistants and spectators.
- 2.3 Under the Animal Welfare Act (2006), the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 and Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, (hereafter referred to as The Welfare Acts) every horse owner or those responsible for a horse have a duty of care to ensure the animal's well-being. Thus, causing suffering and ill treatment are no longer the only grounds for prosecution under animal welfare law. It is now an offence to fail to take adequate steps to ensure a horse's welfare, even if the animal is not yet at the point of suffering.
- 2.4 At all stages during the preparation and training of show horses, welfare must be absolutely paramount. This includes, but is not limited to, good horse management, training methods, farriery, use and fitting of tack and transportation.
- 2.5 Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health and condition before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that compromises welfare or safety and the use of aids. All Member Bodies are advised to have an anti-doping policy.

3 Health and Hygiene

3.1 The spread of equine disease is a perpetual risk when attending shows. Horse owners should act responsibly and not attend a show if there is a disease outbreak at their yard, even if the horse taken to the show does not appear ill. This is because some diseases have an incubation period of 14 days. For more information and guidance, please refer to the extensive information available on the BHS website and British Equestrian website. www.bhs.org.uk
www.britishequestrian.org.uk

- 3.2 As a minimum, we advise keeping up to date with equine influenza and tetanus vaccines. Check what the specific vaccination requirements are with the event organisers or relevant governing body. If your horse doesn't meet these requirements, you are unlikely to be allowed to attend and may be asked to leave the showground. Remember to check the vaccination rules of the venue if you are hiring equestrian facilities. Shows reserve the right to conduct spot-checks to check compliance with vaccination regulations set by the show organiser.
- 3.3 To prevent the spread of disease, horses should not share water buckets or be allowed to drink from shared troughs. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to provide their own feed and water equipment.
- 3.4 Competitors must be mindful of an increased disease risk when stabling horses away from home. Best practice would be to remove any pre-existing bedding.

4 Transport

4.1 Competitors must be aware of The Welfare of Animals During Transport Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005. You must have the necessary Transport Authorisation (and associated Certificate of Competence for horses) if you transport animals as part of an economic activity (a business or trade), for a distance over 65km.

You will need a:

- type 1 transporter authorisation for journeys over 65km and up to 8 hours
- type 2 transporter authorisation for journeys over 8 hours

You will need to contact APHA's Welfare in Transport team for an application pack:

APHA Website: www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha

Contact email for Welfare In Transport Team: WIT@apha.gov.uk

4.2 Economic activity is not defined in the regulations but would include anyone transporting horses for hire or reward or in the course of business or trade. This would therefore include those paid to transport horses to a show, and professional riders as this is part of a business.

4.3 General animal welfare provisions apply on all journeys. The horse must travel with its passport, be fit to travel, provided with feed, water and rest breaks as needed. The vehicle and loading/unloading facilities must be safe and designed to avoid injury and those handling the horse must be competent and not cause the animal fear or distress.

4.4 In adverse weather conditions, i.e., very hot temperatures or very cold temperature, those travelling horses must give consideration as to what time of day to travel horses and to minimise travel when temperatures are excessively high or excessively low.

5 Equine Identification

5.1 Horses being transported to a show must be accompanied by their up-to-date passport in accordance with Equine Identification regulations.

6 Welfare of Horses

6.1 Responsibilities of Owners/Keepers/Competitors

Overall responsibility for the horse lies with the individual who has charge of the horse on the day of the show. All those responsible for horses have a duty of care to take reasonable steps in all circumstances to meet the welfare needs to the extent required by good practice in terms of:

- need for a suitable environment
- need for a suitable diet
- need to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
- need to be housed with, or apart, from other animals
- Need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease.

6.2 Welfare Considerations

6.2.1 Sensory Whiskers

Sensory hairs are the hard hairs located on the horse's muzzle and around the eyes, also known as 'whiskers' that are used for sensation.

It is recommended that horses should not have whiskers trimmed or removed (other than for veterinary purposes or with a vet's certificate). Mares and Foals should present with no evidence of whiskers or sensory hairs removed. At some shows, this is a mandatory condition of entry for all equines, so please check individual show ruling.

6.2.2 Blood

On rare occasions a horse may injure itself traveling, being worked in or competing, or blood may be noticed from the mouth or nostrils or other parts of the horse's body. In these circumstances the competitor should not compete or cease competing and get their horse checked as soon as possible once blood has been noticed. The horse should be treated and where necessary the person responsible for the horse should seek veterinary advice and attention to ensure the animal can travel home or continue to compete in further classes on the day.

6.2.3 Obesity

Obesity in horses and ponies must be avoided and all horses exhibited should be fit for purpose for the event or class they are competing in. Having a horse which is obese is extremely detrimental to its welfare and horses carrying too much fat are at a significantly increased risk of developing serious health and welfare issues such as:

- Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS)
- Laminitis
- Arthritis
- Increase stress on the heart and lungs
- Increased risk of developmental orthopaedic (bone and joint) problems in young and growing horses
- More strain on feet, joint and limbs
- Less efficient cooling of body temperatures

Members of the Showing Council are committed to working with The Horse Trust Body Condition Awards and promoting the Equine Weight Forum Statement and Actions including education by body scoring horses and ponies at events.

6.3 Welfare of the horse while not competing

6.3.1 No horse should be left unattended unless they are in a stable, horsebox/trailer and, known to behave sensibly when ordinarily left in such a situation.

6.3.2 For safety reasons horses should not be left unattended tied to a horsebox/trailer.

6.3.4 The weather conditions will affect the welfare requirements of the horse. Those responsible for horses should make the necessary adjustments to safeguard welfare in adverse weather conditions. For example, limiting the horse's time in direct sunlight in very high temperatures and using rugs in very cold temperatures.

6.3.5 During wet weather, waterproof sheets can be worn while warming the horse up and kept over the horse's hindquarters until they enter the class. At the discretion of the judge, grooms may enter the ring to provide a waterproof sheet in inclement weather.

6.3.6 During hot weather, horseboxes and trailers can get very hot. If the horse is kept in the horsebox/trailer ensure any windows and roof vents are left open and the ramps are left down to maximise air flow.

6.3.7 No horse should be ridden or lunged for an extended period without sufficient breaks for rest, watering and feeding. Children or those less experienced should be supervised by a responsible adult to ensure that the horse receives adequate rest time.

6.4 Stabling

6.4.1 It is the responsibility of the person caring for the horse to ensure overnight provisions and stabling – in loose boxes where they have freedom of movement and availability of water - are in place on arrival at a show to avoid any horse being kept overnight on a trailer/horsebox. Pull out stables on Lorries, temporary pens, corrals etc. are not permitted.

6.5 Age and Gender of Horses

6.5.1 Horses under four years of age should not be ridden on the showground at any Show.

6.5.2 Where stallions are being exhibited, a stallion disc must be worn on the bridle and the rider/handler must be the correct age to compete or strip the horse in the ring and or lunge in accordance with the current and relevant Member Body Rule and Handbooks.

6.5.3 Pregnant mares are not permitted to compete under saddle without the prior agreement of a veterinary surgeon. No mare should be ridden under any circumstances after six months of gestation.

6.5.4 Mares with a living foal at foot, born during the current year may not be shown in ridden classes

6.6 Control of Horses

6.6.1 Young and/or inexperienced horses require quiet, confident handling and should be appropriately handled.

6.6.2 Stallions and colts should be handled and ridden by competent people only. The temperament of the stallion must be taken into consideration, and he should not be taken to a showground if he is likely to be a danger to anyone present. When being led, stallions must be led from a bit with reins or with a lead rein. If it is the opinion of the relevant Member Body that the stallion may cause an accident to any person or horse at the showground, the stallion will be disqualified and asked to leave the showground.

7 Conduct and Responsibilities

7.1 Conduct and Responsibilities of Competitors

- 7.1.1 Competitors must consider the Health and Safety of other competitors, spectators or those working or assisting at the show.
- 7.1.2 It is necessary for all exhibitors to carry Public Liability Insurance for an adequate indemnity to protect against their negligence including any injury caused by their animals or property.
- 7.1.3 When riding outside of the warm-up arena and show arena, competitors should remain in walk or trot. Where available, horses/ponies must be ridden in designated 'horse walks'; grooms and spectators must use the designated pedestrian walkway.
- 7.1.4 No competitor should behave in an inappropriate manner to any horse, judge, event staff, and members of the public or other competitors.
- 7.1.5 Under the Welfare Acts the parents/guardians of those under 16-years-old are responsible for the welfare of their children's horses/ponies.

7.2 Conduct and Responsibilities of Competitors in the Warm-up Arena

- 7.2.1 Riders and handlers should adhere to the rules of working in an arena while warming up, for example passing left-hand to left-hand.
- 7.2.2 Riders and handlers should recognise potential problems and keep a good distance from any individual having difficulties with their horse.
- 7.2.3 When jumping, in either the warm-up and show arenas no horse should jump a fence in the wrong direction.
- 7.2.4 Any horse that falls in the warm-up arena should only compete after the agreement of a veterinary surgeon.

7.3 Conduct and Responsibilities of Competitors in the Show Ring

- 7.3.1 Every competitor should behave in a safe and respectable manner at all times.
- 7.3.2 Competitors should follow instructions from the Show Steward and Judge.
- 7.3.3 The amount of work the horse undertakes should be in accordance with its age, experience, and fitness. All riders should be a suitable size for their horse whether in the ring, or working in. Riders working in ponies for other competitors or children must also be a suitable size for the pony and suitably mounted.
- 7.3.4 No one under the age of 12 years of age may enter the ring to groom, strip or handle the pony/horse. Those entering the ring must be suitably dressed

7.4 Conduct and Responsibilities of Spectators with regards to Horse Welfare

7.4.1 All children must be fully supervised.

7.4.2 If dogs are allowed on the showground, they must be kept on a lead, away from horses and appropriately controlled.

7.4.3 Spectators should not run, shout or cause excessive noise around the horses or arenas.

7.5 Use of the Whip

7.5.1 A rider/handler may carry a whip for safety and guidance purposes and limited to the backhand position only. When lunging, a lunge whip must only be used for safety and guidance purposes.

7.5.2 Legal action could be taken under the Welfare Acts should whip misuse occur.

7.6 Use of Spurs

7.6.1 Spurs may only be worn for safety and guidance purposes if permitted within the rules of the class – this includes the prior working in period.

7.6.2 Legal action could be taken under the Welfare Acts should spurs misuse occur.

7.7 Use of Tack and Equipment

7.7.1 Tack should always be fitted and used in a way that protects and safeguards welfare and safety of both horse and rider/handler. This applies at all times whilst on the event venue.

7.7.2 Legal Action could be taken under the Welfare Acts should tack misuse occur.

8 Provisions for Veterinary Treatment

8.1 The relevant Member Body carries out a risk assessment with specific regard to the provision of veterinary care.

8.2 At some events a veterinary surgeon may not actually be in attendance, the show organiser should ensure that a veterinary surgeon is available 'on-call' and within a reasonable driving time (suggested 20-30 minutes maximum).

Most Championship Shows have:

- Emergency lines of communication.
- Ensure proper access to the site and the ability to bring in equipment directly to the patient as efficiently as possible.
- Facilities available for dealing with simple injuries, for example a clean stable or other covered well-lit area and availability of clean water.
- Have ambulance for horses/ponies to be transported to a referral facility if necessary and where and how euthanasia is to be carried out if necessary.

8.3 Under the provisions of the Welfare Acts there is a degree of joint responsibility with organisers, but the owner or keeper of a horse/pony has prime responsibility for its welfare. It follows that the owner or keeper of a horse/pony:

- Should be clearly identified on the entry form.
- Should provide details of how they may be easily contacted in an emergency on the day of the event and if being stabled overnight.
- Should provide information on who has responsibility for making decisions about that horse/pony with regard to provision of emergency treatment, removal to a surgical facility and euthanasia.
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8.4 It is recommended that Member Bodies should provide appropriate farriery

RIHS QUALIFYING SHOWS 2024

Name	Start Date	Region
NPS Area 7	25 th February 2024	Bury Farm
NPS Area 13	2 ND March 2024	Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre
UK Ponies & Horses Spring Classic	16 th /17 th March 2024	Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre
Mid Herts Spring Show	24 th March 2024	Addington Manor Eq. Centre
NPS Area 28 Spring Show	29 th March 2024	Coombe Park Stables, Carmarthen
BSPS Area 7	30 th & 31 st March 2024	Aston le Walls Equestrian Centre
NCPA Lancs Spring Show	31 st March 2024	Warren Farm, Formby
NCPA Eastern Spectacular	1 st April 2024	Northern Racing College, Doncaster
South of England Spring	4 th & 5 th April 2024	Golden Cross Equestrian Centre, Sussex
NPS Area 14	6 th April 2024	Frenchies Farm Equestrian Centre, Essex
North of England	6 th & 7 th April 2024	Warren Farm, Formby
BSPS Wales	6 th & 7 th April 2024	Pencoed College
BSPS Winter Champs	12 th – 14 th April 2024	Arena UK, Grantham
North East Derbyshire	13 th April 2024	Speetley Equestrian Centre
BSPS Area 16	20 th April 2024	Trinity Park, Suffolk
The Three Shires Spring Show	21 st April 2024	Vale View Equestrian Centre
CHAPS Spring Show	21 st April 2024	Myerscough College (Small & Large Only)
North East Counties (BSPS Area 1a)	27 th April	Streatham Park, Co. Durham
NPS Spring Festival	27 th April 2024	Three Counties Showground (Intermediates & Amateurs only)
BSPS Area 4B	28 th April 2024	Newark Showground
BSPS Area 2b	11 th May 2024	Warren Farm

Nottinghamshire County Show	11 th May 2024	Newark Showground
NPS Area 25	12 th May 2024	Leyland Court Equestrian Centre
BSPS Are 13B	19 th May 2024	Chard Equestrian Centre, Somerset
NPS Area XI	19 th May 2024	Solihull Riding Club
BSPS Area 11	26 TH May 2024	Crofton Manor
Staffs County	29 th – 30 th May 2024	Staffs County Showground
Bath & West	1 st June 2024	Bath & West Showground
NPS Area 5	TBC	Bold Heath Equestrian Centre

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRIES



**UK PONIES & HORSES LIMITED
WORKING HUNTER PONY SHOW
11TH FEBRUARY 2024
NEWBOLD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**



**UK PONIES & HORSES
SPRING CLASSIC 2024
16TH & 17TH MARCH
ONLEY GROUNDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**

**UK PONIES & HORSES AUTUMN SHOW
25TH OCTOBER 2024
NEWBOLD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**

