

RULES FOR ALL HORSE AND PONY CLASSES 2024

PLEASE READ AND KEEP

- 1 Closing date for on-line and postal entries strictly **SUNDAY 30th June 2024. WE REGRET, NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. ONLY CLEAR ROUND AND CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ON THE DAY.**
- 2 Entries of £10 (excluding medical fee) will entitle the competitor to one gate entry ticket and one-horse vehicle pass; entries £20 and over (excluding medical fee) will entitle the competitor to a maximum of two gate entry tickets and one-horse vehicle pass. Anyone without a gate entry ticket will be charged for entry to the showground.
- 3 **Please ensure you have read the General Society Rules. Further information is available on the website – www.weetonshow.co.uk**
- 4 No postal entries accepted unless accompanied by correct entry fees and large first class stamped addressed A5 or larger envelope for returning numbers.
- 5 Competitor numbers must be worn at all times when mounted on the showground.
- 6 Following a fall in the ring, the horse and rider must both leave the ring and take no further part in that class.
- 7 Protective Clothing - It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that a correctly secured hat that meets the current safety standards is worn when riding on the showground or exercise areas. We strongly recommend the wearing of body protectors in all classes. Body protectors are compulsory for children in working hunter classes.
- 8 There is a compulsory payment of £2.00 for each competitor (exc. Class 40) to cover the provision of medical services.
- 9 All Equestrian activities present a high and inherent risk to both participants and bystanders. Neither the landowners or organisers of Weeton Show accept any responsibility whatsoever for any accident, injury, loss, damage or death to any person, animal or property. It is your responsibility to be suitably and adequately insured with £3 million public liability insurance recommended as a minimum. Entry or attendance to Weeton Show is done so at your own risk.
- 10 No lunging allowed anywhere on show ground, warm up in horse designated areas only - please remember many of the spectators are not used to horses.
- 11 All stallions or colts, of 3 years or over, must wear a bit or chifney at ALL times whilst on the show ground and must not be handled by any person under the age of 16 years. Stallions must have a white ribbon in their tail or a stallion disc displayed on their bridle.
- 12 In all classes, the judge's decision is final. Objections must be made in writing to the General Secretary with a deposit of £10. See Society Rule 15.
- 13 Cups and trophies remain the property of the Committee and are to be returned to the Trophy Secretary at least 5 weeks before the next show. To collect a trophy, the relevant slip needs providing. See Society Rule 18.
- 14 The Society will not be responsible for incorrect classification of exhibits. Please declare eligibility for specific special prizes on entry form.
- 15 Horse competitors should kindly note access will not be granted to any part of the showground (with or without horses) until 7am on Show Day. Access will be permitted only upon production of gate ticket and relevant vehicle pass. Passes are strictly non-transferable. Competitor numbers must also be clearly displayed at all times. Any contravention of these rules will result in admission refused and entries being cancelled without refund.
- 16 Please have your ticket with you at all times. It is a condition of horse and livestock entry that Exhibitors accept the number of passes allocated and agree to pay admission charges on entering the Show Field for all other persons accompanying them.
- 17 In the event of three (3) or less exhibitors in any Class, then the Society reserves the right to either cancel that Class or amalgamate with another Class or Classes.
- 18 The substitution of entries after the closing date will not be permitted, and no refunds will be given
- 19 As per the Equine Identification (England) Regulations 2018, it is now a legal requirement that all horses, ponies and donkeys are microchipped.
- 20 All exhibitors must ensure that when not partaking in a competition or parade, they confine their horses to the horse walks and horsebox parking area.
- 21 Prize money and appearance money must be collected from the Horse Secretary by 5pm on the Show Day or it will be forfeited. Prize money will **NOT** be posted or given after the event.
- 22 Incorrect or excessive use of whips or canes will not be tolerated and will lead to disqualification of all classes and will possibly affect future entries. No galloping is allowed on the showground.
- 23 In the interests of equine welfare, we request all riders to be of suitable size and weight for their horse or pony. Any deemed to be in excess may be disqualified.
- 24 The Society reserves the right to split or limit class sizes if necessary.

Judging will start in each ring promptly on completion of the previous class.

Competitors are advised to be on the field early, as it is impossible to say how long each class will take. Class timings are estimates only and subject to change. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they are on time for their class and to ensure that the classes which they are entering do not clash with others.

Judges cannot wait for you.

Classes may clash and refunds will not be given.

Important Biosecurity Measures

We ask that all competitors are considerate and ensure that their horse or pony is fully up to date with vaccinations. All participants are expected to exercise full and strict biosecurity. This includes avoiding horses touching other horses, not sharing equipment/water buckets etc and not touching horses that are not from the same yard/stable as yours.

Please note that neither vaccination certificates nor passports should be sent with entries prior to the event.

****ATTENTION** Please note that only the vehicle carrying the horse/pony will be allowed into the horse box park. You must ensure that all tack and equipment you require is in this vehicle before you enter the show field. No other vehicle will be permitted to accompany the horse box or car and trailer into the horse box park. This is to ensure sufficient parking is available for all competitors.**