



## **HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW - RULES**

Below are the general Rules and Regulations of the Horse of the Year Show. For specific rules appertaining to each class please refer to that class heading in this book. All Exhibitors competing at the Horse of the Year Show or its qualifiers shall be considered as having read the following regulations. Exhibitors must note that at the Horse of the Year Show final they will be subject to further practical rules and regulations relating to attending the event.

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. All ridden animals must be four years old and over. The age of an animal shall be calculated from the 1st January in the year of its birth.
2. An animal must be shown in the name under which it was originally registered with the AHS, BMS, BSHA, BSPS, CHAPS, NPS, Native Breed Stud Books, SHB(GB), BS or any other recognised passport issuing society.
3. Mountain and Moorland ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society Stud Books to compete in the Mountain and Moorland classes.
4. The identification of the animal must be in accordance with their National Passport, at all times.
5. Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Passports for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling.
6. Exhibitors must comply by the membership/registration requirements as set out in the class specific rules before the date of the show which they attend the qualifier.
7. Mares with a living foal born during the current season may not be shown in any ridden classes.
8. In the Final at HOYS riders in Lead Rein and First Ridden classes will not be asked to dismount; the ponies will not be stripped; however they will still be assessed for conformation. At qualifying shows First Ridden ponies will be stripped unless on health and safety grounds it is unsafe to do so. This will be agreed at the discretion of the organiser and judge.
9. No animal or rider may leave the ring without permission of the judge or ring steward.

10. No rider may ride more than one animal in a class except for the jumping phase of the Sport Horse(GB) Working Hunter class
11. Once a class has commenced there shall be no change of rider, except in a championship when a rider finds they have more than one exhibit eligible to compete. The substitute rider must be eligible for the class and the ring steward informed of the change of rider.
12. A fall of animal or rider whilst mounted in any class will result in disqualification and they MUST leave the ring dismounted. If an animal gets loose from its handler whilst in the ring it will also result in disqualification.
13. Animals displaying continued disobedience may at the discretion of the judges be disqualified.
14. In all classes the rider must complete all phases unless they have prior permission from the organisers.
15. On Health and Safety grounds all competitors must be in good general health and physically fit in order to take part. It is advised that any Competitors found to be under the influence of excess alcohol or drugs will be immediately disqualified. Grandstand Media Ltd reserves the right to randomly Drug and Alcohol test anyone thought to be in breach of this rule.
16. Correctly secured British Standard Skull Caps/Riding Hats Nos. PAS015, EN1384 (USA) ASTM F1163 that meet current Safety Standards **MUST** be worn by riders 18 years and under, riders competing in intermediate , Mountain and Moorland classes and riders in the jumping phase of the W.H.
17. A rider whose hat comes off will be disqualified with the exception of Bowlers, Hunting Caps and Top Hats where permitted, when it must be passed up from the ground. A rider, whose strap comes undone whilst competing must on penalty of disqualification, replace it or fasten it before continuing. The rider may stop without penalty to refasten the strap.
18. Correct dress should be worn in all classes as per the guidelines set out in the class rulings. Please note gaiters may be worn however Chaps are not permitted in any class.
19. Body protectors may be worn and are recommended whilst competing in WHP classes.
20. No ear rings, piercings, or visible jewellery should be worn
21. Mobile telephones, ear pieces and communication devices **MUST** not be used in the ring.
22. Spurs/dress spurs are not permitted in any pony classes.
23. Show canes are not to exceed 75cms (30") in pony classes. Hunting crops are permissible.

24. In Lead Rein and First Ridden classes, Reins must be of a normal length and not knotted or stitched together in a short loop. In Lead Rein classes the reins must not be attached to the saddle.
25. In Lead Rein classes handles on saddles are permitted.
26. Under no circumstances may tack be changed during the judging of a class.
27. If competing in a championship the same tack used in the class must be worn. Whips are not considered tack.
28. All Lead Rein and First Ridden ponies must be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle only with the exception of Mountain and Moorland First Ridden when they may use any suitable bridle.
29. Bit-less bridles and running gags are not permitted unless otherwise stated in the class specific rules.
30. In W.H./W.H.P. classes the use of any nosebands and martingales are permitted.
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  - a. All Working Hunter Pony classes - Boots of a plain colour only may be used for the jumping phase of Working Hunter Pony classes. The inside protection must be smooth, the hind boots fixations must be non-elastic Velcro, no hooks or straps may be used. The rounded rigid part of protection must be placed around the inside of the fetlock. No additional elements may be used in conjunction with the protection. Boots must be removed for the conformation section of the class. Boots are not permitted for any other classes.
  - b. Working Hunter classes (Horses) – No Hind boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm-up area or in the actual class.
32. No bandages or protective pads on any animal's legs or feet are permissible in any class
33. Only normal shaped shoes that do not cover the frog are permissible. Normal shaped open heeled plastic stick-on shoes are permissible. No Bar Shoes are allowed.

### **MEASUREMENT**

1. In height restricted classes the Rules on the measurement of animals are in accordance with the Joint Measurement Board (J.M.B.) Rule Book, copies may be obtained from the J.M.B. unless otherwise stated in the class specific rules
2. All animals in ridden height restricted classes (Mountain and Moorland classes exempt at qualifying rounds) will be required to be in possession of a JMB height certificate in accordance with regulations stated in the class specific rules. A copy of which must be submitted at time of Registration to the governing society.

3. All Animals competing in Mountain and Moorland Ridden, Mountain and Moorland WHP and Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein and First Ridden classes will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate for the final, a copy of which must be submitted at time of entry.
4. An animal which has qualified for the Horse of the Year Show which subsequently measures out of the class for which it has qualified, will then be ineligible to compete at any Horse of the Year Show qualifiers for the remainder of that season and previous qualification for that year will be rescinded. Any re-measurements must be completed at least seven working days before the commencement of the Horse of the Year Show. Any objection to a Height Certificate must be received by the JMB no later than 2 clear working days after the last Horse Of The Year Show qualifier
5. In the case of above the qualification will be passed to the next eligible exhibit with the eligible placing's.

#### **JUDGING OF CLASSES**

1. In all cases the judge's decision is final.
2. Animals must NOT be escorted beyond the entrance to the ring.
3. No person, including exhibitors, handlers or grooms should enter the ring at any time without the judges' permission. When permission is granted to enter the ring a person must be suitably attired and wear a hat at all times.
4. A class is deemed to have commenced when an animal enters the ring, if the judge is then present in the ring. If the judge is not present then the class shall commence when the judge enters the ring.
5. Exhibits will not be allowed into the ring after the ponies/horses have been asked to trot.
6. A class is deemed to be over when the judge has given permission for the class to leave the ring.
7. All ridden classes are to be judged using a marks system at the Horse of the Year Show. The details of how marks are to be allocated can be found in the class specific information. Details on marking system used in qualifying rounds to be found in the class specific information.
8. Marks must be recorded in ink; judges must not alter marks unless in extreme circumstances, if the marks are altered the Judge MUST sign the mark sheet.
9. Judges have the right to alter placings if an animal misbehaves after the marks have been awarded.

10. If a mistake in the marks is discovered, even after dismissing a class, it MUST be corrected and any qualification/result amended.

### Judges

1. Judges who accept to judge at the Final of the Horse of the Year Show will be asked specifically to adhere to Rules (i) and (ii). The other rules apply to the Final and the qualifying shows.

#### Final

Judges must not:

- (i) Own, produce or exhibit any horse/pony for any Horse of the Year Show qualifiers leading to the Championship class he/she is judging at Horse of the Year show in that year .
- (ii) Judge, own, produce or exhibit any horse or pony in any competition taking place at Horse of the Year Show on the same day as he/she is judging.

#### Qualifying shows and Final

(iii) Judge any horse/pony under the ownership or production of any person for which he/she, his/her partner or business partner has provided or obtained livery or had any other connection (business or otherwise) Since 1<sup>st</sup> January of the preceding year, stud fees are exempt as per society guidelines.

(iv) Judge any horse/pony that is or has been owned, bred, produced or exhibited by him/her, a relative, business partner or partner.

(v) Judge any rider who has shown a horse/pony owned or produced by him/her since the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the preceding year.

(vi) Judge any horse/pony owned or produced by a person from whom the judge has purchased horses/ponies or to whom he/she sold horses/ponies since 1<sup>st</sup> January of the preceding year in which he/she is judging.

(vii) Undertake any judging appointment in the same season for open classes which are the same as the final which he/she is judging at Horse of the Year Show.

2. Compete in any class and Judge a HOYS qualifier at the same show, on the same day. This also includes immediate family
3. If a judge has reasonable grounds for belief that any section of the above rulings are being contravened then the judge must ask the rider to leave the ring and the rider must withdraw.

4. Judges may only accept to judge qualifying shows in accordance with the guidelines as set out in the class specific guidelines. Judges may judge an additional qualifier, if shows have been let down at short notice, providing the show asks the governing society in the first instance or Horse of the Year Show for approval.
5. Judges will not ride ponies in Horse of the Year show classes.
6. In the event of a ride judge falling from an exhibit, they must not remount that exhibit in that class, that horse must be asked to leave the ring and will not be allowed to compete further in that class. In the event of a judge falling from an exhibit it is at that judge's discretion as to whether they feel fit to continue judging. In the event of the judge not being fit to continue riding, a replacement judge may be found or competitors will be asked to do an individual show. The organisers retain the right to over-ride a decision should they think the judge is un-fit to continue.
7. It is good judging practise to carry this Rule Book when judging Horse of the Year Show classes. It is essential to have a Rule Book for reference if any questions or problems on rules arise.
8. It is the duty of all Judges to understand and comply with these rules and to ensure they are fit and well to judge.
9. Judges who fail to observe Horse of the Year Show Rules or whose conduct in any respect shall be, in the opinion of the Horse of the Year Show derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Horse of the Year Show, will be referred to the relevant Governing Society/Societies for action and will be dealt with in accordance their rules and disciplinary procedure, a copy of which will be lodged with the Horse of the Year Show office.

#### **Horse of the Year Show Championship Show Administration**

All entries for Horse of the Year Show and Horse of the Year Show qualifying rounds must be submitted on the standardised Horse of the Year Show entry form.

Substitution or nomination entries are NOT permitted.

The person who pays for the entry is then deemed as the owner of that entry. Changes of ownership must be submitted in writing by the seller to the Horse of the Year Show office before any change to said entry is made.

All entries must be accompanied by full payment.

The winner of a Horse of the Year perpetual cup is held responsible for its safe return the following year. These trophies remain the property of Horse of the Year Show. Cups and trophies must be returned to Horse of the Year show by the date requested. Entries may not be accepted if any trophies belonging to Horse of the Year Show are not returned by the requested date.

All Exhibitors at Horse of the Year Show and qualifying rounds are bound by the Rules as detailed in this handbook. Horse of the Year Show reserves the right to amend these rules when required.

Exhibitors shall be deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof by submission of an entry to Horse of the Year Show or its qualifying rounds.

No Exhibitor shall conduct himself in a manner or be guilty of behaviour which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Horse of the Year Show and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) no behaviour of an offensive, abusive or unpleasant manner to any person at any show will be tolerated.

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

Failure to observe any of the rules may result in disqualification of the animal concerned and the instigation of disciplinary proceedings by Horse of the Year Show, against the person breaking the rules in accordance with the disciplinary procedure of Horse of the Year Show. In the event of disqualification any cup, rosette, prizes in kind or prize money will be forfeited.

The decision of Horse of the Year Show (including their employees, representatives and show officials) the Veterinary Surgeons and any Judges upon any of the matters required by the foregoing Rules to be decided or directed by any such persons or bodies including any question of height or soundness or want of merit or exclusion from final judging or granting of any permission or otherwise shall be final and binding in all respects and no objection shall be made on account thereof nor shall any appeal lie there from on any ground whatever.

Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to any Judge, Steward or to any Show Official on the part of the competitor groom, rider, driver or agent of an animal, will, at the discretion of such Official disqualify that animal from being judged, in which case entry fees, prizes and charges will be forfeited. Competitors are reminded of their responsibility for the actions of others within their party.

#### **DOPE TESTING**

Any horse or pony taking part in classes judged under the Rules of the Horse of the Year Show will be liable to Dope Testing in accordance with the Rules and Dope Testing procedure as laid down by any Society authorised by Horse of the Year Show. Should Horse of the Year Show subsequently, at any time, be advised by a governing body that a positive dope test carried out at Horse of the Year Show or its qualifying rounds has been recorded against an animal, Horse of the Year Show will automatically disqualify the animal concerned.

#### **COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE.**

1. At Horse of the Year Show qualifying rounds any complaint or appeal should be lodged in accordance to the procedure as set out by the society that qualifier is affiliated too.
2. At Horse of the Year Show Final any objection or protest is to be lodged by obtaining a printed Objection Form from the Equestrian Manager at the Show which must be completed

by and signed by the Objector and delivered to the Equestrian Manager for Showing competitions accompanied by a deposit of £250.00 in cash within an hour after the results have been announced in the arena, in respect of which the objection is lodged.

3. Horse of the Year Show is unable to accept objections involving Joint Measurement Board certificates.
4. The objection shall be determined by the Appeal Committee who may require and receive such evidence as they think fit and in particular may require the Objector or the Competitor in respect of which such objection was lodged to make a statutory declaration upon any question of fact concerning the matter of such objection. If the objection shall be determined against the Objector he shall also be liable to the Show for the amount of costs and expenses occasioned by the objection and the determination thereof, unless in the opinion of the Organisers who determine the objection there existed good and reasonable grounds for the objection, when they may order to the contrary.

### **Mountain and Moorland Section**

#### **MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND RIDDEN PONY OF THE YEAR**

This competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings, four years old and over, to be registered in the main body of their respective stud books. Part-breds are not eligible to compete.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

#### **Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies.
2. Riders (or Owners in cases of a junior member being the rider) must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register OR BSPS.
3. Qualification will not pass below 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

#### **Judging Guidelines.**

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) Mountain and Moorland panels, Breed Shows only may select from appropriate Breed Panel.

2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year

3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Show, freedom of action - 50 maximum

Breed, type, conformation - 50 maximum



In the case of equality, the pony with the highest show, freedom of action mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

### **Split Classes**

- (1) Where there are more than 20 entries forward in a class, the judges may split the class into sections according to the circumstances on the day.
- (2) For the final judging all ponies should be invited back into the ring and lined up in any order.
- (3) The highest placed animal (not already qualified) from the first three in the final judging will qualify for the Horse of the Year Show.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

### **Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein and First Ridden**

This class is open to Mountain and Moorland Mares and Geldings four years old and over registered in the main body of their respective Stud Books.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

#### **Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein - Ponies not to exceed 122cm (12.0hh) however ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but must not have attained their 9th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
2. Mountain and Moorland First Ridden- Ponies not to exceed 128cm (12.2hh) however ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies. Riders must have attained their 3rd and not have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
3. Riders and Owners must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS.
4. Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place.

#### **Judging Guidelines.**

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) Mountain and Moorland panels or Breed Panel.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Show, freedom of action - 50 maximum

Breed, type, conformation - 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest show, freedom of action mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

### **Split Classes**

1. Where there are more than 20 entries forward in a class, the judges may split the class into sections according to the circumstances on the day.
2. Each section must be marked and the top five ponies with the highest marks should go forward to a final judging. The marks are not to be displayed at this point and no rosettes awarded.
3. For the final judging the top ponies should be invited back into the ring and lined up in any order. No further show will be given.
4. The judges should then refer to their original marks. In the case of equality the pony with the highest show, freedom and action mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

### **PRP Rescue Services Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony**

This competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings, four years old and over, to be registered in the main body of their respective stud books.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

#### **Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies.
2. Riders and/or Owners in cases of a junior member being the rider must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS.
3. Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place.

### **Judge**

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) Mountain and Moorland panels or Breed Panel. Please forward a copy of the rules to each of your judges and your ring steward prior to your show.

Judges may only judge one HOYS M&M Working Hunter Pony qualifying competition in the current year and marks must be awarded as follows:

## PHASE I

(70 MARKS)

A: JUMPING POINTS 50 MARKS

B: STYLE WHILE JUMPING 20 MARKS

## PHASE II

(30 MARKS)

C: BREED TYPE & CONFORMATION 20 MARKS

D: INDIVIDUAL SHOW & MANNERS 10 MARKS

## PENALTIES

Jumping Knock Down: 10 penalties

First Refusal: 15 penalties

Second Refusal: 20 penalties

Third Refusal: Elimination

Fall of Pony or Rider: Disqualification

## Jumping Course Guidelines

Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter ponies must jump a 12 fence track. Please note the fence height guidelines shown below which must be enforced for each section.

Qualifier Height	Fence Heights		Spread (Max)
	(Min)	(Max)	
Not exc. 122cm	55 cm	70cm	55cm
Exc. 122cm but not exc. 133cm	65cm	80cm	65cm
Exc. 133cm but not exc. 143cm	75cm	90cm	75cm
Exc. 143cm	85cm	100cm	85cm

At the final the height and width of fences for the Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony classes may be increased by approximately 5cm - 10cm from the qualifying height. This will be at the discretion of the Course Builder on the day. Please see **guideline** heights below.

	Fence Heights		
Final Height	(Min)	(Max)	Spread (Max)
Not exc. 122cm	60 cm	75cm	60cm
Exc. 122cm but not exc. 133cm	70cm	85cm	70cm
Exc. 133cm but not exc. 143cm	80cm	95cm	80cm
Exc. 143cm	90cm	105cm	90cm

In the event of equality the TOTAL MARK from Phase 1 will take precedence, followed by the Manners Mark, and then the Breed Type Mark.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

### **PLAITED PONY SECTIONS**

#### **Intermediate Show Hunter of the Year**

This Competition is open to mares or geldings 4 years old and over. This class will be run under the Showing Rules of Horse of the Year Show.

#### **Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Animals must exceed 148cm but not exceeding 158cm. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
2. Horses must be registered with of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
3. Riders and Owners must be members of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
4. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

#### **Judging Guidelines.**

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) relevant panels.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum  
Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest Manners & Way of Going mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

### **Children's Riding Pony of the Year**

This competition is open to ponies, four years old or over, mares and geldings. These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

- Section A Ponies not exceeding 128cm. Riders not to have attained their 13th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- Section B Ponies exceeding 128cm and not exceeding 138cm. Riders not to have attained their 15th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- Section C Ponies exceeding 138cm and not exceeding 148cm. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

### **Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Ponies must be registered with of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
2. Riders and Owners must be members of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register , OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
3. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

### **Judging Guidelines.**

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) relevant panels.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum  
Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest Manners & Way of Going mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

### **Intermediate Show Riding Type of the Year**

This competition is open to mares or geldings, 4 years old and over. These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

Section A	Mare or gelding exceeding 146cm but not exceeding 153cm
Section B	Mare or gelding exceeding 153cm but not exceeding 158cm

#### **Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
2. Horses must be registered with of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
3. Riders and Owners must be members of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
4. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

#### **Judging Guidelines**

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) relevant panels.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum

Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest Manners & Way of Going mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

### **Show Hunter Pony of the Year**

This competition is open to mares and geldings four years old or over. These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

This class is divided into four sections as follows

Section A	Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Section B	Ponies exceeding 122cm and not exceeding 133cm. Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Section C	Ponies exceeding 133cm and not exceeding 143cm. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Section D	Ponies exceeding 143cm and not exceeding 153cm. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

**Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Ponies must be registered with of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
2. Riders and Owners must be members of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
3. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Judging Guidelines.

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) relevant panels.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum

Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest Manners & Way of Going mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

**Lead Rein Pony of Hunter Type of the Year**

This competition is open to mares and geldings four years old or over. These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book. Obstacles must be used in both the qualifying rounds and the final.

**Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
2. Obstacles will be used in the qualifying rounds and the final.
3. Ponies must be registered with of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.

4. Riders and Owners must be members of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
5. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

#### Judging Guidelines.

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) relevant panels.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum

Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest Manners & Way of Going mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

#### **Working Hunter Pony of the Year**

This competition is open to mares and geldings four years old or over. These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

This class is divided into four sections as follows:

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| Section A | Ponies not exceeding 133cm. Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.                     |
| Section B | Ponies exceeding 133cm and not exceeding 143cm. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year. |
| Section C | Ponies exceeding 143cm and not exceeding 153cm. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year. |
| Section D | Ponies exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. |

#### **Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Ponies may enter only for Section C OR Section D above (not both) in accordance with BSPS ruling
2. Ponies must be registered with of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
3. Riders and Owners must be members of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
4. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.



## FENCES FOR WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES

Qualifier Height	Fences (Min)	Height (Max)	Spread (Min)	Spread (Max)
Not exc. 133cm	75cm	90cm	70cm	100cm
Exc. 133cm but not exc. 143cm	85cm	100cm	80cm	110cm
Exc. 143cm but not exc. 153cm	90cm	105cm	85cm	115cm
Intermediate	100cm	115cm	95cm	125cm

The height and width of fences for the Working Hunter Pony classes may be increased by approximately 5cm - 10cm from the qualifying height at the final. This will be at the discretion of the Course Builder on the day. Please see guideline heights below.

Section	Height (Min)	Height (Max)	Spread (Min)	Spread (Max)
133cm	85cm	100cm	80cm	110cm
143cm	95cm	110cm	90cm	120cm
153cm	100cm	115cm	95cm	125cm
Intermediate	110cm	125cm	105cm	135cm

### Judging Guidelines.

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) relevant panels.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

#### PHASE I

(70 MARKS)

A: JUMPING POINTS 50 MARKS

B: STYLE WHILE JUMPING 20 MARKS

#### PHASE II

(30 MARKS)

C: CONFORMATION TYPE AND FREEDOM OF ACTION 20 MARKS

D: MANNERS 10 MARKS

#### PENALTIES

Jumping Knock Down: 10 penalties

First Refusal: 15 penalties

Second Refusal: 20 penalties

Third Refusal: Elimination

Fall of Pony or Rider: Disqualification

In the event of equality the TOTAL MARK from Phase 1 will take precedence, followed by the Manners Mark, and then the CONFORMATION MARK.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

### **Mini Show Pony of the Year**

This competition is open to mares and geldings four years old or over. These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

Section A        First Ridden - Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Section B        Leading Rein - Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

### **Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Ponies must be registered with of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
2. Riders and Owners must be members of NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register, OR BSPS and a copy of a valid JMB height certificate lodged.
3. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

### **Judging Guidelines.**

1. Judges, may be selected from NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) relevant panels.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum

Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest Manners & Way of Going mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

## Hacks, Cobs and Riding Horses

### MAXI COB OF THE YEAR

This competition is open to mares and geldings, four years old or over, that must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

#### Additional Rules as follows:

1. Horses must exceed 155cms.
2. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association.
3. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship Show.

#### Judging Guidelines:

1. Judges must be selected from the BSHA Full Judges Panel only.
2. Judges may only judge two qualifiers during the current year and these two appointments must be a minimum of 100 miles apart.

3. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest Conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.

Split Classes:

1. Where there are more than 20 entries forward in a class, the judges may split the class into sections according to the circumstances on the day.
2. For the final judging all Horses should be invited back into the ring and lined up in any order.
3. The highest placed animal (not already qualified) from the first five in the final judging will qualify for the Horse of the Year Show.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

### COB OF THE YEAR

This competition is open to mares and geldings, four years old or over, that must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

#### Additional Rules as follows:

4. Lightweight Cob must exceed 148cms but not exceed 155cms, to be capable of carrying up to 14 stone.

5. Heavyweight Cob must exceed 148cms but not exceed 155cms, to be capable of carrying more than 14 stone.
6. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association.
7. Qualification will not pass below 5<sup>th</sup> place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship Show.

**Judging Guidelines:**

1. Judges must be selected from the BSHA Full Judges Panel only.
2. Judges may only judge two qualifiers during the current year and these two appointments must be a minimum of 100 miles apart.
3. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way  
Ride - 50 maximum  
Conformation - 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest Conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.

**Split Classes:**

1. Where there are more than 20 entries forward in a class, the judges may split the class into sections according to the circumstances on the day.
2. For the final judging all Horses should be invited back into the ring and lined up in any order.
3. The highest placed animal (not already qualified) from the first five in the final judging will qualify for the Horse of the Year Show.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

**RIDING HORSE OF THE YEAR**

This competition is open to mares and geldings, four years old or over, that must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

**Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Small Riding Horse must exceed 148cms but not exceed 158cms.
2. Large Riding Horse must exceed 158cms.
3. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association.

4. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship Show.

**Judging Guidelines:**

1. Judges must be selected from the BSHA Full Judges Panel only.
2. Judges may only judge two qualifiers during the current year and these two appointments must be a minimum of 100 miles apart.
3. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest Conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.

**Split Classes:**

1. Where there are more than 20 entries forward in a class, the judges may split the class into sections according to the circumstances on the day.
2. For the final judging all Horses should be invited back into the ring and lined up in any order.
3. The highest placed animal (not already qualified) from the first five in the final judging will qualify for the Horse of the Year Show.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

**HACK OF THE YEAR**

This competition is open to mares and geldings, four years old or over, that must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

**Additional Rules as follows:**

1. Small Hack must exceed 148cms but not exceed 154cms.
2. The Stennett Family Large Hack must exceed 154cms but not exceed 160cms.
3. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association.
4. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship Show.

**Judging Guidelines:**

1. Judges must be selected from the BSHA Full Judges Panel only.
2. Judges may only judge two qualifiers during the current year and these two appointments must be a minimum of 100 miles apart.
3. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum

Show – 25 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest Conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.

Split Classes:

1. Where there are more than 20 entries forward in a class, the judges may split the class into sections according to the circumstances on the day.
2. For the final judging all Horses should be invited back into the ring and lined up in any order.
3. The highest placed animal (not already qualified) from the first five in the final judging will qualify for the Horse of the Year Show.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

### **SHOW HUNTER OF THE YEAR**

For hunters, mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, to be ridden.

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

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| Section A | Lightweight hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying up to 12 stone 7lbs             |
| Section B | Middleweight hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying from 12 stone 7lbs to 14 stone |
| Section C | Heavyweight hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying more than 14 stone              |

Additional Rules

1. The owners and riders of the hunters entered from the United Kingdom must be members of the Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain, and all entries must be registered on the 2013 SHB(GB) Show Hunter Register.
2. Entries in this class may not compete in the Small Show Hunter of the Year, and vice versa.
3. The highest placed unqualified horse at any one of the qualifying shows in an Open Hunter Class listed in the 2013 SHB(GB) members handbook in the first four will qualify. No horse placed lower than fourth will qualify.
4. Qualified horses from Ireland are also eligible to compete provided they and their owners and riders are registered with the SHB(GB).
5. Competitors must enter their horses in the appropriate sections, but section A will be judged first, and the judges shall have the power to transfer exhibits to section B or C if they deem it necessary.

6. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest Conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.

### **LADIES HUNTER OF THE YEAR**

For hunters, mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, to be ridden side-saddle by ladies.

#### **Additional Rules**

1. The owners and riders of the hunters must be members of the Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain, and all entries must be registered on the 2013 SHB(GB) Show Hunter Register.
2. The highest placed unqualified horse at any one of the qualifying shows in a Ladies Hunter class listed in the 2013 SHB(GB) members handbook in the first four will qualify. No horse placed lower than fourth will qualify.
3. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest Conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.

### **CUDDY WORKING HUNTER OF THE YEAR**

For Working Hunters, any weight, mares or geldings or stallion (competing stallions must have a red, white and blue ribbon displayed in their tail) four years old or over, exceeding 148cm, to be ridden.

#### **Additional Rules**

1. Grade A Show Jumpers and Advanced Eventers are not eligible to compete except those upgrading after 3rd September 2013.
2. Working Hunters entered from the United Kingdom must be owned and exhibited by members of Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain.
3. All entries must be registered on the 2013 Show Hunter Register.
4. The highest placed unqualified horse at any one of the qualifying shows listed in the 2013 SHB(GB) members handbook in the first four will qualify. No horse placed lower than fourth will qualify.

5. In the case of two classes (ie Lightweight & Heavyweight) from the Championship class, the Champion will qualify. In the event of the first placed horse already having qualified, the second horse will qualify. In the event of the second placed horse already having qualified, then the third placed horse will qualify. No horse lower than fourth place will qualify.
6. Fences will not exceed 1.20m (4ft) in height. This class will be judged in two parts. Part One (Jumping) will be judged first, without a jump-off. The best 14 rounds will go forward to the next part.
7. Marks must be awarded in the following way

#### PHASE I

(60 MARKS)

A: JUMPING POINTS	40 MARKS
B: STYLE WHILE JUMPING	20 MARKS

#### PHASE II

(40 MARKS)

C: CONFORMATION	20 MARKS
D: RIDE	20 MARKS

#### PENALTIES

Jumping Knock Down: 10 Faults

First Refusal: 15 Faults

Second Refusal: 20 Faults

Third Refusal: Elimination

Fall of Pony or Rider: Elimination

Landing with Fore Feet in water: 10 Faults

In the event of equality the CONFORMATION MARK from Phase 2 will take precedence, followed by the Ride Mark, and then the Style MARK.

#### **SMALL SHOW HUNTER OF THE YEAR**

For Small Hunters, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, to be ridden.

#### Additional Rules

1. The owners and riders of the Small Hunters entered from the United Kingdom must be Members of Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain, and all entries must be registered on the 2013 SHB(GB) Show Hunter Register. Entries in this Class may not compete in the Show Hunter of the Year, and vice versa.
2. The highest placed unqualified horse in any Small Hunter Class at one of the qualifying shows listed in the 2013 SHB(GB) members handbook in the first four will qualify. No horse placed lower than fourth will qualify.



3. Qualified horses from Ireland are also eligible to compete provided they and their owners and riders are registered with the SHB(GB).
4. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest Conformation mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.

### **ARAB HORSE SOCIETY RIDDEN PUREBRED ARAB OF THE YEAR**

Open to horses qualified in open ridden classes at a qualifying show in 2013. To qualify the highest placed horse, previously unqualified, in the first four in a single sex class will qualify. In a mixed sex class the highest placed of each sex, previously unqualified, in the first five, will qualify. Owners of qualified horses must be members of the Arab Horse Society and the horse registered in their owner's name.

These classes will be judged under Arab Horse Society rules. However, should there be a conflict between these rules and the 'General Rules & Regulations' of Horse of the Year Show as printed in this schedule, the latter will prevail.

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

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| Section A | Hutchinson's Domestic Staff Ridden Purebred Arab Gelding |
| Section B | Barley Hill Arabians Ridden Purebred Arab Stallion       |
| Section C | Al-Waha Stud Ridden Purebred Arab Mare                   |

#### **METHOD OF JUDGING**

1. The whole section will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. The section will be split into two halves, one half will remain for one judge to ride the exhibits, while at the same time the other half will be judged for conformation, action in hand, soundness and type. The halves will then change places until all have been judged in both phases.

### **COLOURED HORSE & PONY OF THE YEAR SPONSORED BY CHAPS (UK)**

All exhibits must be in possession of a current CHAPS UK Horse of the Year Show competition number, for height restricted exhibits a copy of JMB must have been lodged with CHAPS UK Admin. This competition is open to mares, geldings and CHAPS UK graded stallions, four years old or over, that must be registered with the Coloured Horse and Pony Society. Stallions are required to wear stallion discs in order to compete.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in this rule book.

This class will be divided into four sections as follows:

- Section A Ridden Non-Native Ponies up to and including 153cm
- Section B Ridden Non-Native Horses exceeding 153cm
- Section C Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Ponies up to and including 148cm
- Section D Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Horses exceeding 148cm

**Additional Rules as follows:**

1. No spurs when ridden by a junior rider or by any rider competing in the pony sections (Non Native not exceeding 153cms, Native/Cob/Trad not exceeding 148cms)
2. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the Coloured Horse and Pony Society.
3. Qualification will be awarded to the highest place exhibit not already qualified from within the first five placings.
4. No qualification cards will be issued in the ring. Qualifiers will be notified directly by CHAPS UK Admin.
5. ALL horses/ponies must be produced for the finals in the same type category to which they qualified.
6. Failure to comply with ANY of the rules will result in the forfeit of the qualifying place.

**Judging Guidelines:**

1. Judges must be selected from the CHAPS UK Horse of the Year Show Judges Panel only.
2. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
3. Marks must be awarded in the following way
  - Ride - 50 maximum
  - Conformation - 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the horse with the highest ride/performance mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the Judges' decision will be final.