

GUIDANCE NOTES ON THE BRITISH RIDING PONY STALLION INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Stallions should be a minimum of 2 years old and already hold an NPS Stallion licence or accepted equivalent. The stallion must be shown in a snaffle bridle. They must not wear boots or bandages.

The order of presentation will be sent to you prior to the date of the show, together with a full timetable, which will usually be as follows (these notes are advisory only):

1. Presentation on the hard

Stand up your stallion in front of the judges until asked to move him. Usually walked away and back, then trotted away and back, then stood up again.

2. Show on the triangle

Bring the stallion into the arena and stand him up in front of the judges until asked to move. Walk the stallion around the triangle, then trot him around the triangle of flower boxes and poles on the ground.

3. Immediately after 2, loose show

The stallion is let loose and expected to show his trot and canter paces. When asked, catch the stallion and re-present him in front of the judges.

4. Group show

The stallions enter together as a group. They are led at walk around the arena, whilst the judges confer and finalise their marks. Do not forget that the stallion is under judgement at all times! Many a half mark can be lost for the walk at this stage.

5. Results

Each stallion in turn will come forward to the judges and receive their marks and feedback. The marks are confidential to the stallion owner and NPS Office. A hard copy of the marks and comments will be sent to the stallion owners after the show.

MARKING SYSTEM

Marks are awarded out of 10 for the following:

Type (See note below)

Conformation (body)

Conformation (legs)

Walk

Trot

Canter

Overall Impression

The marks out of 10 have the following general meaning:

10 exceptional

9 very good

8 good

7 fairly good

6 satisfactory

5 sufficient

4 insufficient

Note: The BRP breed standard for sport/competition is as follows: –

The Sports Pony should have the structure, quality, bone, substance and movement expected of a really high class competition animal for dressage, jumping or eventing whilst retaining pony characteristics. Sports Ponies should have an athletic action and purposeful way of going.

Please also note this assessment is on a voluntary basis and is not compulsory for licensing a BRP stallion with the NPS.



BRITISH RIDING PONY STALLION INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT ENTRY FORM

Stallion Name	
Registration Number	
Stallion Licence Number	
Height	
Owner's Name	
Owner's NPS Members Number	
Owner's Address	
Owner's Email	
Owner's Phone Number	

The assessment will be held in the morning on Tuesday 24th August 2021 at Solihull Riding Centre, Four Ashes Rd, Bentley Heath, Dorridge, Solihull B93 8QE. Times will be allocated after close of entry.

Closing Date for entries - **Monday 9th August 2021**

Please email this form to studbook@nationalponysociety.com or post to National Pony Society, Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG together with your entry fee of £50

Places are strictly limited and will be accepted on a 1st come, 1st served basis.

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Signature of Owner or Agent