



HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

RULES 2017

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Herein are the general Rules and Regulations of Horse of the Year Show (4th to 8th October 2017). For specific rules appertaining to each class please refer to that class heading in this book. All exhibitors/riders/owners/producers/judges participating at Horse of the Year Show or its qualifiers shall be considered as having read and understood the following regulations.

All Horse of the Year Show qualifiers are to be run under these rules, whether or not a Horse of the Year Show qualifying class is also a qualifier for a different society championship.

All exhibitors/riders/owners/producers/judges at Horse of the Year Show and qualifying rounds are bound by the Rules as detailed in this Rule Book. Horse of the Year Show reserves the right to amend these rules when required. Exhibitors/riders/owners/producers 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.

Exhibitors/riders/owners/producers must note that at the Horse of the Year Show they will be subject to further practical rules and regulations relating to attending the event.

In this Rule Book (Definitions)

- i) Exhibitors means and includes where appropriate; riders, owners, handlers and producers; and
- ii) Horse of the Year Show means and includes where appropriate Grandstand Media Limited.

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GENERAL RULES

1) HORSES/PONIES

- a) 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.
- b) An animal must be shown in the name under which it was originally registered with the Arab Horse Society, British Miniature Horse Society, British Show Horse Association, British Show Pony Society, Coloured Horse And Pony Society, National Pony Society, Native Breed Stud Books, Sport Horse Breeding(GB), British Showjumping or any other recognised passport issuing society.
- c) 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.
- d) The identification of the animal must be in accordance with their National Passport, at all times.
- e) Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Passports for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the passport must be in the name of the legal owner. Spot checks may be carried out at certain shows.
- f) In the case of a lease agreement, the legal owner and lessee must be aware of and remain responsible for all past and present connections.
- g) Mares with a living foal born during the current season may not be shown in any ridden classes.

2) CLASS CONDUCT

- a) 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(s).
- b) No animal or rider may leave the ring without permission of the judge and ring steward.
- c) No rider may ride more than one animal in a class except for the jumping phase of the Working Hunter Horse class (please see specific class guidelines).
- d) All exhibits are to enter the arena on the same rein.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) Animals displaying continued disobedience may, at the discretion of the judges, be disqualified.
- h) In all classes, all competitors must complete all phases, unless they have a dispensation card from their relevant society. Riders must be mounted for the presentation of rosettes.

- i) At the Horse of the Year Show and qualifying shows, all Hunters, including Small Show Hunters and Ladies Side Saddle are barred from entry in the Hack and Riding Horse classes at the same Show on the same day and vice versa.
- j) Mobile telephones, ear pieces and communication devices must not be used in the ring.

3) EXHIBITORS

a) Membership Requirements

- i) Exhibitors must comply by the membership/registration requirements as set out in the class specific rules before the date of the show at which they attend the qualifier.

b) Exhibitor Conduct

- i) 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.
- ii) Exhibitors and competitors must not exhibit a horse under a Judge in circumstances that could constitute a breach of these rules. It is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor/competitor to make themselves aware of these rules and their eligibility to compete. Exhibitors/competitors are required to withdraw from a class if their participation in it is in conflict with any, for the purposes of this rule a judge has an interest in an exhibit if he/she has: Any horse/pony under the ownership or production of any person for whom he/she, his/her partner or business partner has provided or obtained livery or had any other connection (business or otherwise) since 1st January of the preceding year. Stud fees are exempt as per society guidelines. Any horse/pony that is or has been owned, bred, produced, trained or exhibited by him/her, a relative, business partner or partner (NB: Group teach-ins and demos are exempt). Any rider who has shown a horse/pony owned, produced or trained by him/her since the 1st January of the preceding year. (NB: Group teach-ins and demos are exempt)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 1st January of the preceding year in which he/she is judging.
- iii) 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 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.
- iv) No person shall ill-treat animals at any time whether misuse/excessive use of a whip, bit, spurs or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever.
- v) 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.
- vi) 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.

vii) 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 animals, 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.

c) Age

i) Riders and handlers of stallions must have obtained their 12th Birthday (small breeds) or 14th birthday (large breeds) before 1st January in the current year with the exception of the British Ridden Heavy Horses where riders of stallions must have obtained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

d) Riding Hats

- i) Correctly secured British Standard Skull Caps/Riding Hats that meet current approved BSI or European 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 Working Hunter Horse/Pony.
- ii) A rider whose hat comes off will be disqualified.
- iii) 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.

e) Dress

- i) All riders when competing must be suitably attired for the Class or Championship as per the guidelines set out in the specific class rulings. Please note gaiters may be worn however chaps are not permitted in any class or championship.
- ii) Body protectors may be worn and are recommended whilst competing in Working Hunter Pony classes.

f) Jewellery

- i) No earrings, piercings, or visible jewellery should be worn.

g) Tack/Equipment

- i) Under no circumstances may tack be changed during the judging of a class.
- ii) If competing in a Championship or Supreme Championship the same tack used in the class must be worn. Whips are not considered tack.
- iii) Show canes are not to exceed 75cms (30") in pony classes. Hunting crops are permissible.
- iv) Spurs/dress spurs are not permitted in any pony classes.

- v) Bitless bridles and running gags are not permitted unless otherwise stated in the class specific rules.
- vi) Bandages or protective pads are not permissible on any animal's legs or feet in any class.
- vii) **Competitors must only use tack or spurs permissible in the ring whilst on the showground and mounted.**

(Lead Rein/First Ridden/Junior)

- viii) In Lead Rein classes, handles on saddles are permitted.
- ix) In Lead Rein, First Ridden or Junior classes, reins must be of a normal length and not knotted together or stitched together into a short loop. In Lead Rein classes the reins must not be attached to the saddle and must run directly from the bit to the child's hands with no interruption.
- x) In lead rein classes the lead rein must only be attached to the noseband.
- xi) 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.

(Working Hunter (W.H) /Working Hunter Pony (W.H.P)

- xii) In W.H. /W.H.P. classes the use of any nosebands and martingales are permitted.
- xiii) Working Hunter classes for BOTH ponies and horses – No Hind boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm-up area or in the actual class.

h) Shoeing

- i) 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, pads or gel pads are allowed.

4) HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW ENTRIES/ADMINISTRATION

- a) All entries for Horse of the Year Show and Horse of the Year Show qualifying rounds must be submitted through the Grandstand Online Entries System (<http://www.grandstandentries.com>) or on the standardised Horse of the Year Show paper entry form as applicable. Incomplete entry forms will be returned.
- b) Substitution or nomination entries are NOT permitted.
- c) The person who pays for the entry is then deemed as the owner of that entry.
- d) No entry will be accepted without the full fee. In the event of returned cheques or otherwise, an administration fee will be charged and the entry refused until full payment has been made. Failure to exhibit will entail forfeiture of entry fees and charges for stabling, passes and horsebox parking if appropriate.
- e) Trophies/Cups
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

f) Change of Ownership

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.

5) MEASUREMENT

- a) In height restricted classes, unless otherwise stated in the specific class rules, the rules on the measurement of animals are in accordance with the Joint Measurement Board (JMB) Rule Book, which can be obtained from the Joint Measurement Board Ltd, PO Box 322, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0WS or www.thejmbonline.co.uk (Tel: 01293 862101). The JMB Rules include a list of official measurers and the fees required. Measurements can be made throughout the year; all Annual Height certificates expire on the 31st December.
- b) All animals in ridden height restricted classes (Mountain and Moorland Pony 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 valid JMB number** must be submitted at time of registration to the relevant society. Please note: From 2017 all Ridden Partbreds will require a JMB certificate at qualifying rounds.
- c) All Animals competing in Mountain and Moorland Ridden, Mountain and Moorland WHP and, Mountain and Moorland Junior Ridden 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 valid JMB number** must be submitted at time of entry.
- d) Ponies competing in ridden height restricted classes, that are resident in Ireland, may submit a copy of their current/valid IPS height certificate at the time of registration to one of the relevant societies. All ponies resident in Ireland must be **in possession of and submit a current/valid JMB number to for the final.**
- e) Any objection to a Height Certificate must be received by the JMB no later than two clear working days after the last Horse of the Year Show qualifier. Any re-measurements must be completed at least seven working days before the commencement of Horse of the Year Show.
- f) If an objection to a Height Certificate is submitted to the JMB, the horse must be presented for measurement within 20 working days. Any animal that is re-called for re-measurement by the JMB and does not attend the re-measurement as requested shall, at the discretion of Horse of the Year Show, be unable to compete at the final.
- g) **If case (f) occurs it will be at the discretion of Horse of the Year Show if qualification will be passed to the next eligible exhibit with the eligible placings.**
- h) An animal which has qualified for 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.

- i) If case (h) occurs the qualification will be passed to the next eligible exhibit with the eligible placings.
- j) The animal's height must fall within the height restrictions of the class on the day of competition.

6) JUDGING OF CLASSES

- a) In all cases the judge's decision is final.
- b) Ridden animals must NOT be escorted beyond the entrance to the ring.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) Exhibits will not be allowed into the ring after the ponies/horses have been asked to trot.
- f) Exhibitors are under the jurisdiction of the judge(s) until asked to leave the line, after rosettes have been presented. Judges should consider behaviour at prize giving and should take action if appropriate.
- g) All ridden classes are to be judged using a marks system at 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.
- h) 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 and initial the alteration.
- i) Judges have the right to alter placings if an animal misbehaves after the marks have been awarded.
- j) If a mistake in the marks is discovered, even after dismissing a class, it MUST be corrected and any qualification/result amended.
- k) Where there are more than 26 entries forward, **with the exception of the British Ridden Heavy Horse where if there are more than 20 entries forward**, in a ridden class the judges should:
 - i) Split the class into sections according to the circumstances on the day.

- ii) Each section is judged and the marks are not to be displayed at this point and no rosettes awarded
- iii) For the final judging all horses/ponies should be invited back into the ring and lined up in any order. No further show will be given.
- iv) The highest placed animal (not already qualified) from the first three or five (dependant on the specific class ruling) in the final judging will qualify for Horse of the Year Show

7) JUDGES

a) Requirement of Judges

Horse of the Year Show reserves the right in its absolute discretion to not appoint judges for Horse of the Year Show qualifiers and the Final.

Judges must make themselves fully conversant with the Rules and Recommendations of the Association/Society that they are members of, and Horse of the Year Show.

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

Final (Horse of the Year Show)

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/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 whom he/she, his/her partner or business partner has provided or obtained livery or had any other connection (business or otherwise) since 1st 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, trained or exhibited by him/her, a relative, business partner or partner. (NB: Group teach-ins and demos are exempt)
- v. Judge any rider/handler who has shown a horse/pony owned, produced or trained by him/her since the 1st January of the preceding year. (NB: Group teach-ins and demos are exempt)
- 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 1st January of the preceding year in which he/she is judging.
- vii. Undertake any judging appointment in the same season for open classes at an affiliated show, which are the same as the final which he/she is judging at Horse of the Year Show.
- viii. Compete in any HOYS class and Judge a HOYS qualifier or final at the same show, on the same day. This also includes immediate family.

- b) 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/handler to leave the ring and the rider must withdraw.
- c) 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.
- d) Judges will not ride ponies in Horse of the Year Show classes.
- e) 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.
- f) It is strongly advised and considered good practise to carry this Rule Book when judging Horse of the Year Show qualifiers and championships. It is preferable to have a Rule Book for reference if any questions or problems on rules arise.
- g) It is the duty of all Judges to understand and comply with these rules and to ensure they are fit and well to judge.
- h) Judges who fail to observe Horse of the Year Show Rules or whose conduct in any respect shall be, in the opinion of Horse of the Year Show, derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of 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.
- i) Please note that for 2016 all show secretaries running HOYS qualifiers will have access to a complete database of all judges accredited to judge HOYS qualifiers from all societies. Only judges listed on this database will be allowed to judge HOYS qualifiers.

8) DOPE TESTING

- a) Any horse or pony taking part in classes judged under the Rules of 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 may impose any or all of the following:

- i) The horse/pony concerned will be automatically disqualified and shall forfeit its placings, awards and prize money.
 - ii) The Owner and/or Producer of such Horse may be suspended from Horse of the Year Show for a period to be decided at GML discretion.
 - iii) At the organisers discretion Horse of the Year Show may impose a fine of up to £3,000 and order the Owner and/or Producer to bear all costs incurred.
- b) An official appointed by Horse of the Year Show shall determine *which pony/horse(s)* should be tested. A refusal to submit a Horse for dope testing shall constitute a breach of this Rule.**
- c) 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.**

9) SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET POLICY

a) In this Policy (Definitions)

- i. HOYS People and HOYS Person means; officers, staff, affiliated show organisers, exhibitors, riders, owners, producers, judges, stewards, sponsors, and all other volunteers, acting on behalf, connected with and associated with Horse of the Year Show; and
- ii. Social Media means all forms of social media that exist now or may exist in the future, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Instagram, Vine, Tumblr, LinkedIn, Wikipedia, Flickr, MySpace, Pinterest, Google+ and all other social networking websites, all blogs and wikis, and all chat rooms and other internet forums; and

b) Scope of this Policy

- i. Horse of the Year Show acknowledges the importance of the internet and Social Media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Linked-In, and all other forms of electronic communication (whether existing now or in the future) and the role which "Social Media" plays in the day-to-day lives of HOYS People.
- ii. This Social Media and Internet Policy forms part of the general Rules and Regulations of Horse of the Year Show. All HOYS People are deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof:
 - a) in the case of exhibitors, riders, owners and producers, by submission of an entry to Horse of the Year Show or its qualifying rounds
 - b) in the case of officers, staff and all other volunteers, by the performance of their duties under their terms of employment or engagement;
 - c) in the case of affiliated show organisers and sponsors, by their participation in the Horse of the Year Show; and
 - d) in the case of judges and stewards by the application for and acceptance of their respective roles,

- iii. This Social Media and Internet Policy relates to the use of Social Media by all HOYS People and is intended to remind HOYS People that the Rules of Horse of the Year Show apply when using Social Media and the Internet in so far as such use relates to or affects Horse of the Year Show, Horse of the Year Show qualifiers, HOYS People. This Policy applies to the use of Social Media for business purpose as well as personal use that may affect the Horse of the Year Show in any way. Failure to adhere to this Policy could lead to disciplinary action being taken. Civil and/or criminal proceedings could also be brought against those in breach of this Policy where applicable.

c) Using Social Media

- i) HOYS People should be aware that publication of information and comments on Social Media carries the same obligations as any other kind of publication and should follow the same ethical and legal standards.
 - ii) Horse of the Year Show logos, images, brand names, slogans, and/or other trademarks are the subject of copyright and should not be copied or used in Social Media save as provided in the Horse of the Year Show website terms and conditions.
 - iii) HOYS People must ensure that any material that they transmit or post to Social Media is clearly stated to be their personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of Horse of the Year Show.
 - iv) HOYS People must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of Horse of the Year Show, HOYS People or former HOYS People or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of Horse of the Year Show.
 - v) HOYS People must not post or transmit any material relating to Horse of the Year Show, HOYS People, former HOYS People, their horses/ponies, or which could otherwise be associated with or which may reasonably be attributed as coming from Horse of the Year Show:
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of Horse of the Year Show 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.
 - vi) Any breach of this policy may constitute a breach of the Horse of the Year Show Rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against the HOYS Person or People who breach it.
- d) Horse of the Year Show accepts no liability for legal breaches by HOYS People on Social Media. Content published by those associated with Horse of the Year Show are fully accountable for their own actions. All HOYS People hereby indemnify Horse of the Year Show in respect of any loss, liability, costs (including reasonable legal costs), damages or expenses it may suffer as a result of any breach of the terms of this Policy.

- e) HOYS People should be aware that Horse of the Year Show reserves the right to monitor intercept and review, without further notice, Social Media postings and activities that include references to it and/or its HOYS People or former HOYS People, to ensure that its rules and this Policy are being complied with and for legitimate purposes. All HOYS People consent to such monitoring by their agreeing to abide by all the rules, codes and policies in this Horse of the Year Show rule book. Horse of the Year Show may remove posts, threads and any other form of submissions from its own Social Media sites which are in breach of this Policy without explanation and the HOYS person responsible could be liable for disciplinary action.
- f) All HOYS People consent to the processing of their personal data by Horse of the Year Show in connection with any Social Media site or content relating to Horse of the Year Show.
- g) Horse of the Year Show may require HOYS persons to remove postings, comments or any other submissions made using social media that are deemed to be in breach of this Policy. Failure to comply with such a request may in itself result in disciplinary action.

10) DISCLOSURE UNDER LAW OR REGULATION

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

11) COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

- a) At any Horse of the Year Show qualifying rounds for pony classes, any complaint or appeal pertaining to the result of the qualification, should be lodged with the Equestrian Manager of Grandstand Media Ltd either by email to showsecretary@hoys.co.uk, or by post to Grandstand Media Ltd, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ. All objections must be accompanied by a deposit of £100 and be received within 7 working days of the class.
- b) Horse of the Year Show is unable to accept objections involving Joint Measurement Board certificates.
- c) The objection shall be determined by the Appeals 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/she shall also be liable to Grandstand Media Ltd. for the amount of costs and expenses occasioned by the objection and the determination thereof, unless in the opinion of Grandstand Media Ltd. who determine the objection there existed good and reasonable grounds for the objection, when they may order to the contrary.

- d)** Grandstand Media Ltd. reserve the right to forward any evidence received in relation to an Objection to the relevant Governing Society/Societies as they see fit.

- e)** 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.

- f)** The objection shall be determined by the Appeals 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.

12) CLASS SPECIFIC RULES

A) MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CLASSES

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, and complying with the showing requirements of, the main body of their respective stud books. Partbreds 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:

- i. Ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies.
- ii. Riders and Owners must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register or BSPS. Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges for mixed classes may be selected from either the NPS Mixed M&M panel, TSR H M&M panel, or P(UK) Bronze-Platinum panels.
- ii. Any shows running single breed classes (including Breed Shows) may select judges from the appropriate Breed Panel. The show & freedom of action judge must be selected from a Ride panel. The breed type & conformation judge may be selected from either the Ride panel or the Conformation panel of the appropriate breed society.
- iii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.

Marks must be awarded in the following way:

Show, freedom of action - 50 maximum

Breed type and 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.

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

JUNIOR MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND RIDDEN PONY OF THE YEAR

This class is open to mares and geldings, four years old and over, to be registered in, and complying with the showing requirements of, the main body of their respective stud books. Partbreds are not eligible to compete.

This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out within this rule book.

This class is divided into the two sections as follows:

Section A Small Breeds – Open to Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or Welsh Section B ponies. Riders must have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st

January in the current year, and not have attained their 14th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

Section B Large Breeds – Open to New Forest, Connemara, Fells, Dales, Highland, Welsh Section C and Welsh Section D ponies. Riders must have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st January in the current year, and not have attained their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

The qualifying ponies will be the highest placed exhibit within the top three of the small breed qualifier and the highest placed exhibit within the top three of the large breed qualifier.

Additional Rules as follows:

- i. Ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant breed Societies.
- ii. Riders and Owners must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, Ponies (UK), The Showing Register or BSPS.
- iii. Riders must not compete in both the M&M Lead Rein/First Ridden Pony of the Year and the Junior M&M Ridden Pony of the Year at Horse of the Year Show, if qualification for Horse of the Year Show is achieved in both classes the rider must nominate the class they wish to compete in.
- iv. Qualification will not pass below 3rd place.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges may be selected from either the NPS Mixed M&M Panel, TSR 'H' M&M Panel or P(UK) Bronze-Platinum Panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. Any shows running single breed classes (including Breed Shows) may select judges from the appropriate Breed Panel. The show & freedom of action judge must be selected from a Ride panel. The breed type & conformation judge may be selected from either the Ride panel or the Conformation panel of the appropriate breed society.
- iv. Judges must not judge both the M&M Lead Rein/First Ridden Pony of the Year qualifier and the Junior M&M Pony of the Year qualifier at the same show.
- v. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Show, freedom of action – 50 maximum

Breed type and 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.

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

MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND LEAD REIN AND FIRST RIDDEN PONY OF THE YEAR

This competition 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.

The class is divided into the two sections as follows:

Section A Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein - Ponies not to exceed 122cm however ponies must also not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of the competition, but must not have attained their 9th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

Section B Mountain and Moorland First Ridden- Ponies not to exceed 128cm however ponies must also not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies. Riders must have attained their 3rd by the day of competition, and not have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

Additional Rules as follows:

- i. Riders and Owners must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- ii. Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS Mixed M&M Panel, BSPS HR* Panel, TSR H M&M Panel, or P(UK) Bronze-Platinum Panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.

Marks must be awarded in the following way:

Show, freedom of action - 50 maximum

Breed type and 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.

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

MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND WORKING HUNTER PONY OF THE YEAR

This competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings, four years old and over, to be to be registered in and complying with the showing requirements of, the main body of their respective stud books. Partbreds are not eligible to compete.

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

The class is divided into the four sections as follows:

Section A Ponies not exceeding 122cm

Section B	Ponies exceeding 122cm but not exceeding 133cm
Section C	Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm
Section D	Ponies exceeding 143cm

Additional Rules as follows:

- i. Ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies.
- ii. Riders and Owners must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- iii. Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS Mixed M&M Panel, BSPS HW* Panel, TSR H M&M Panel, or P(UK) Bronze -Platinum Panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier 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.

	Fence Heights		
Qualifier Height	(Min)	(Max)	Spread (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 Individual Show & Manners Mark, and then the Breed Type & Conformation Mark.

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

B) PLAITED PONY CLASSES

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 general rules as set out in this rule book.

Additional Rules as follows:

- iv. Animals must exceed 148cm but not exceeding 158cm. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- v. Horses must be registered with either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS **and a valid JMB number lodged with that society.**
- vi. Riders and Owners must be members of either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- vii. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Judging Guidelines.

- I. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS, BSPS, TSR, or P(UK) relevant panels.
- II. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- III. 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 horse 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:

- i. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- i. Horses must be registered with either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS and **a valid JMB number lodged with that society.**
- ii. Riders and Owners must be members of either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- iii. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Judging Guidelines

- i. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS, BSPS, TSR, or P(UK) relevant panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. 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 horse 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.

- iv. 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:

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| 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:

- i. Ponies must be registered with either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS and **a valid JMB number lodged with that society.**
- ii. Riders and Owners must be members of either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- iii. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS, BSPS, TSR, or P(UK) relevant panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum

Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum

- iv. 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.
- v. 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 must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of the competition and not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Section B Lead Rein - Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of the competition and not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Additional Rules as follows:

- i. Ponies must be registered with either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS and **a valid JMB number lodged with that society.**
- ii. Riders and Owners must be members of either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- iii. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Judging Guidelines.

- i. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS, BSPS, TSR, or P(UK) relevant panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. Marks must be awarded in the following way
- iv. Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum
- v. Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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

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| 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:

- i. Ponies must be registered with either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS and **a valid JMB number lodged with that society.**
- ii. Riders and Owners must be members of either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- iii. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS, BSPS, The Showing Register, or P(UK) relevant panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. Marks must be awarded in the following way
- iv. Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum
- v. Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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.

Additional Rules as follows:

- i. Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of the competition and not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- ii. Obstacles will be used in the qualifying rounds and the final.
- iii. Ponies must be registered with either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS and **a valid JMB number lodged with that society.**
- iv. Riders and Owners must be members of either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- v. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Judging Guidelines.

- i. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS, BSPS, TSR, or P(UK) relevant panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. Marks must be awarded in the following way
- iv. Manners & Way of Going - 50 Marks Maximum
- v. Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action – 50 Marks Maximum
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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:

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 Intermediates 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:

- i. Ponies may enter only for Section C OR Section D above (not both).
- ii. Ponies must be registered with either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS and **a valid JMB number lodged with that society.**
- iii. Riders and Owners must be members of either NPS, Ponies (UK), TSR, or BSPS.
- iv. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Jumping Course Guidelines:

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	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:

- i. Judges, may be selected from either the NPS, BSPS, TSR, or P(UK) relevant panels.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year
- iii. 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 & WAY OF GOING 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

- iv. In the event of equality the TOTAL MARK from Phase 1 will take precedence, followed by the MANNERS Mark, and then the CONFORMATION, TYPE and FREEDOM OF ACTION MARK.
- v. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office

RIDDEN PARTBRED PONY OF THE YEAR

This competition is open to stallions, mares or geldings 4 years old and over, registered within one or more of the following stud books:

The Partbred or Anglo Arab section of the Arab Horse Society with a minimum of 12.5% Arab blood.

The Partbred section of the Welsh Pony & Cob Stud Books with a minimum of 12.5% Welsh blood.

The Partbred section of the Dartmoor Pony Stud Book with a minimum of 12.5% Dartmoor blood.

The Partbred section of the British Connemara Stud Book with a minimum of 25% Connemara blood.

The Partbred section of the New Forest Pony Stud Book with a minimum of 25% New Forest blood.

This class will be run under the general rules as set out in this rule book.

Please note that additional guidance on this class can be found at the end of this rulebook.

Additional Rules as follows:

- i. **Animals must not exceed 148cm and a valid JMB number must be lodged with Grandstand Media prior to entry in a qualifying round.**
- ii. A copy of the pony's passport, showing its registration or overstepping with either the AHS, WPCS, DPS, BCPS or NFPB&CS must be logged with Grandstand Media Ltd prior to entry in any qualifying round.
- iii. All ponies must be shown plaited with a coloured brow band. Riders must wear a dark coloured jacket.
- iv. Riders and Owners must be members of either NPS, P(UK), TSR, BSPS, CHAPS, AHS, WPCS, DPS, BCPS or NFPB&CS
- v. Riders can be of any age with the exceptions of those riding stallions who must have obtained their 14th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
- vi. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place.

Judging Guidelines.

- i. Judges may be selected from ridden plaited pony panels of the NPS, TSR, P(UK), BSPS, and the ridden panels of CHAPS, AHS, WPCS, Dartmoor, Connemara and New Forest.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. Marks must be awarded in the following way

Performance - 50 Marks Maximum

Conformation, Movement & Quality – 50 Marks Maximum
- iv. In the case of equality, the horse with the highest Performance mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.
- v. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

C) HACKS, COBS, RIDING HORSES AND HUNTERS

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:

- i. Horses must exceed 155cms.
- ii. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association.
- iii. Horses must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.
- iv. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship Show.

Judging Guidelines

- i. Judges must be selected from the BSHA Full Judges Panel only.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum
- iv. 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.
- v. 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:

- i. Lightweight Cob must exceed 148cms but not exceed 155cms, to be capable of carrying up to 14 stone.
- ii. Heavyweight Cob must exceed 148cms but not exceed 155cms, to be capable of carrying more than 14 stone.

- iii. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association.
- iv. Horses must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.
- v. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship Show.

Judging Guidelines:

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

- i. Small Riding Horse must exceed 148cms but not exceed 158cms.
- ii. Large Riding Horse must exceed 158cms.
- iii. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association.
- iv. Horses must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.
- v. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship Show.

Judging Guidelines:

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

- iv. 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.
- v. 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:

- i. Small Hack must exceed 148cms but not exceed 154cms.
- ii. Large Hack must exceed 154cms but not exceed 160cms.
- iii. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association.
- iv. Horses must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.
- v. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship Show.

Judging Guidelines:

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

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum

Show – 25 maximum
- iv. 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.
- v. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

LADIES' SIDE SADDLE HORSE OF THE YEAR

This competition is open to mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cm, to be ridden side saddle by a lady.

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

Additional Rules:

- i. Owners, riders and producers must be members of the British Show Horse Association (BSHA), and all horses must be registered with the BSHA.
- ii. Exhibits will be required to gallop/extend together during the Go Round phase.

- iii. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship show.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Ride judges must be selected from the BSHA Hunter and Show Horse Side Saddle Ride panel and conformation judges must be on all BSHA panels.
- ii. Judges must not judge at more than two qualifiers, and if they judge at more than one qualifier, the two qualifiers must take place more than 100 miles apart.
- iii. 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.

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.

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 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:

- i. Owners, riders and producers must be members of the British Show Horse Association (BSHA), and all horses must be registered with the BSHA on the Hunter Register.
- ii. Entries in this class may not compete in the Small Show Hunter of the Year, and vice versa.
- iii. Qualification will not pass below 3rd place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship show.

- iv. 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.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges must be selected from the BSHA Hunter panels.
- ii. Judges must not judge at more than two qualifiers, and if they judge at more than one qualifier, the two qualifiers must take place more than 100 miles apart. For these purposes:

Ridden Hunter and Working Hunter classes are to be counted separately;
and overseas shows are not included
- iii. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum
- iv. 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.
- v. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

WORKING HUNTER OF THE YEAR

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

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

Additional Rules:

- i. Any horse which has qualified as a Grade A Show Jumper or Advanced Event Horse as at 1st January in the current year is not eligible to compete in Working Hunter classes.
- ii. Owners, riders and producers must be members of the British Show Horse Association (BSHA), and all horses must be registered with the BSHA on the Hunter Register.
- iii. Qualification will not pass below 3rd place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship show.
- iv. If there are two Working Hunter Classes, i.e. a Lightweight and Heavyweight Class, then there must be a Championship Class to determine which horse qualifies. Both classes will be jumped over the same course and height. When judging the Championship Judges will use the marks they have already allocated as a guide. The highest placed unqualified horse in the Championship will qualify for HOYS. The Championship is only

open to the first and second prize winners in the light and heavyweight Working Hunter classes respectively. The four horses forward in the Working Hunter Championship must all be placed as any one of the top three could be eligible for HOYS qualification.

- v. HOYS LIGHTWEIGHT WORKING HUNTER – Mare, gelding or stallion, 4 years old and over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs and under. Small Hunters to be included in this category. HOYS HEAVYWEIGHT WORKING HUNTER – Mare, gelding or stallion, 4 years old and over, capable of carrying over 12 stone 7lbs. Middleweight Hunters to be included in this category. Failure to jump in the correct section will result in elimination.
- vi. Fences will not exceed 1.14m (3ft 9ins) in height, there should be a minimum of 8 fences and a maximum of 12 fences. The course must contain a combination and should contain a water tray. This class will be judged in two parts. Part One (Jumping) will be judged first, without a jump-off. All clear rounds and any other horses the judges may require will go forward to the next part.
- vii. A rider can ride up to two horses in the jumping phase but then must select only one horse to take forward into the ride and conformation section if so required (no change of rider is allowed).

Judging Guidelines

- i. Judges must be selected from the BSHA Hunter Panels.
- ii. Judges must not judge at more than two qualifiers, and if they judge at more than one qualifier, the two qualifiers must take place more than 100 miles apart. For these purposes:

Ridden Hunter and Working Hunter classes are to be counted separately;
and overseas shows are not included

- iii. 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 Horse or Rider: Elimination

Landing with Fore Feet in water: 10 Faults

- iv. In the event of equality the CONFORMATION MARK from Phase II will take precedence, followed by the RIDE MARK, and then the STYLE MARK.
- v. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

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.

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

Additional Rules:

- i. Owners, riders and producers must be members of the British Show Horse Association (BSHA) and all horses must be registered with the BSHA on the Hunter Register.
- ii. Entries in this Class may not compete in the Show Hunter of the Year, and vice versa.
- iii. Qualification will not pass below 3rd place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship show.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges must be selected from the BSHA Hunter Panel.
- ii. Judges must not judge at more than two qualifiers, and if they judge at more than one qualifier, the two qualifiers must take place more than 100 miles apart. For these purposes:
Ridden Hunter and Working Hunter classes are to be counted separately;
and overseas shows are not included
- iii. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way

Ride - 50 maximum

Conformation - 50 maximum
- iv. 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.
- v. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

D) ARABS, COLOURED, MINIATURES AND HEAVY HORSES

RIDDEN PUREBRED ARAB OF THE YEAR

Open to horses qualified in open ridden classes at a qualifying show in 2017.

Owners of qualified horses must be members of the Arab Horse Society and the horse registered in their owner's name. The exhibitor must have purchased an AHS Q card displaying the name of the horse.

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 Ridden Purebred Arab Gelding

Section B Ridden Purebred Arab Stallion

Section C Ridden Purebred Arab Mare

The qualifying horse will be the highest placed exhibit within the Championship of the separate mare, stallion and gelding sections. The exhibit must not have previously qualified. If a rider has qualified more than one horse, that rider will be allowed, if they wish, to exchange horses and ride each horse for its individual display. A groom is allowed into the ring to hold the horse whilst it is not being ridden.

Additional Rules:

- i. Qualification will not pass below 6th place in the Championship.
- ii. **The six horses forward in the Championship must all be placed as any one of the six could be eligible for HOYS qualification**

Method of Judging:

- i. 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.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges must be selected from the appropriate Arab Horse Society List of Judges.
- ii. Judges must not judge at more than two qualifiers, and if they judge at more than one qualifier, the two qualifiers must take place more than 100 miles apart.

- iii. It is preferential for separate judges to be used for the ridden and conformation sections.
- iv. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way
 - Ride - 50 maximum
 - Conformation - 50 maximum
- v. 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.
- vi. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

COLOURED HORSE & PONY OF THE YEAR

This competition is open to mares, geldings and CHAPS (UK) graded stallions, four years old or over, to be registered in, and complying with the showing requirements of, the main body of the stud books of the Coloured Horse and Pony Society CHAPS (UK) or the Traditional Gypsy Cob Association (TGCA). Stallions are required to wear stallion discs in order to compete.

All Riders and owners must be Members of the Coloured Horse and Pony Society, The Showing Register or the Traditional Gypsy Cob Association.

For height restricted exhibits a valid JMB number must have been lodged with the respective society.

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:

- i. **Animals must be black and white or white and any other colour with a patch of naturally occurring white coat above the level of the stifle or elbow, excluding any face markings. Any white marking below this does not qualify. Manes and tails may also be white or have white in them. Solid colours, appaloosa or spotted animals with belly markings do not qualify.**
- ii. **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)**
- iii. **Qualification will not pass below 5th place.**

- iv. All horses/ponies must be produced for the finals in the same type category to which they qualified.
- v. Failure to comply with any of the rules will result in the forfeit of the qualifying place.

Judging Guidelines:

- i. Judges must be selected from the CHAPS (UK) Horse of the Year Show panel. From 2018 onwards TSR H panel judges will also be eligible for selection.
- ii. Judges may only judge one qualifier during the current year.
- iii. Judges have the option to either pull exhibits into line or to have a 'no pull' system of exhibits into the preliminary line up.
- iv. Marks must be awarded in the following way
 - Ride, Manners, Way of Going - 50 maximum
 - Conformation and Type - 50 maximum
- v. 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.
- vi. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

MINIATURE HORSE OF THE YEAR

All exhibits must be registered with the British Miniature Horse Society.

Exhibitors, owners and handler must be current members of the BMHS and have paid the appropriate BMHS 2017 Showing Levy. This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

- Section A Licenced Registered Stallions.
3 Year Olds not to exceed 86cm; 4 Year Olds and over not to exceed 87cm
- Section B Registered Mares & Geldings.
3 Year Olds not to exceed 86cm; 4 Year Olds and over not to exceed 87cm
- Section C Registered Youngstock 1 & 2 Year Old Colts, Fillies and Geldings.
Yearlings not to exceed 82cm; 2 Year Olds not to exceed 84cm

The qualifying horse will be the highest placed exhibit within the Championship of the separate stallion, mare/gelding and youngstock sections.

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

Additional Rules as follows:

- i. Handlers under the age of 14 must wear a correctly secured British Standard Skull Cap/Riding Hat that meets current Safety Standards.

- ii. Yearlings and Two Year Olds **must not** be bitted. Stallions 3 years old and over may be bitted. Suitable Snaffle bits only.
- iii. Horses to report for measuring half an hour prior to the class for all qualifiers.
- iv. Qualification will not pass below 6th place.
- v. **The six horses forward in the Championship must all be placed as any one of the six could be eligible for HOYS qualification**

BRITISH RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR

This competition is open to purebred mares, geldings and stallions 4 years old and over that are registered in the main British Stud Books of the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk or British Percheron Society at the time of qualification. Partbreds are not eligible to compete.

All Riders and Owners must be Members of either the Shire Horse Society, The Clydesdale Horse Society, The Suffolk Horse Society or British Percheron Horse Society.

This class will be run in accordance with the British Ridden Heavy Horse Society guidelines, which for the avoidance of doubt will be considered rules for Horse of the Year Show and its qualifiers, however the general rules as set out within this rulebook will take precedence.

Additional Rules as follows:

- i. Qualification will not pass below 5th place.
- ii. Horses will be required to gallop at the final,
- iii. Riders of stallions must have obtained their 16th Birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- iv. Horses must be entered in the name and ownership they are registered.
- v. Horses should be turned out in a traditional manner as per their breed society rules, flights/standings are not permitted.
- vi. For Clydesdale horses, they are to hold a Clydesdale Horse Society passport with full pedigree details, stallions and mares are to appear in the main section of the Clydesdale Horse stud book. Geldings are to have appeared as produce of their dam if they have not been issued with a Clydesdale Horse Society Passport.

Judging Guidelines:

- vii. Ride judges may be selected from the BSHA full judge's panel or one of the appropriate (Suffolk Horse Society, Clydesdale Horse Society, The Shire Horse Society and The British Percheron Horse Society) Heavy Horse Breed Panels.
- viii. Conformation judge to be selected from those on one or more of the appropriate Heavy Horse panels (Suffolk Horse Society, Clydesdale Horse Society, The Shire Horse Society and The British Percheron Horse Society).
- ix. Judges must not judge at more than two qualifiers, and if they judge at more than one qualifier, the two qualifiers must take place more than 100 miles apart.

- x. At the final marks must be awarded in the following way:
Ride – 50 maximum
Breed type and 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.

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

E) SUPREME IN HAND HORSE/PONY OF THE YEAR

The objective of the competition is to find the supreme light horse or pony in-hand champion of the year, irrespective of breed or type.

The Champion of each light horse/pony section will be eligible to compete, provided it has not already won a qualifying round in 2017.

If the Champion has already qualified or is ineligible, then the reserve champion of that section may come forward, provided it has not already qualified and is eligible. If both Champion and Reserve Champion have already qualified or are ineligible then the section will not be represented in this qualifying round.

All classes are open to Stallions, Yearlings, 2 year olds, 3 year olds, broodmares and barren mares only. Broodmares must be with foal at foot or a relevant certificate of pregnancy. Mares which have not yet foaled or that have lost their foals are eligible to enter with a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year. Foal champions are not eligible.

Each section represented must consist of a minimum of 2 classes and a Championship. There will be no direct entry into Supreme In hand Championship Qualifier, all animals must be a section champion.

In the event of a horse/pony having been awarded more than one section Championship at this show, that horse/pony will represent both/all sections and the qualification will not pass down to the Reserve in the 2nd and subsequent sections.

Judges must not judge a Supreme In Hand Championship qualifier more than once every two years.

The championship at Horse of the Year Show will be split into two sections as below:

- Section A Supreme In-Hand, exhibits up to and including 148cm
- Section B Supreme In-Hand, exhibits exceeding 148cm