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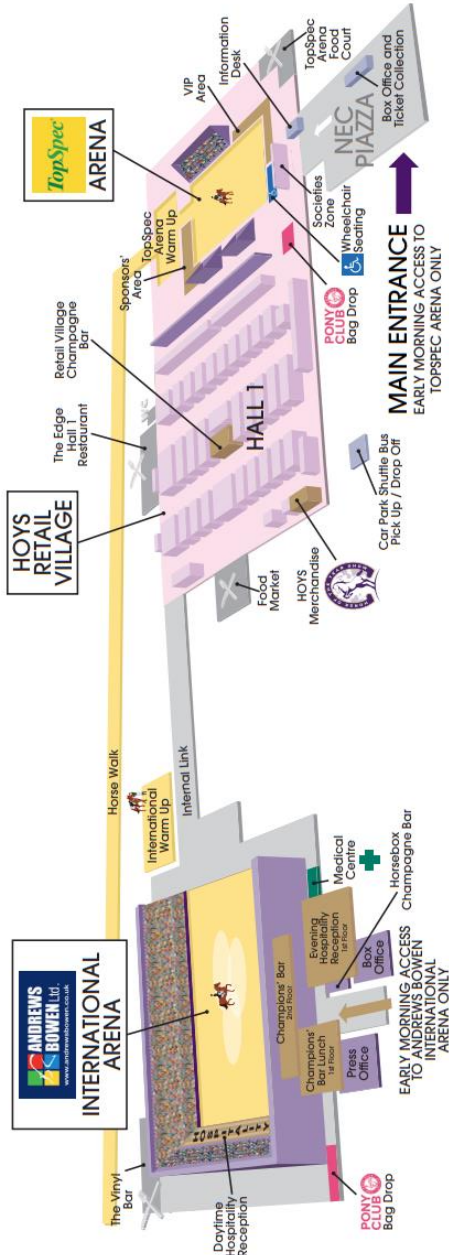
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It is with great pleasure, and deep pride, that we look forward to welcoming you to Horse of the Year Show 2026.

This year marks a significant milestone as we celebrate 25 years at the NEC. The move to Birmingham in 2002 was far more than a change in venue; it was a defining moment in the show's history. It opened the door to growth, ambition and possibility, allowing HOYS to evolve into the world-leading equestrian celebration it is today.

This anniversary invites us to pause and reflect on the many people who have shaped this journey. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, officials, volunteers, breeders, competitors and spectators - both past and present - whose passion, commitment, and support continue to carry Horse of the Year Show forward year after year.

At the centre of it all is the horse - the remarkable partnership between horse and rider that defines our sport, inspires our audiences, and continues to set the standard for excellence across every discipline.

Over the past quarter of a century, HOYS has grown to unite elite sport, retail, entertainment and community into one extraordinary experience. This year's event continues this tradition, showcasing world-class competition from Showing, National Showjumping, International Showjumping, Dressage, Scurry Driving and Pony Club Mounted Games.

On behalf of everyone at Grandstand Media Limited, I extend our sincere congratulations to every rider and combination who has qualified for HOYS 2026. Your dedication and determination have brought you here, and your achievement is truly commendable.

I wish you all a successful Horse of the Year Show and an enjoyable 2026 event.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emma Williams".

Emma Williams
Event Director

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HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, Great Britain, B40 1NT
7th - 11th October 2026 (C.S.I. 3*)

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Treating Veterinary Surgeon	Ali Mead

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All horses and ponies will be inspected prior to entry to the showground. Any horse or pony without a certificate that complies with the regulations set out below will be refused entry to the showground. The Vaccination Requirements are applicable to every horse or pony at Horse of the Year Show.

PLEASE NOTE: International Show Jumping horses must be vaccinated under the FEI rules and regulations.

This rule applies in respect of any horse, apart from any foal less than 6 months old whose dam was vaccinated in accordance with this rule before foaling.

A DEFRA acceptable passport must be produced for every horse entering the showground. It is understood that some horses whose primary vaccinations predate the official passport may still have these entered on a separate document; this document must also have the identification of the horse or pony completed.

The horse must have been vaccinated against equine influenza by a veterinary surgeon in accordance with the regulations below, the horse must have received two primary vaccinations as a minimum.

Animals vaccinated prior to January 2024:

Equine Influenza Vaccination Requirements for horses receiving a Primary Course prior to January 2024		
Vaccination	Protocol	Eligibility to Enter Venue
Primary Course	V1 (initial vaccination): Day 0	Horses that have only received V1 of the primary course are not allowed to compete.
	V2 (second vaccination): Day 21-92	Horses that have received the primary course can compete provided that V2 has not been given within 7 days of arriving at an event venue.
First Booster	V3 (first booster): Within 150 – 215 days of V2	Horses must have been vaccinated to comply with the requirements for the Primary Course
		Horses cannot compete if they have been vaccinated within 7 days of arriving at an event venue.
Subsequent Boosters	Within 12 months of previous booster vaccination.	Horses must have been vaccinated to comply with the requirements for the Primary Course, First Booster and all subsequent boosters.
None of these injections must have been given within the preceding 7 (seven) days including the day of the competition or of entry into the competition stables.		

Please note new rules below for animals who have started their primary vaccinations as of January 2024:

Equine Influenza Vaccination Requirements for horses receiving a new Primary Course as of 1 January 2024		
Vaccination	Protocol	Eligibility to Enter Venue
Primary Course	V1 (initial vaccination): Day 0 V2 (second vaccination): Day 21-60	Horses that have only received V1 of the primary course are not allowed to compete or enter the FEI stables. Horses that have received the primary course can compete provided that V2 has not been given within 7 days of arriving at an event venue.
First Booster	V3 (first booster): Within 6 months and 21 days of V2	Horses must have been vaccinated to comply with the requirements for the Primary Course Horses cannot compete if they have been vaccinated within 7 days of arriving at an event venue.
Subsequent Boosters	Within 12 months of previous booster vaccination.	Horses must have been vaccinated to comply with the requirements for the Primary Course, First Booster and all subsequent boosters.
There is no requirement for horses that have received their primary course and first booster before 1 January 2024, to be re-vaccinated provided that they have been vaccinated in compliance with the 2023 Veterinary Regulations.		
None of these injections must have been given within the preceding 7 (seven) days including the day of the competition or of entry into the competition stables.		

CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

The following closing dates for entries will be strictly adhered to and entries received after the appropriate closing date will NOT be accepted.

PAPER AND ONLINE ENTRIES

Showing and Driving

Final Closing Date	15 th September 2026
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National Show Jumping

For all qualifiers	15 th September 2026
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No qualification will be passed down the line for any National Showjumping Championships Finals within 48 hours of the start of Horse of the Year Show.

ARRIVAL AT THE SHOW

The gates to enter the show will only be open during the following times:

Tuesday 6 th October 2026	11:00 – 21:00
Wednesday 7 th - Sunday 11 th October 2026	04:45 – 21:00

You will not be allowed to enter the gates outside of the allocated times.

HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW TIMETABLE 2026

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIMETABLE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CLASSES MAY START EARLY.

Arena Familiarisation times will be allocated to specific classes and will be notified to competitors at a later date.

Wednesday 7th October	
Andrews Bowen International Arena	
07:30	NAF Five Star Bronze League Championship & NAF Five Star Silver League Championship
09:20	Ladies Side Saddle Horse of the Year Championship
10:40	SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse of the Year Championship
11:35	Harness Horse and Pony of the Year Championship
13:20	Alan Marnie & Family (Meta Lounge Limited and SHB (GB)) Working Hunter of the Year Championship
15:55	Osborne Refrigerators Double Harness Scurry (Round 1 - Small)
16:20	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - LeMieux Cup Round 1
16:45	Interval
17:55	Show Opening
18:00	GFS Senior Newcomers Championship
19:20	Display – Agility Nexus Hunter & Gather Dog Agility Grand Prix
19:40	Alan Marnie & Family (Meta Lounge Limited and SHB (GB)) Working Hunter Championship
19:55	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - LeMieux Cup Round 2
20:20	Display
21:10	Talent Seekers inc. 7 Year Old Championship
22:40	FINISH
TopSpec Arena	
07:05	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Exmoor/Shetland Pony of the Year
07:55	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Dales Pony of the Year
08:40	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Fell Pony of the Year
09:30	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden New Forest Pony of the Year
10:20	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Dartmoor Pony of the Year
11:05	Harrow
11:10	NeedleSmart, John Illingworth and Cliff Kirby Ridden Purebred Arab of the Year Championship
12:10	Veteran Horse Society & Harry Hall One Club Ridden Veteran Horse of the Year Championship
12:55	SEIB Search for a Star Traditional Cob
13:40	SEIB Search for a Star Show Hunter
14:25	SEIB Search for a Star Riding Horse/Hack
15:10	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Highland Pony of the Year
15:55	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Connemara Pony of the Year
17:05	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh C Pony of the Year
18:15	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh D Pony of the Year
19:25	FINISH

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Thursday 8th October	
Andrews Bowen International Arena	
06:55	The Andrews Family Small Hack of the Year
07:55	Culford Lodge Commodities Large Hack of the Year
08:55	Hamilton Tarmac Small Show Hunter of the Year Championship
10:40	Pony Newcomers Championship
12:10	The Barber Family Ridden Heavy Horse of the Year Championship
13:15	Osborne Refrigerators Double Harness Scurry (Round 1 - Large)
13:40	Display – Agility Nexus Hunter & Gather Dog Agility Grand Prix
14:00	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - LeMieux Cup Round 3
14:55	Leading Pony Showjumper of the Year
16:20	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony of the Year Championship
16:40	Interval
17:50	Show Opening
17:55	Dressage Future Elite Championship
19:15	The Andrews Family Hack of the Year Championship
19:40	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - Prince Philip Cup Round 1
20:05	Display
20:25	Shire Horse of the Year Championship supported by the Shire Horse Society
20:40	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Pony of the Year Championship
21:30	Redpost Equestrian Senior Foxhunter Championship
22:50	FINISH
TopSpec Arena	
07:05	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Exc. 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
08:35	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
10:05	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland 133cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
11:35	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland 122cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
13:05	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Junior 122cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
14:40	Shire Horse of the Year supported by the Shire Horse Society Preliminary Judging
15:45	SEIB Search for a Star Working Show Horse/Pony
16:30	SEIB Search for a Star Show Cob
17:15	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh A Pony of the Year
18:25	National Pony Society/Supreme Products Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh B Pony of the Year
19:35	SEIB Search for a Star Championship
19:50	FINISH

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Friday 9th October

Andrews Bowen International Arena

07:10	Catplant Group of Companies Ltd. Lightweight Show Hunter of the Year
08:30	Catplant Group of Companies Ltd. Middleweight Show Hunter of the Year
09:50	Catplant Group of Companies Ltd. Heavyweight Show Hunter of the Year
11:40	International Showjumping – Welcome Stakes
12:55	Osborne Refrigerators Double Harness Scurry (Round 2 - Small)
13:20	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - Prince Philip Cup Round 2
14:15	International Showjumping – The evoke Stakes
15:30	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony of the Year Championship
15:45	Display
16:05	Interval
17:15	Show Opening
17:20	STX - UK Pony Foxhunter Championship
18:50	Osborne Refrigerators Double Harness Scurry (Round 2 - Large)
19:15	Catplant Group of Companies Ltd. Show Hunter Championship
19:30	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - Prince Philip Cup Round 3
19:55	Display
20:15	Coloured Horse and Pony of the Year Championship sponsored by CHAPS (UK)
21:00	International Showjumping - Dallamires Stables Cup
22:30	FINISH

TopSpec Arena

07:15	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Intermediate Working Hunter Pony of the Year
08:40	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers 153cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
10:05	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
11:30	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers 133cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
13:00	The Leeman Family Maxi Cob of the Year Championship
14:00	Coloured Junior Ridden Pony of the Year sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/ Broom & Sleight Family
14:50	Coloured Ridden Non-Native Horse of the Year sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/ Burghwallis Stud
15:55	Coloured Ridden Non-Native Pony of the Year sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/Appleton Grange Stud
16:55	Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Pony of the Year sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/ The White Crow
17:55	Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Horse of the Year sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/ E.J.L Stud and Livery
19:00	UKAMHS American Miniature Horse of the Year Sponsored by Pandoras Miniature Farm
19:35	Finish

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Saturday 10th October	
Andrews Bowen International Arena	
07:00	The Harrod and Coles Family Lightweight Cob of the Year
08:05	The Harrod and Coles Family Heavyweight Cob of the Year
09:40	128cm Championship
11:10	138cm Championship
12:20	Show Opening
12:25	Driven Heavy Horse of the Year Championship
13:05	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - Prince Philip Cup Round 4
13:30	Display
14:20	International Showjumping - The Rees Family Cup
16.00	Interval
17:20	Show Opening
17:25	International Showjumping – The Rees Family Accumulator
18:40	Osborne Refrigerators Double Harness Scurry of the Year Championship
19:05	The Price Family Supreme In-Hand of the Year
19:25	The Harrod and Coles Family Cob of the Year Championship
19:40	British Show Pony Society Children's Riding Pony of the Year Championship
19:55	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - Prince Philip Cup Round 5
20:20	Display
21:10	International Showjumping - Ripon Select Foods Puissance
22:40	FINISH
TopSpec Arena	
07:00	British Show Pony Society 148cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
07:55	British Show Pony Society 138cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
08:50	British Show Pony Society 128cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
09:45	Colne Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein Pony of the Year Welsh
11:05	Brynseion Mountain & Moorland First Ridden Pony of the Year
12:25	Westown Stud Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein Non-Welsh Pony of the Year non Welsh
13:45	Colne & Brynseion Mountain & Moorland Mini Pony of the Year Championship
14:05	The Price Family Supreme In-Hand of the Year
15.15	Annabel's Deliciously British Lead Rein Pony of the Year
16:20	Annabel's Deliciously British First Ridden Pony of the Year
17:25	Annabel's Deliciously British Mini Show Pony of the Year Championship
17:40	The Smith Family Intermediate Show Hunter of the Year Championship
18:30	The Honourable Stud Intermediate Show Horse of the Year Championship
19:30	FINISH

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Sunday 11th October

Andrews Bowen International Arena

07:00	Alan Marnie & Family Small Riding Horse of the Year
08:10	Alan Marnie & Family Large Riding Horse of the Year
09:50	Grade C Championship
11:15	Display
12:05	Show Opening
12:10	International Show Jumping – Speed Horse of the Year
13:15	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - Prince Philip Cup Round 6
13:40	Display – Welsh Pony and Cob Society 125-year Celebration
13:55	Shine Source Footwear UK Ltd Show Hunter Pony of the Year Championship
14:10	Alan Marnie & Family Riding Horse of the Year Championship
14:55	International Show Jumping - Six Bar
16:15	Interval
17:35	Show Opening
17:40	LeMieux Pony Club Mounted Games - Prince Philip Cup Final
18:05	Display
18:25	Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year Championship
18:40	Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year Championship
19:25	International Showjumping - Leading Showjumper of the Year
21:05	Finale
21:30	FINISH

TopSpec Arena

06:55	Mears-Wood Family Lead Rein Pony of Hunter Type of the Year Championship
08:00	Shine Source Footwear UK LTD 153cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
08:55	Shine Source Footwear UK LTD 143cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
09:50	Shine Source Footwear UK LTD 133cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
10:45	Shine Source Footwear UK LTD 123cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
11:40	Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications Ltd Junior Mountain & Moorland Ridden Small Breeds Pony of the Year
12:55	Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications Ltd Junior Mountain & Moorland Ridden Large Breeds Pony of the Year
14:10	Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications Ltd Junior Mountain & Moorland Ridden Pony of the Year Championship
14:25	The de la Hey Family Partbred Pony of the Year Championship
15:20	Miniature Horse of the Year Championship supported by the British Miniature Horse Society
16:05	Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year Preliminary Judging
16:45	Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year Preliminary Judging
17:25	FINISH

PRIZES

CUPS AND TROPHIES

All winners of first and second prizes must compete for such Championships, Challenge Cups or Trophies for which they are eligible as may be required by the Special Conditions applicable to the competitions in which they have competed: in default of so doing competition prizes will be forfeited at the Organiser's discretion.

Competitors who become winners of Challenge Cups or Trophies at the Show must give security to Horse of the Year Show or the Organisers that the Cups will be forthcoming and delivered to the Horse of the Year Show Office in good and proper condition, whole, uninjured and un-defaced on or before 31st July 2027 and if required to do so, will execute or procure the execution of a bond to this effect to the satisfaction of the Organisers.

Competitors who become winners of Challenge Cups or Trophies at Horse of the Year Show should report to the Equestrian Office where a Prize Card must be completed before cups can be collected. Trophies that are not collected during the show may be collected afterwards from the Horse of the Year Show office at Grandstand Media Ltd, provided prior arrangements have been made. The Organisers will not undertake to forward trophies by post or carriers after the Show to prize winners. Overseas competitors will not be allowed to remove any Cup(s) from Great Britain.

PLAQUES

Red winners' plaques will be awarded to the first prize winner ONLY in each SECTION of each class. These plaques should be collected from the Equestrian Office at the show. Purple commemorative competitor plaques may be purchased from the Equestrian Office, or the Horse of the Year Show Official Merchandise Stand at a cost of £65.00 each including VAT.

These are available to purchase after the show by downloading an order form off the website by visiting www.hoys-shop.co.uk or by calling the office on 02476 858205.

DUPLICATE ROSETTES

Duplicate placing rosettes may be purchased from the Equestrian Office at £12.00 each including VAT. These are also available to purchase after the show by calling the office on 02476 858205.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Arab Horse Society	www.arabhorsesociety.com
British Connemara Society	www.britishconnemaras.co.uk
British Dressage	www.britishdressage.co.uk
British Driving Society	www.britishdrivingsociety.co.uk
British Horse Society	www.bhs.org.uk
British Miniature Horse Society	www.bmhs.co.uk
British Show Horse Association	www.britishshowhorse.org
British Show Pony Society	www.bsps.com
British Showjumping	www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
Clydesdale Horse Society	www.clydesdalehorsesociety.com
Coloured Horse and Pony Society	www.chapsuk.com
Dales Pony Society	www.dalespony.org
Dartmoor Pony Society	www.dartmoorponysociety.com
Exmoor Pony Society	www.exmoorponysociety.org.uk
Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)	www.fei.org
Fell Pony Society	www.fellponysociety.org.uk
Highland Society	www.highlandponysociety.com
New Forest Society	www.newforestpony.com
Osborne Scurry Group	www.osbornescurrygroup.com
Percheron Horse Society	www.percheron.org.uk
UK American Miniature Horse Society	www.ukamhs.co.uk
UK Ponies & Horses Limited	www.ukponies.uk
Racehorse to Riding Horse	www.racehorse2ridinghorse.co.uk
Search for a Star	www.search4astar.org.uk
Shetland Pony Stud Book Society	www.shetlandponystudbooksociety.co.uk
Sport Horse Breeding of GB	www.sporthorsegb.co.uk
Suffolk Horse Society	www.suffolkhorsesociety.org.uk
Traditional Gypsy Cob Association	www.tgca.co.uk
The Joint Measuring Board (JMB)	www.thejmbonline.co.uk
The National Pony Society	www.nationalponysociety.com
The Pony Club	www.pcuk.org
The Shire Horse Society	www.shire-horse.org.uk
The Showing Register	www.theshowingregister.co.uk
Veteran Horse Society	www.veteran-horse-society.co.uk
Welsh Pony and Cob Society	www.wpcs.uk.com

TICKETS

General Public admittance tickets are available to competitors and the public from the Horse of the Year Show box office on 0344 581 8282 or can be purchased online via www.hoys.co.uk. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a 'Gold Ticket' covers both daytime and evening performances; on Saturday and Sunday, tickets are valid for either the daytime or the evening performances. Adult ticket prices start from £42.00 and are subject to a booking fee. Concessions are available for senior citizens and children 15 years and under. For further details, please visit www.hoys.co.uk, where online booking is available.

GROUP DISCOUNTS

Groups of 10 or more purchasing tickets for the same performance (excluding Saturday Evening performance) in the same price band qualify for a discount email ukgroups@axs.com for further details.

SEASON TICKETS

If you are planning on coming to enjoy HOYS for the full five days in 2026, why not consider saving money with a Season Ticket? With possible savings of up to £166.50, it also takes away the hassle of purchasing tickets for individual performances and secures you your own seat in the Andrews Bowen International Arena for the whole Show as well as access to the TopSpec Arena and the Retail Village. To book contact the HOYS Team on 02476 858205 or email seasons@hoys.co.uk

HOYS STAYCATION PACKAGE

This package offers a two-day ticket covering all the show highlights throughout Wednesday and Thursday or Thursday and Friday and new for 2026 a weekend package (Saturday and Sunday) is available. It includes 'A Band' tickets for two people, valid for the same seat over the two days, plus a one-night stay in the Arden Hotel and Leisure Club, The Moxy or Holiday Inn Airport NEC, to include breakfast and parking. Prices from £405 including VAT, based on two people sharing (package subject to booking fee). To book please call 02476 858205 or email seasons@hoys.co.uk.

SUPER SUNDAY PACKAGE

The Super Sunday Package is an all-day Sunday ticket package which offers a Sunday daytime and Sunday evening ticket at a reduced rate. Buy the Sunday Daytime and then get the Sunday Evening at half the price! To book please call the show box office on 0344 581 8282 or this ticket package can be purchased online via www.hoys.co.uk.

MARK SHEETS

Copies of mark sheets are available to view online. Please note, these are only available for certain classes.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Every exhibitor, competitor, owner, rider, handler, groom, driver and/or producer (hereinafter known as "Competitor") at Horse of the Year Show must make themselves conversant with these General Rules and Regulations, in addition to the Special Conditions applicable to the various Classes and Competitions. Competitors may only compete on the understanding that they comply with, and are bound by, these Rules and Regulations and the Special Conditions relating to each Class or Competition.

1. COMPETITOR PASSES

Each horse/pony entered for the show will be allocated **three complimentary passes for the day/s of its class/classes**. These are intended for the Rider, the Owner and the Groom. These passes, subject to capacity, will also entitle the wearer to enter the Stable Area, Andrews Bowen International Arena, TopSpec Arena, Indoor and Outdoor Collecting Rings and the Retail Village on the allocated day.

The Organisers reserve the right to limit access to the indoor Collecting Ring for health and safety reasons. Competitor Pass holders will be permitted access to the area; however, access to the Collecting Ring surface will be restricted. One Competitor Pass holder may escort the horse and rider/handler onto the Collecting Ring surface, with all other pass holders required to remain within the designated perimeter.

Additional exhibitor wristlets can be purchased online via the entries system up until the close of entries. After this date passes will be available for purchase at the show only. All wristlets are offered on a first come first served basis.

For security reasons, competitor wristlets will not be sent out before the show.

Competitor pass cards will be sent to each competitor prior to the show. Upon arrival at the Show, the pass cards should be exchanged, by the recipient, for wristlets at the Passes Office. Wristlets will be fitted to the wrist of the recipient so cannot be collected by a third party. Horsebox passes will also be sent out prior to the show. Should any of these passes be lost, mislaid or otherwise, they will not be replaced.

All passes are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Official competitor passes are **ONLY** sold and distributed from the Horse of the Year Show Passes Office. If you are offered passes at any other location, you may be buying forgeries, which will **NOT** allow you access to the Show. Extra passes may only be purchased by Exhibitors, subject to availability. We strongly recommend that extra passes are booked as early as possible due to limited capacity and high demand.

Extra Exhibitor Passes:	
Weekly	£380.00
Individual day	£99.00
<i>Under 5 years old</i>	<i>Free for non-competing children</i>

The Organisers reserve the right to withdraw or confiscate any passes whether issued with entry or purchased, without refund, immediately if they are either cut, tampered with, removed or in any way damaged. Competitors' children who are under 5 and are not competing may be permitted access, subject to capacity.

Stable Wristlets will be issued by the Stable team upon arrival on production of a competitor pass card. Competitor pass cards will be sent to each competitor prior to the show. Upon arrival at the Show, the pass cards will be checked and signed by the stable team in exchange for stable wristlets. Each Competitor pass will entitle the bearer to one stable wristlet. Additional stable wristlets must be requested and will only be issued at the discretion of the Equestrian Manager.

Stable wristlets will allow the wearer access to the Retail Village each day after 17:30. Please note that this is access to the shopping only areas and will not allow access into any on the arenas.

PLEASE NOTE: Passes are non-transferable once issued.

2. ONSITE STABLING

ALL STABLING IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

Horses competing on **ONE DAY ONLY** are permitted to stable the night before and the night of their class/es. Horses competing on **TWO NON-CONSECUTIVE DAYS** are permitted to stable for the period between their classes. Horses competing on **THREE OR MORE DAYS** are permitted to stable for the **REST** of the show but may only arrive on the day prior to their first class.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to limited stabling, stand-in stables cannot be provided.

STABLING CHARGES	
1 night	£95.00
Tuesday to Sunday inclusive	£365.00
<i>(Stabling prices include VAT @ 20%)</i>	

STABLES ARE BOOKED FROM 17:00 ON THE DAY OF ARRIVAL UNTIL 14:30 ON THE DAY OF DEPARTURE FROM TUESDAY TO SUNDAY.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL STABLES MUST BE VACATED BY 08:00 MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Horses and ponies must be removed from their stables by these times, which must be strictly adhered to. Grandstand Media Ltd reserves the right to charge the daily rate for that stable and/or additional fines imposed by Grandstand Media Ltd to any person failing to remove their horse/pony from any stable by the designated time, it further reserves the right to deduct such charge from any prize money due and entries may be refused for future shows.

Stabling is available subject to capacity. Applications must be made online or using the appropriate paper form and fees paid in full. **The final date for application is 15th September 2026.** Stables are sold on a first come first served basis.

Due to limited space, any horse/pony that is not competing at Horse of the Year Show, including travelling companions, will **NOT** be allowed on the showground.

If stallion stables are required, please indicate in the stallion box section on your application.

2.2 Emergency Contact Stable Card (ECSC)

ECSCs must be obtained from the Stable Manager's Office upon arrival at the show. It is the responsibility of the owner/competitor to complete the card in full and affix to their horse's stable door for the duration of their stay at the show.

While every reasonable effort will be made to contact the owner/competitor of the animal, if unsuccessful, the Veterinary Surgeon will treat the animal as he/she finds necessary.

2.2 Reception or Removal

Horses or ponies for which stable accommodation has been reserved will be received at the show on or after (and not before) 11:00 on Tuesday 6th October 2026.

Horses and ponies will not be admitted prior to this time unless written permission has been obtained in advance from the Show Secretary. All horses and ponies, upon arrival at the show, will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Show. All animals must be removed by 08:00 on Monday 12th October 2026.

2.3 Bedding and Forage

Only SHAVINGS or similar products may be used. HorseHage Forage and Arden Wood Shavings - Safemix can be purchased from the Passes Office.

Please note that carpet is not permitted within the stables or stabling areas. Spot checks will be made and carpet in stables will be requested to be removed.

DUE TO FIRE REGULATIONS ABSOLUTELY NO STRAW WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUND INCLUDING IN HORSEBOXES.

2.4 Cancellation/Changes of Stabling and/or Competitor Passes

There will be NO REFUNDS for stabling or competitor passes and no changes/transfers of any booked stables or competitor passes.

3. LIVED IN HORSEBOXES

Bookings are subject to availability ONLY. If you have requested a horsebox pass, you will automatically be given one pass for the day of your class (if no stables are booked) or the period of your stabling (if stables are booked). Vehicle passes will be printed after entries close with the registration number given in your online account on that date. To update your registration number, please either do this in your account online or by contacting the Horse of the Year Show office. Unlived-in horseboxes must not be used for overnight accommodation while on the Showground.

If you require an additional horsebox pass, please email entries@grandstand.co.uk. If you are transporting animals not exhibited by yourself, please provide details of these. Additional passes are not guaranteed and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis dependent on availability.

4. ON ARRIVAL AT THE SHOW

On arrival at the show, competitors must report to the Stable Manager's Office where their stable booking will be confirmed and passes issued.

Please note that competitors with horses and/or ponies arriving at Horse of the Year Show will not be admitted between the hours of **21:00 and 04:45**.

DUE TO SPACE RESTRICTIONS ANY HORSEBOX OR TRAILER THAT IS NOT CARRYING A COMPETING HORSE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE LORRY PARK AND WILL BE TURNED AWAY AT THE GATE.

Due to FIRE REGULATIONS and the licence issued by Solihull Borough Council, the following will be strictly enforced:

- a. All lived-in horseboxes will be sited by Horse of the Year Show personnel at the required distance and should not be moved before leaving the showground.
- b. All competitors/grooms living in horseboxes must ensure that they know the location of the nearest fire point and fire-fighting equipment.
- c. All vehicles must be equipped with a fire extinguisher.
- d. Caravans and motorhomes are NOT allowed.
- e. Cars which are not towing a horse trailer are not permitted in the Horsebox Park.

PLEASE NOTE: Competitors are not allowed to bring any form of caravan, caravanettes or motor homes onsite.

5. LIVED-IN HORSEBOXES WITH PORT-A-LOOS

Occupants of lived-in horseboxes with their own toilet facilities may not empty them on the showground. Anyone found to be emptying Port-a-loos or similar at the NEC will be removed from site and liable to any charges imposed by the NEC. Toilet facilities will be provided adjacent to the stable area.

6. PAYMENTS AND VAT

Payments for entry fees can be made via the Grandstand Entries System.

VAT is applicable to stabling, tickets/exhibitor passes and vehicle parking, and has been included in the quoted prices at 20%.

7. STABLE AREAS AND HORSEBOX PARK

a. Personal Belongings

Please note, any items left within the stabling area and horsebox park is left at the owners own risk. Grandstand Media Ltd will not be held responsible for any items left unattended.

b. Unauthorised use of Stables

Any competitor or his/her representative who enters or makes use of any stable that has not been officially reserved for his/her use will be liable for the daily charge for that stable and/or additional fines imposed by Grandstand Media Ltd. We reserve the right to deduct any charges from any prize money due, and entry may be refused for future events. Please note that carpet is not permitted within the stables or stabling areas. Spot checks will be made and carpet in stables will be requested to be removed.

c. Entry Right to Showground and Stables

All competitors, owners, grooms and other persons must display relevant passes at all times, otherwise entry will be refused.

d. Smoking and Fire Risks

- No smoking will be permitted in or near the stable area
- No straw will be allowed on the showground, this includes straw in horseboxes and trailers
- No hay may be stored under or near to any vehicle in the Horsebox Park at any time
- No containers, recommended for the purpose or otherwise for the storage of fuel or gas will be permitted in the Horsebox Park
- The use or possession of barbeques of any type will not be permitted at any time in the Horsebox Park or elsewhere on the showground

IF FOUND, ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ARTICLES WILL BE CONFISCATED AND REMOVED BY THE STABLE TEAM.

e. Electrical Hook-Up and Generators

Electrical hook-up is only available to International Riders and Horse of the Year Show sponsors (with the prior agreement of Grandstand Media Ltd only.) Anyone found to be hooked up without authorisation will be disconnected without prior notice, may be asked to leave the show, and will be fined £100. Due to NEC Health and Safety regulations, generators are not permitted to be used on the showground after 23:00 and before 05:00.

f. Vehicles

Due to space restrictions, some vehicles may be parked approximately 15-minute walk away from the arenas.

Horse of the Year Show does not provide any competitor car parking. Parking for competitor's cars will be in the NEC public car parks only and subject to their daily charges. No unauthorised cars will be allowed in the stable area or horsebox parks.

Vehicles must not be parked on the stable roadway or grass verges. Any car found in these areas will be removed at the owner's risk.

g. Motorised Vehicles

The use of electrical buggies, motorcycles, motor scooters, electric scooters and other internal combustion machines is **FORBIDDEN** on the showground. Authorised vehicles ONLY.

Please note: Disability scooters are permitted for those who require them.

h. Dogs

In accordance with NEC policy, **STRICTLY NO DOGS** are allowed on the showground. Any dogs that are found in the stables or parking areas are liable to be impounded and subject to a charge of £50 for their release.

No vehicle with a dog on board will be permitted past the vehicle check-in point and onto the showground. Any competitor found to have brought a dog on site will be asked to leave the showground and forfeit any fees paid.

8. OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

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Orders can be placed online or at the trade stand during the show

9. ENTRIES

Competitors must be bona fide owners (or such persons nominated by the owner to be their authorised agent to make the entry on the owner's behalf) at the closing date of entry of the horses/ponies which they are entering.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of a horse/pony changing ownership after having been entered for the Show, the details of the owner will remain unchanged unless official notification of change of ownership is received by the Show Secretary from both parties concerned IN WRITING prior to the closing date of entries, as detailed in the Schedule. A form will be sent out on request by emailing entries@grandstand.co.uk.

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.

The person who made the original entry will be considered the owner (or their authorised representative) and he/she alone will be recognised as being entitled to any cups or prize money which may be won by the

entries made by him/her. Entries must be made via the official Online Entry System at **www.grandstandentries.com** and must be fully completed and authorised by the Competitor or their authorised agent.

The recipient of prize money must be specified on the Grandstand Entries System; once prize money has been issued, any alterations will be subject to an **administration fee of £45.00**.

It cannot be guaranteed that entries processed after 15th September 2026 will appear in the programme.

Entries are accepted subject to any unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to, military exigencies, strikes, or other civil disturbances, fire or other contingencies of any description preventing or rendering it undesirable in the opinion of the organisers for the Show to take place. All entries shall stand for any postponed Show unless withdrawn by written notice to the Show Secretary within one week of notification or public announcement in the press of such postponement. The postponement or abandonment of the Show, either before the opening or at any time during the course of the Show, shall not give rise to any claim whatsoever against the Show or the Organisers by the competitors or others except for refund of prepaid entries in respect of classes or competitions not held. In the case of postponement, a refund will only be made in respect of entries duly withdrawn.

10. AUTHORISED AGENTS

Any Entry Form, objection or other document required by these Rules to be signed by a Competitor may be accepted if signed on behalf of the Competitor by an agent whom the Organisers are satisfied is duly authorised to do so.

11. ENTRY FEES

No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fees. In the event of a failed payment, the entry will be refused until such time that full settlement is made, which must be before close of entries.

12. SUBSTITUTIONS

No alterations or substitutions of any entry will be allowed after the closing date of entries without permission of the Show Secretary. Entries must therefore be made in the appropriate competition(s) or class(es) for which animals are eligible.

13. AGE AND HEIGHT

All Animals competing in ridden height restricted Horse classes will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate within 28 days of the notification of qualification from HOYS or by the closing date of HOYS entries, whichever is sooner. Failure to do so may result in qualification of the Horse being removed, at the discretion of GML. A valid JMB number must be submitted to the relevant society on receipt from the JMB.

All Animals competing in ridden height restricted Pony classes will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate within 28 days of the notification of qualification from HOYS or by the closing date of HOYS entries, whichever is sooner. Failure to do so may result in qualification of the pony being removed, at the discretion of GML.

All Animals competing in ridden Mountain & Moorland classes, except those with breed specifications that do not stipulate a required upper height limit (Welsh Section D, Exmoor and Dales), will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate within 28 days of the notification of qualification from HOYS or by the closing date of HOYS entries, whichever is sooner. Failure to do so may result in qualification of the pony being removed, at the discretion of GML.

The age and height of each horse/pony entered, and any other specific particulars, must be accurately stated on the entry form if required by the conditions of the competition. A false declaration or misstatement of any kind, including change of name of a horse/pony, incorrect description or false declaration of prizes won at horse shows, may at the discretion of the Organisers; disqualify a competitor from the show and the horse/pony entered from any prize and from entering or being entered again at the show.

In particular, a misstatement as to the height will automatically render the animal ineligible for any judging or prize. Competitors must be prepared to verify any statement made in a manner required by the Organisers. All entries must be made in the name of the horse/pony under which it is registered with the relevant association/society and must correspond with the name shown on the Annual or Full JMB Certificate and National Passport at all times.

14. DECLINING ENTRIES

The Organisers may at their absolute discretion, decline any entry, exclude, or remove any person or animal from the Show or future Shows or return any entry fee without being required to assign any reason or being liable for any compensation.

15. FORFEITURE OF FEES AND CHARGES

Failure to exhibit any animal entered will entail forfeiture of entry fees and charges for stabling, passes and horsebox parking if appropriate. **No refund will be made in any circumstances.**

16. CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

Any competition for which there are not at least four entries under the ownership of different competitors may be cancelled. Competitors in the cancelled competition will be notified and may, at their option up to the 15th September 2026, transfer the entries originally made to other competitions for which the animals originally entered may be eligible.

17. PRELIMINARY JUDGING

With the view of properly determining the respective merits of animals entered in the various competitions, the Organisers may order preliminary judging to be held or competitions to be judged on mornings during the Show, or on such other occasions, and at such places and times and under such conditions, as they may consider necessary.

All animals which have been presented for preliminary judging are expected in the arena for the final judging for awards unless otherwise directed by the Judge/s at a preliminary judging.

18. PROGRAMME AND CONDITIONS

The Organisers reserve the right to alter the timings, cancel, add to or amend any of the competitions as necessities of the programme may require, increasing or reducing the number of Sections, and amend the Prize Money in such cases. For International Show Jumping competitions, this can only be done with the approval of the Ground Jury.

19. JUDGING

In all competitions, the Judges will select such animals in each class as they consider eligible for prizes of commendation. When they deem a veterinary examination necessary, such examination will be made

before the prizes are awarded. This veterinary examination will be conducted by the show Veterinary Surgeons whose decisions shall be final, and the result of such examination will be considered as confidential. No second opinion may be given. The Veterinary Surgeons may approach a judge to enable consultation over an animal's soundness.

Further, the judges shall have power at their discretion to withhold any prize for want of merit or any cause.

20. NO ADMISSION TO THE SHOW ARENA(S)

No person shall enter the Show Arena(s), which includes any space enclosed or set apart for judging, or hold any communication with any Judge or examining Veterinary Surgeon without the signed permission of the Organisers or one of the Show Officials.

21. EXERCISE IN THE SHOW ARENA(S)

No horse or pony will be allowed into the Andrews Bowen International Arena, the TopSpec Arena or the external Exercise Area except at such times as are announced or posted, or as stated in the Timetable and then only in the presence of, or as directed by, an authorised Show Official.

Horses/ponies should be warmed up for an appropriate amount of time depending on their age, level of fitness, maturity and the surface on which they are being worked and the prevailing weather conditions. When ridden exercise is carried out the suitability of rider must be taken into account – please see section 44 below for further details. Lunging is permitted in the external arena at designated times and must be carried out by a competent person and training aids should be suitable and correctly fitted. Lunge whips can be used for safety and guidance purposes only. Lunge whips should never be used for reprimanding a horse or pony.

If the outside exercise arena is closed, or there is no official present, then under no circumstances is anyone on the showground permitted to use any arena for exercise. Grandstand Media Ltd will accept no liability for any accident or injury for any party failing to adhere to the rules as set out in this schedule.

22. COLLECTING RING

The Stewards in charge of the Collecting Ring will have sole control of the entrance and exits to the Show Arena. All competitors must present their horses and ponies at the Collecting Ring prior to admission to the Show Ring. Each horse/pony must be in the Collecting Ring ready to enter the Show Arena at **least 30 minutes before the time specified** on the daily programme for the judging of the competition in which it is entered, otherwise it will forfeit the right to compete in that competition. This rule will be strictly enforced and horses/ponies arriving late will not be permitted to enter the Show Arena.

23. DRESS

Protective headgear must be worn by anybody riding a horse for any reason unless service uniform is being worn. Showing: due to the early hours of some competitions, any form of traditional, approved and safe riding dress (including body protectors) may be worn, but must include a riding jacket, shirt, tie or stock, breeches or jodhpurs and suitable footwear. Where grooms or attendants are permitted to enter the arena during preliminary or final judging they must be correctly dressed. Coats, collars and ties must be worn.

24. NUMBERS

Bridle numbers will not be sent out prior to the show. All competitors must show the certificate, given and signed by the Veterinary Surgeon on arrival of the horse at the event to Declarations before being allowed to compete. After declaration, no substitution will be permitted unless the Duty Veterinary Surgeon certifies that the declared horse has become unfit to compete since the time of declaration.

a. Show Jumping

Bridle numbers must be worn by horses/ponies at all times when out of the horsebox or stable, during competition and exercise times.

b. Showing and Driving

Bridle numbers must be worn by horses/ponies at all times when out of the horsebox or stable and during exercise times. Waist numbers will also be issued and must be worn during competitions.

25. DECORATIONS

No animal may, except in Championships, can be decorated with any prize rosettes until after it has been judged. Rosettes will not be duplicated if lost or mislaid except at the expense of the competitor, and should therefore, be carefully preserved.

26. PUBLIC RETIREMENTS

Public retirements of horses are not allowed unless prior arrangement has been made with Grandstand Media Ltd before the show of that current year.

27. PARADING

All animals must be paraded whenever so ordered by the Organisers or an authorised Show Official. Any failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification from competing and forfeiture of prizes.

28. VETERINARY SURGEONS, DOCTORS AND FARRIER

Under no circumstances will any Veterinary Surgeon other than the Veterinary Commission be allowed to treat any horse or pony at the Show, unless permission has been received from a member of the Veterinary Commission; if permission is granted the Veterinary Surgeon concerned will be accompanied by a member of the Veterinary Commission.

The services of a Veterinary Surgeon, Medical Personnel and Farrier will be available on the showground or on call, day and night. All costs will be the responsibility of the rider/driver/owner/handler/agent of an animal.

29. MEDICATION CONTROL

For National Show Jumping and Showing competitions, the Organisers reserve the right to instruct a Veterinary Surgeon or Chief Steward to take random tests on horses and ponies in any competition at the Show.

For National Show Jumping and Showing classes, these tests will be carried out in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of British Showjumping. For International Show Jumping competitions, horses for dope testing are selected by the Ground Jury and the FEI Veterinary Delegate and tests will be carried out in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the FEI.

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 2026 has been recorded against an animal competing at the show, Horse of the Year Show will automatically disqualify the animal concerned.

30. INCIVILITY

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.

Incivility, at any stage, towards a Show Official is unacceptable and, at the complete discretion of the Show Organisers, may result in the offender being asked to leave the Show or made subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, a fine, suspension or exclusion from any part of the Show. In this connection, exhibitors and competitors are reminded of their responsibility for the actions of others, in accordance with the terms of Rule 31.

31. OBJECTIONS (Art 165 – 168 – FEI General Regulations)

Any objection or protest is to be lodged by obtaining a printed Objection Form from the Show Secretary at the Show which must be completed by and signed by the Objector and delivered to the Show Secretary for national competitions and to the President of the Ground Jury for International 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.

Horse of the Year Show is unable to accept objections involving Joint Measurement Board (JMB) certificates. Objections will be dealt with under the Rules and Regulations of Horse of the Year Show. 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.

With the exception of appeals concerning International Show Jumping Competitions, the decision of the Appeals Committee who determines the objection shall be final and binding and that no appeal therefrom shall lie upon any ground whatever. If the objection shall be determined against the Objector his deposit shall be forfeited 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.

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.

32. DISQUALIFICATION

In the event of any animal being disqualified whether as the result of any objection or otherwise, the winner of the next succeeding prize in that competition shall take the prize awarded to such disqualified animal. The result of the class will be reset as if the disqualified animal had not taken part in the competition.

33. RESPONSIBILITY

The organisers of Horse of the Year Show have no liability to the competitor for any accident, injury, damage, illness, disease or other loss occurring to the competitor's property and/or animals and shall only have liability to the competitor for personal injury or death to the extent caused by or contributed to by their negligence.

The competitor shall be responsible to the Organising Team of Horse of the Year Show their principals and Grandstand Media Ltd for losses suffered by them to the extent that it arises from or is contributed to in

any way by any act, neglect or omission by the competitor or by any person for whom or of any animal for which the competitor is responsible.

All exhibitors, competitors, owners, riders, drivers and/or producers compete at their own risk and the organisers of Horse of the Year Show (including their employees, representatives and show officials) will not be responsible for any accident, injury or damage that may occur to, or any illness or disease which may be contracted by any animal entered at the Show howsoever occurring, and the Competitors or representatives of shall keep the Organisers indemnified against all liability whatever arising from any accident, injury, damage, illness or disease.

The Organisers will not be in any way liable for anything that may happen (from any cause or circumstances whatever) to property brought into the Show or for any other loss, claim, matter, circumstance or event whatever in connection with, or arising out of, or attributable to the actions of the Organisers (including their employees, representatives and show officials) or any of their Officers, or Agents or these or any other Rules or Regulations or Special Conditions prescribed by the Show.

All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times while on the showground.

Each competitor or representatives of will be considered responsible in all aspects for the attendants in charge of their animals and for any other servants or agents of theirs for the consequences of any infringement by any such persons of these Rules and Regulations.

34. INSURANCES

All exhibitors, competitors, owners, riders, handlers, grooms, drivers and/or producers, members of displays etc. at Horse of the Year Show are personally responsible for damages to any building, land, equipment or otherwise on the Showground or other areas of the NEC or to any third persons caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. It is a requirement that they have in force third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in or at Horse of the Year Show. Such insurance cover for third party liability should be for no less than £2 million.

35. DECISIONS

The decision of the Organisers (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.

36. ORGANISERS POWERS

Subject hereinafter provided the organisers shall have power:

- I. To interpret these Rules and Regulations and the Special Conditions applicable to the competitions and to appoint Stewards and Officials for the enforcement thereof and for the purposes of the Show generally and such persons shall have full power accordingly.
- II. The right to make amendments to the Schedule, the General Rules and Regulations of Horse of the Year Show or any of the Show's classes and their associated rules as necessary at any time and use reasonable endeavours to notify such changes to each entered competitor. Any such change will be displayed in the Stable Manager's office at the show.
- III. In addition to the provisions relating to Objections to determine any matter, question or difference whatever arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show or to these Rules and Regulations

and the Special Conditions and the decisions of such Stewards and Officials shall be final and binding and no appeal shall lie there from, and shall also have power in case of emergency or expediency to suspend or relax any Rule or Regulation for such period and to such extent and in such manner as they think fit.

N.B. This regulation does not apply to International Show Jumping Competitions which are otherwise governed by the Rules and Regulations of the FEI.

37. RULES

Provided always that when a competition is held under National Rules, such National Rules of an affiliated association or society as are appropriate to the type and class of competition shall apply, and shall have effect throughout such competition until immediately after the announcement of the results thereof. Should there be a conflict between such association or society rules and the 'General Rules and Regulations' of Horse of the Year Show as printed in the Showing Rules of Horse of the Year Show and in this schedule, the latter will prevail.

38. PLACARDS AND NOTICES

No placard or notice of any description shall be placed on any stall, vehicle or circulated in the Show without the signed permission of the Organisers.

39. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO CAMERAS

The unauthorised use of cameras and video cameras or such other photographic or filming equipment is strictly prohibited in the Arenas and all backstage areas. Professional photography in all backstage areas is prohibited without a Grandstand Media Ltd escort.

40. TELEVISION/ VIDEO/ FILMING/MARKETING

It is a condition of participation at Horse of the Year Show that all participants agree to allow official photography and recording of themselves and their property during any part of Horse of the Year Show. It is a further condition of participation that all participants allow all such photographed and recorded materials to be used, at the Organiser's discretion, for broadcasting, future promotion and/or publicity in respect of Horse of the Year Show, its sponsors and partners.

Your details will be passed to the official photographers and videographers in order that they may contact you after the event. Should you not wish for this information to be passed, please advise the Show Secretary accordingly at the time of entry. By submitting your entry form, you indicate your consent to receiving email marketing from us, providing you with relevant sponsor information and offers. To opt out of this, please email press@grandstand.co.uk stating the name of the event in the subject of your email, and your intent to unsubscribe within the body of the email.

41. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Competitors must adhere to any Health and Safety policies issued to them from time to time by the Organisers. These will be displayed in the Stable Manager's Office and the Show Office on the showground.

42. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Organiser has the overall responsibility for Health and Safety. The show is organised in accordance with Health and Safety Legislation and all who have (to any extent) control of premises or site at the show are responsible for ensuring that:

- I) Everything reasonably practicable is done to ensure the health and safety and welfare of those attending the show.
- II) They conduct themselves so that they do not put themselves or anyone else at risk.
- III) Access to and egress from the site is safe.
- IV) Members of the public and competitors are equally responsible for ensuring that they do not put other persons at risk and that they co-operate with the organisers in compliance with Health and Safety legislation.

a. Emergencies

- I) Emergency services must have access to all parts of the show site at all times and members of the public must not park vehicles so as to obstruct access.
- II) First Aid points are clearly marked.
- III) In the case of an emergency, members of the public should contact the nearest official or NEC steward.

b. Horses

Horses can easily be frightened and can be dangerous. Members of the public are requested to keep clear from horse areas and to avoid behaviour that might alarm horses. Children must be supervised by parents/guardians at all times.

43. NOISE CURFEW

For residents living adjacent to the NEC, the organisers are imposing a noise curfew on the showground (including the stable area and horsebox parking area) between the hours of 23:30 and 06:30 on each day. Accordingly, every competitor must use their best endeavours to ensure that noise generated in these areas is kept to an absolute minimum, so as not to cause a nuisance to neighbouring residents.

44. SUITABILITY OF RIDER

Equine welfare is of paramount importance and all riders must at all times be of an appropriate size and weight for the horse/pony being ridden which includes horses/ponies being warmed up and/or exercised (anywhere at Horse of the Year Show to include but not limited to exercise areas, collecting rings or vehicle parks day or night). Horse of the Year Show reserves the right to take further action against any exhibitor and/or professional producer who permits any person (including an exhibitor and/or professional producer) to ride a horse or pony when the size and/or weight of the rider compromises the welfare of the horse/pony being ridden.

The issue of welfare will be determined by the on-site veterinary team and will include vets, stewards and officials having the authority to require the rider to dismount to enable a member of the on-site veterinary



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SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO NATIONAL SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

EQUINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Vaccination Requirements as stated on page 7 of this schedule are applicable to every horse/pony at Horse of the Year Show EXCEPT International Show Jumping horses which must be vaccinated under FEI rules and regulations.

1. ENTRIES

Owners of qualified horses must enter this competition and the completed entry form must be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

The following closing dates will be strictly adhered to, and the organisers reserve the right to not accept entries received after the relevant closing date. Correct entry fees and stabling charges must be submitted at time of entry, or the entry will not be processed.

ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSING DATES

For all qualifiers

15th September 2026

No qualification will be passed down the line for any National Showjumping Championships Finals within 48 hours of the start of Horse of the Year Show.

2. DECLARATIONS

No horse will be permitted to compete in any jumping competition unless the declaration has been made within the specified time. Competitors will be required to declare online before their competition at www.hoys.co.uk.

Declarations must be made by the competitor or his/her agent and may be made in writing, online by telephone, by email, or in person, **by 20:00 on the evening prior** to the competition entered. No double declarations will be accepted. You can declare online at www.hoys.co.uk.

Please Note: All competitors must show the certificate, given and signed by the Veterinary Surgeon on arrival of the horse at the Show, to Declarations before being allowed to jump. After declaration, no substitution will be permitted unless the Duty Veterinary Surgeon certifies that the declared horse has become unfit to compete since the time of declaration.

1. Horses must jump in the order they appear on the start list unless special permission has been obtained from the Organisers and Ground Jury.

2. During the competition, three competitors must always be ready to enter the arena. If a competitor does not respond when his/her "order number" is called, the competitor will lose his/her turn and the horse bearing the number called may be eliminated from the competition in progress.
3. Should entries in any jumping competition be excessive, in order that the timetable may be adhered to, the Organisers/Judges reserve the right to request that competitors leave the arena when they have been penalised by a number of faults which, in the opinion of the judges, gives the competitor no chance of being placed for any award.
4. The Organisers themselves reserve the right to cancel or add to any of the conditions of this schedule or amend the conditions of any competition, dividing classes into sections, or cancelling sections, and to amend prize money as the necessity of the programme may require. Also to hold any competition in the morning or on any such occasion or time, or at any such place as they may deem necessary.
5. The first three prize winners in each competition may be asked to make themselves available to meet the Sponsors and/or the Press after the completion of their class
6. Competitors are authorised to carry the logo of their personal sponsor on the saddlecloth in accordance with British Showjumping Rule 102.10.
7. Rule 82.19 "No member shall allow a stallion for which they are responsible as owner, lessee, authorised agent or rider to attend a show compete or be prepared to compete, in any show jumping competition without taking adequate precautions to ensure other horses/ponies, competitors and members of the public are not put at risk of injury" Also refer to Rule 102.13.
8. Class times stated are for guidance only and the Organisers reserve the right to amend these at any time.
9. All animals must attend mounted prize giving's as so ordered by the Organisers or an authorised Show Official. Any failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification from competing and forfeiture of prizes and/or prize money as per British Showjumping rules 101.7. All prize money winners will be required for mounted presentation.

NATIONAL SHOW JUMPING

The following class timings are approximate and should be used as a guidance only

CLASS 1A	NAF FIVE STAR BRONZE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
07:30 approx.	Wednesday 7th October
CLASS 1B	NAF FIVE STAR SILVER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
07:30 approx.	Wednesday 7th October

Under National Rules, Table A10

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

Section A	NAF Five Star Bronze League Championship Speed 325 metres per minute Start Height: 1.10m
Section B	NAF Five Star Silver League Championship Speed 350 metres per minute Start Height: 1.20m

Section A and Section B will run consecutively. There will be one course walk for both sections before Section A but separate presentations at the end of both classes.

The only horse/rider combinations eligible to compete in the NAF Five Star Bronze/Silver League Championship are the seven combinations qualified from the respective NAF Five Star Bronze/Silver League North Semi Final and the seven combinations qualified from the respective Bronze/Silver League South Semi Final. No rider will be eligible for the NAF Five Star Bronze League Final if they have another horse in the NAF Five Star Silver League during the respective league period.

Only one horse per rider is permitted to compete in the Final. Any rider qualified for other Senior HOYS Final/s cannot compete in the NAF Five Star Bronze League Final in the same year (once qualified for another Senior HOYS Final riders will lose their NAF Five Star Bronze League Final place, the place will be passed down to the next highest place combination at the Semi-Final).

Entry Fee: £98

Total Prizes: £2,994

Awards for both Bronze and Silver Leagues: 1st £440, 2nd £280, 3rd £220, 4th £165, 5th £98, 6th £98, 7th £98, 8th £98

A British Showjumping Trophy (photo only), glass award and a rug supplied by NAF will be presented to the winner of these Championships.

Owners of qualified horses must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

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CLASS 2

GFS SADDLES SENIOR NEWCOMERS CHAMPIONSHIP

18:00 approx.

Wednesday 7th October

Under National Rules, Table A7

Speed: 350 metres per minute

Start Height: 1.35m

Horses eligible to compete in this Championship are those which have qualified under British Showjumping Rule 313.6, plus four will qualify from the British Showjumping National Championships to be ridden by Adult, Associate or Junior members. Competitors may ride a maximum of four horses in this Championship.

Entry Fee: £118

Total Prizes: £1,887

Awards: 1st £545, 2nd £390, 3rd £280, 4th £200, 5th £118, 6th £118, 7th £118, 8th £118

The Wing Newcomer trophy (photo only), glass award and a rug supplied by GFS Saddles will be presented to the winner of this Championship.

Rule 102.16 British Showjumping hind boot rule for boots/leg protection applies in this class. Failure to comply will incur disqualification.

Competitors may not compete in classes on horses with a starting height in the first round that exceeds 1.30m, until the year in which they reach their 14th Birthday.

Owners of qualified horses must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to GFS Saddles for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 3

TALENT SEEKERS (INCORPORATING THE 7 YEAR OLD CHAMPIONSHIP)

21:10 approx.

Wednesday 7th October

Under National Rules, Table A7

Speed: 350 metres per minute

Start Height: 1.40m

Horses eligible to compete in this Championship are those which have qualified under British Showjumping Rule 300, in addition the first two horses from the seven year old championship at the British Young Horse Championships. Competitors may ride a maximum of four horses in this Championship.

Rule 102.16 British Showjumping hind boot rule for boots/leg protection applies in this class. Failure to comply will incur disqualification

Competitors may not compete in classes on horses with a starting height in the first round that exceeds 1.40m, until the year in which they reach their 16th Birthday.

The highest placed seven year old horse will be the winner of the 7 Year Old Championship.

Entry Fee: £162

36 Horse of the Year Show 2026

Total Prizes: £4,920

Awards: 1st £1,530, 2nd £1,090, 3rd £790, 4th £520, 5th £330, 6th £165, 7th £165, 8th £165, 9th £165

The winner of this class will be awarded a Glass Award, and a rug. The highest placed 7 year old (winner of the 7 year old championship) will also be awarded with a glass award and rug .

Owners of qualified horses must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

CLASS 4	PONY NEWCOMERS CHAMPIONSHIP
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10:40 approx.

Thursday 8th October

Under National Rules, Table A7

Speed: 325 metres per minute

Start Height: 1.15m

The only pony/rider combinations eligible to compete in this Championship are those which have qualified under British Showjumping Rule 407.6, plus four will qualify from the British Showjumping National Championships, to be ridden by Junior Members. Competitors may ride a maximum of three ponies in this Championship.

Entry Fee: £90

Total Prizes: £880

Awards: 1st £200, 2nd £125, 3rd £100, 4th £95, 5th £90, 6th £90, 7th £90, 8th £90

The British Showjumping Pony Newcomers medal, glass award, Pony Newcomers trophy (photo only) and a rug will be awarded to the winner of this Championship.

Rule 102.16 British Showjumping hind boot rule for boots/leg protection applies in this class. Failure to comply will incur disqualification

Owners of qualified ponies must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

CLASS 5	LEADING PONY SHOWJUMPER OF THE YEAR
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14:55 approx.

Thursday 8th October

Under National Rules, Table A7

Speed: 350 metres per minute

Start Height: 1.35m

The only pony/rider combinations eligible to compete in this Championship are those which have qualified under British Showjumping Rule 402.6, the five members of the British Pony European Championship Team 2026 and up to four combinations will qualify from the British Showjumping National Championships, to be ridden by Junior members. Competitors may ride a maximum of two ponies in this Championship.

Entry Fee: £118

Total Prizes: £1,802

37 Horse of the Year Show 2026

Awards: 1st £550, 2nd £355, 3rd £275, 4th £150 5th £118, 6th £118, 7th £118, 8th £118

The British Showjumping Pony Show Jumper of the Year medal and a glass award will be awarded to the winner of this Championship.

British Showjumping Boots / Leg Protection Ruling applies to this class, in accordance with Rule 102.15. Failure to comply will incur disqualification.

Owners of qualified ponies must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

CLASS 6	REDPOST EQUESTRIAN SENIOR FOXHUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP
21:30 approx	Thursday 8th October

Under National Rules, Table A7
Speed: 350 metres per minute
Start Height: 1.45m

Horses eligible to compete in this Championship are those which have qualified under British Showjumping Rule 311.6, and four will qualify from the British Showjumping National Championships. Horses that competed at the 2025 Horse of the Year Show in the Senior Foxhunter Championship are not eligible to compete in this class. Competitors may ride a maximum of four horses in this Championship.

Entry Fee: £162

Total Prizes: £5,888

Awards: £1,800, 2nd £1,170, 3rd £900, 4th £550, 5th £330, 6th £166, 7th £162, 8th £162, 9th £162, 10th £162, 11th £162, 12th £162

The Senior Foxhunter Goblet (photo only) will be presented to the winner of this Championship. A rug provided by Redpost Equestrian will be awarded to the winner of this class. A glass award will be presented to the rider, breeder, groom and owner of the winning horse.

Rule 102.16 British Showjumping hind boot rule for boots/leg protection applies in this class. Failure to comply will incur disqualification.

Competitors may not compete in classes on horses with a starting height in the first round that exceeds 1.40m, until the year in which they reach their 16th Birthday.

Owners of qualified horses must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Redpost Equestrian for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 7	STX - UK PONY FOXHUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP
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17:20 approx.	Friday 9th October
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Under National Rules, Table A7

Speed: 325 metres per minute

Start Height: 1.20m

The only pony/rider combinations eligible to compete in this Championship are those which have qualified under British Showjumping Rule 405.6, plus four will qualify from the British Showjumping National Championships, to be ridden by Junior members. Competitors may ride a maximum of three ponies in this Championship.

Entry Fee: £118

Total Prizes: £ 1,884

Awards: 1st £550, 2nd £400, 3rd £307, 4th £155, 5th £118, 6th £118, 7th £118, 8th £118

The British Showjumping Pony Foxhunter medal and Squibb Tankard/Pony Foxhunter Trophy (photo only) and glass award will be awarded to the winner of this Championship. A rug for 1st – 3rd will kindly be awarded by STX-UK.

British Showjumping Boots / Leg Protection Ruling applies to this class, in accordance with Rule 102.15. Failure to comply will incur disqualification.

Owners of qualified ponies must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to STX - UK for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 8	128CM CHAMPIONSHIP
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09:40 approx.	Saturday 10th October
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Under National Rules, Table A7

Speed: 325 metres per minute

Start Height: 1.10m

The only pony/rider combinations eligible for this Championship are those who have qualified under Rule 412.5. Competitors may ride a maximum of three ponies in this Championship.

Entry Fee: £90

Total Prizes: £880

Awards: 1st £200, 2nd £125, 3rd £100, 4th £95, 5th £90, 6th £90, 7th £90, 8th £90

The British Showjumping 128cm Bronze Horse Head Trophy (photo only) a medal and glass award will be awarded to the winner of this Championship.

British Showjumping Boots / Leg Protection Ruling applies to this class, in accordance with Rule 102.15. Failure to comply will incur disqualification.

Owners of qualified ponies must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

CLASS 9	138CM CHAMPIONSHIP
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11:10 approx.	Saturday 10th October
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Under National Rules, Table A7

Speed: 325 metres per minute

Start Height: 1.15m

The only pony/rider combinations eligible for this Championship are those who have qualified under Rule 413.5. Competitors may ride a maximum of three ponies in this Championship.

Entry Fee: £90

Total Prizes: £880

Awards: 1st £200, 2nd £125, 3rd £100, 4th £95, 5th £90, 6th £90, 7th £90, 8th £90

The British Showjumping 138cm Bronze Horse Head Trophy (photo only) a medal and glass award will be awarded to the winner of this Championship.

British Showjumping Boots / Leg Protection Ruling applies to this class, in accordance with Rule 102.15. Failure to comply will incur disqualification.

Owners of qualified ponies must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.

CLASS 10	GRADE C CHAMPIONSHIP
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09:50 approx.	Sunday 11th October
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Under National Rules, Table A7

Speed: 350 metres per minute

Start Height: 1.40m

Horses that are eligible to compete in this Championship are those who have qualified under Rule 305.6. Competitors may ride a maximum of four horses in this Championship.

Entry Fee: £129

Total Prizes: £2,279

Awards: 1st £690, 2nd £498, 3rd £350, 4th £225, 5th £129, 6th £129, 7th £129, 8th £129

The Grade C Trophy (photo only), and a rug will be awarded to the winner of this championship.

Competitors may not compete in classes on horses with a starting height in the first round that exceeds 1.40m, until the year in which they reach their 16th Birthday.

Owners of qualified horses must enter this competition and be received by the Horse of the Year Show Office by the official close of entries. Confirmation of qualification will be made by British Showjumping.



SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO SHOWING, DRIVING AND DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

1. ENTRIES

The following closing dates will be strictly adhered to and entries received after the relevant closing date will not be accepted. Correct entry fees, fully completed entry form and stabling charges must be submitted at the time of entry or the entry will not be processed.

ONLINE ENTRIES

Showing and Driving

Closing date for all qualifiers

15th September 2026

2. DECLARATIONS

No horse will be permitted to compete in any showing or driving competition unless the declaration has been made within the specified time. Competitors will be required to declare before their competition at the Declarations Desk within the Passes Office. Please Note: All competitors must show the certificate, given and signed by the Veterinary Surgeon on arrival of the horse at the event, to Declarations before being allowed to compete. No substitutions of a horse or pony are permitted.

3. RULES ON JUDGING OF SHOW CLASSES

Showing classes will be judged under the rules of Horse of the Year Show, unless otherwise specified.

The only animals that are eligible to enter and compete in the Showing classes at Horse of the Year Show, are the highest placed unqualified animal in accordance with the terms set for each qualifying class under HOYS rules. Qualification places require confirmation from Horse of the Year Show.

4. JUDGES

The Organisers reserve the right to vary or add to the names of the judges listed anywhere in this schedule as they deem necessary.

Please note: Competitors must not exhibit any horse/pony in circumstances that would constitute a conflict of interest by that judge, as laid down in the rules of the relevant association/society or 'The Showing Rules of Horse of the Year Show', whichever may apply to the relevant competition. If a competitor is in any doubt about a conflict please contact the Equestrian Office as a matter of urgency.

Ann Rushton Green (UK)	Jonathan Carnduff (IRE)
Chris Yates (UK)	Julie Templeton (UK)
Deborah Alderson (UK)	Lucinda Elliott (UK)
Gavin Golby (UK)	Meg Nicholls (UK)
Glenis Cockbain (UK)	Rachel Moore Rooney (IRE)
Graham Dunkley (UK)	Randy Robertson (CAN)
Hayden Hankey (UK)	Sacha Shaw (UK)
Helen Starkie (UK)	Steph Barrington (AUS)
Jim O'Brien (IRE)	Susan Stockley Bridges (UK)
John James (UK)	Tina O'Brien (IRE)

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEES

- I) All entries must be made in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations and in accordance with the additional conditions of the specific competition. Entry Fees are as stated in the conditions of each individual competition. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee and no refunds will be made.
- II) All animals exhibited in competitions restricted in height require a valid Joint Measurement Board annual or full height certificate and the JMB height certificate number MUST be stated on the entry form. The Joint Measurement Board rules concerning height objections will apply.
- III) All entries must be made in the name of the horse/pony under which it is registered with the relevant association/society and must correspond with the name shown on the Annual or Full JMB Certificate and National Passport at all times.
- IV) The age and height of each horse/pony entered and any other specific particulars must be accurately stated on the entry form if required by the conditions of the competition. A false declaration or mis-statement of any kind, including change of name of a horse/pony, incorrect description or false declaration of prizes won at horse shows, may at the discretion of the Organisers; disqualify a competitor from the show and the horse/pony entered from any prize and from entering or being entered again at the show. Competitors must be prepared to verify any statement made in a manner required by the Organisers.

6. DRESS, SADDLERY AND ACCESSORIES

- I) Hard hats must be worn to the current approved BSI standard by riders 18 years and under, riders competing in intermediate, Mountain and Moorland classes and riders in the jumping phase of the working hunter.
- II) Due to the early hours of some competitions, any form of traditional, approved and safe riding dress may be worn, but must include a riding jacket, shirt, tie or stock, breeches or jodhpurs and suitable footwear. Where grooms or attendants are permitted to enter the arena during preliminary or final judging they must be correctly dressed. Coats, collars and ties must be worn.
- III) For classes run under 'The Showing Rules of Horse of the Year Show', the following will be implemented and must be adhered to.

SPURS

Spurs may not be worn in any pony classes run under 'The Showing Rules of Horse of the Year Show'. In the Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year Championship, competitors who are permitted to wear spurs in their individual Championship will also be permitted to wear spurs in the Supreme Championship.

WHIPS AND CANES

Whips and canes must not exceed 75cm (30inches) in length in pony classes. In Lead Rein classes, plain or leather covered canes only may be carried. Hunting crops are allowed.

SADDLERY

For classes run under 'The Showing Rules of Horse of the Year Show', the following will be implemented and must be adhered to:

- I) Ponies competing in the Annabel's Deliciously British Mini Show Pony (First Ridden and Lead Rein), Mears-Wood Lead Rein Pony of Hunter Type and the Colne & Westown Stud Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein competitions must be shown in snaffle bridles.
- II) In lead rein classes the lead rein must only be attached to the noseband.
- III) Competitors must only use tack or spurs permissible in the ring whilst on the showground and mounted.
- IV) Ponies competing in Brynseion Mountain & Moorland First Ridden Pony of the Year, British Show Pony Society Children's Riding Pony of the Year or Shine Source Footwear UK LTD Show Hunter Pony of the Year and horses competing in the The Honourable Stud Intermediate Show Horse and the The Smith Family Intermediate Show Hunter of the Year must be shown in a suitable bridle.
- V) Ponies competing in the National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony and The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony and horses competing in the Alan Marnie & Family (Meta Lounge Limited and SHB (GB)) Working Hunter may wear suitable bridles and running martingales.
- VI) Horses/Ponies competing in the Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year and the Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year Championships may be shown in the same bridles specified for their initial competition.
- VII) Bitless bridles and Running Gags are not permitted.
- VIII) Boots, bandages or protective pads are not permitted to be worn by horses/ponies in any competition with the exception of the first phase of Working Hunter competitions.
- IX) A change of tack during the judging of a class is not permitted except as specified above.
- X) The judge's decision on suitable bridles will be final.

7. JUDGING AND CONDUCT

- I) No horse or pony may enter the show arena after the judging process has begun and the Steward has closed the arena. In the event of a handler/rider having to leave the show arena during the judging of a competition, this can only be allowed with the permission of the Judge(s) officiating and is conditional on that handler/rider returning to the show arena for the final assessment and presentation of awards.
- II) In all riding competitions, with the exception of children's pony competitions, the Judges may ride the exhibits if they consider it necessary to determine their respective merits. In the harness classes the exhibits will not be driven by the Judges.
- III) In all hunter and cob classes, Judges are requested to satisfy themselves that the horses exhibited are up to, and do not exceed, the weights laid down in the conditions of the class.
- IV) Any rider falling off within the show arena during the course of a competition will be disqualified and asked to leave the arena dismounted.
- V) The Organiser reserves the right to display or announce the marks as they occur and to make public commentary during each class, which may be increased, for public information and enjoyment. This may include declaring the competitor's/breeder's/owner's names and any other information it feels necessary.

- VI) It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure they enter the show arena in their correct section for the class entered. Any competitor found to be exhibiting in a section for which they are not entered must leave the ring immediately and will be automatically disqualified from any other section of that class.

8. FENCES FOR WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES

The height and width of fences for The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony and National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers 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.

The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony of the Year

Section	Height (Min)	Height (Max)	Spread (Max)
Junior 122cm	55cm	70cm	60cm
122cm	65cm	80cm	65cm
133cm	75cm	90cm	75cm
143cm	85cm	100cm	85cm
Exc. 143cm	95cm	110cm	95cm

National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony of the Year

Section	Height (Max)	Spread (Max)
133cm	95cm	105cm
143cm	110cm	120cm
153cm	115cm	125cm
Intermediate	125cm	135cm

9. MARKING SYSTEMS

RIDDEN

The following marking systems will be used in competitions run under 'The Showing Rules of Horse of the Year Show', with the exception of the Hack of the Year, where 25 marks are available for the individual show and the Veteran Horse of the Year.

Show or ride, freedom of action	50
Type, conformation	50
TOTAL	100

VETERAN

The following marking system will be used for the Veteran Horse of the Year.

Performance, manners & suitability	50
Condition for age, suppleness & turnout	50
TOTAL	100

WORKING HUNTER PONY

The Cooper Family M&M Working Hunter Pony of the Year

National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony of the Year

Phase I	A: Jumping points	50 marks
(70 marks)	B: Style while jumping	20 marks
Phase II	C: Breed type & conformation	20 marks
(30 marks)	D: Individual show & manners	10 marks
TOTAL		100 marks

PENALTIES	
Knockdown	10
1 st refusal	15
2 nd refusal	20
3 ^d refusal	elimination
Fall of pony/rider	disqualification

WORKING HUNTER

Alan Marnie and Family (Meta Lounge Limited and SHB(GB)) Working Hunter of the Year Championship

Phase I

A: Jumping points	40 marks
B: Style while jumping	20 marks

(60 marks)

Phase II	D: Conformation	20 marks
(40 marks)	E: Ride	20 marks
TOTAL		100 marks

PENALTIES	
Knockdown	10
Fore feet in water	10
1 st refusal	15
2 nd refusal	20
3 ^d refusal	elimination
Fall of horse/rider	elimination

SHOWING, DRIVING AND DRESSAGE

The following class timings given are approximate and should be used as guidance only

CLASS 20	LADIES' SIDE SADDLE HORSE OF THE YEAR
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09:20 approx.	Wednesday 7 th October
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For qualified mares or geldings, 4 years old or over exceeding 148cm, to be ridden side-saddle by ladies. The Owners, Riders and Producers of the horses entered must be members of the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or The Showing Register, and all entries must be registered with British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or The Showing Register.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole class will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. The class will be split into two sections, 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 and soundness of limb. The sections will then change places until all have been judged in both phases.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,005

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 54 the Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

CLASS 21	SEIB RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE OF THE YEAR
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10:40 approx.	Wednesday 7 th October
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The only horses eligible to compete in this Championship are those who have been invited from the SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse qualifying venues during the current year. Mares and geldings 15hh and over, 4 years old or over to be ridden astride. Riders must be 15 years old or over on 1st January 2026. To be run under the SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse Rules. However, should there be a conflict between these rules and the 'General Rules and Regulations' of Horse of the Year Show, then the latter will prevail. Confirmation of qualification will be made by The Absolutely Genuine Company on behalf of SEIB Insurance Brokers.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole class will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. The Judge will ride the exhibits and then the animals will be judged for conformation, action in hand and soundness of limb. Until all have been judged in both phases.
3. The whole class will appear before both Judges.

SADDLERY

Horses may be exhibited in a snaffle bridle, pelham or double bridle.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £639

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £134, 4th £125

The Champion will receive the SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse trophy and be eligible to enter Class 54 the Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year. The Reserve Champion will receive the SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse reserve champion salver.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to SEIB Insurance Brokers for generously supporting this Championship.

CLASS 22

HARNESS HORSE AND PONY OF THE YEAR

11:35 approx.

Wednesday 7th October

Open to members of the British Driving Society (BDS). The horse/pony/whip and vehicle driven as a single, pair or tandem to be the same as that which qualified.

This class will be judged under the rules of the British Driving Society (BDS) as published in the 2026 BDS Yearbook, with amendments as published in the BDS newsletter. However, should there be a conflict between these rules and the 'General Rules and Regulations' of Horse of the Year Show, the latter will prevail. Competitors are asked to ensure they are available in the collecting ring for pre-judging 30 minutes before the timetabled start of the class.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £639

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £134, 4th £125

CLASS 23

ALAN MARNIE & FAMILY (META LOUNGE LIMITED AND SHB (GB)) WORKING HUNTER OF THE YEAR

13:20 approx.

Wednesday 7th October

For qualified 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. Any horse which has qualified as a Grade A Show Jumper or Advanced Event Horse as at 1st January 2026 is not eligible to compete in Working Hunter classes. Working Hunters must be owned and ridden by members of the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or The Showing Register. All entries must be registered with the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or The Showing Register.

METHOD OF JUDGING

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 Part Two. In the Part Two the class will be judged as follows:

1. The whole class will enter the Arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. The class will be split into two sections, 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 and soundness of limb. The sections will then change places, until all have been judged in both phases.

SADDLERY

The horse must be shown in the same saddle and bridle throughout the competition. Snaffles will be permitted. After the start of the competition, the rider may not be changed under any circumstances.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,188

Awards: 1st £320, 2nd £210, 3rd £158, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 54 the Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Alan Marnie & Family (Meta Lounge Limited and SHB(GB)) for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 24

OSBORNE REFRIGERATORS DOUBLE HARNESS SCURRY

Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, Saturday 10th October

Open to qualified ponies and drivers. Ponies must be 4 years old or over and be driven to a four wheeled vehicle. Vehicles must have a track width of 130cm or more. Any competitor whose vehicle track width does not measure 130cm or more will be disqualified. Wire spoked wheels and/or pneumatic tyres are not allowed. Animals competing in this competition must be registered with The Osborne Scurry Group. Drivers and Owners must be members of The Osborne Scurry Group. This is a double harness timed competition to be judged under The Osborne Scurry Group Rules for Scurry Driving 2026.

Grooms must be aged 14 years or over. Grooms may balance the vehicle but bouncing to move the vehicle is forbidden and will be penalised with elimination. Competitors and grooms must be properly dressed in the arenas. The classification will be decided by adding any penalty seconds to the time taken by the competitor to complete the course. The winner will be the competitor with the lowest score. In the event of equality for first place the result will be decided by the lowest number of penalty seconds incurred. Once an entry has been accepted from a competitor they are deemed to compete unless they declare their intention to withdraw at the Show Secretary's Office by 12:00 on Monday 6th October 2026.

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

Section A	Pairs of ponies 122cm and under
Section B	Pairs of ponies over 122cm but not exceeding 148cm

The height of the tallest pony determines the class in which the pair competes. The final is open to five pairs from Section A and 5 (five) pairs from Section B. In each section the winner of both Rounds 1 and 2 will automatically qualify, the remaining pairs being the highest on points added together from Rounds 1 and 2. In the event of equality of points for qualification to compete in the final, the higher placing in Round 2 of section A and B respectively will decide.

Points will be awarded in Rounds 1 and 2 in sections A and B as follows:

2 nd	10 points	8 th	4 points
3 rd	9 points	9 th	3 points
4 th	8 points	10 th	2 points
5 th	7 points	11 th	1 point
6 th	6 points	Failing to complete round – 0 points	
7 th	5 points		

In the case of divided prizes, each of the pairs dividing will be awarded the same points appropriate to that place. The starting order for the final will be in reverse order of times in round 2 of Sections A and B, i.e. slowest going first.

Entry Fee: £110

Total prizes: £3,000

Championship: 1st £260, 2nd £180, 3rd £140, 4th £120

Per Round: 1st £145, 2nd £120, 3rd £90, 4th £75, 5th £65, 6th £40, 7th £40

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Osborne Refrigerators Limited for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 25

**NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY/SUPREME PRODUCTS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RIDDEN
PONY OF THE YEAR**

Wednesday 7th October and Thursday 8th October

For qualified pure bred stallions, mares and geldings, fully registered with their breed societies, four years old and over, to be ridden. Ponies must only enter the section qualified for. Riders can be of any age with the exception of those riding stallions who must have attained their 12th birthday (small breeds) or 14th birthday (large breeds) before 1st January in the current year. Riders and Owners must be members of either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register, UK Ponies & Horses or the relevant Breed Society.

This class will be divided into eleven sections as follows:

Section A	Exmoor/Shetland
Section B	Dales
Section C	Fell
Section D	New Forest
Section E	Dartmoor
Section F	Highland
Section G	Connemara
Section H	Welsh C
Section I	Welsh D
Section J	Welsh A
Section K	Welsh B

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole section will enter the arena at walk on the same rein, the section will be split into two. One half will leave the arena while the other half trot and canter before both judges and then leave the arena to prepare for the conformation phase.
2. The other half will return to the arena to trot and canter before both judges, the performance judge will judge performance; at the same time the other half will be judged by the conformation judge.
3. Once both halves have completed both phases, they will all return to the arena for presentations.

Entry Fee: £125

Total prizes: £7,542

Championship: £220, £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

Blenheim Miniature Shetlands Highest Placed Shetland Award will be awarded in section A.

The Champion will be presented with the Gordon Winter Trophy. The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 55 the Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to the National Pony Society and Supreme Products for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 26

NEEDLESMART, JOHN ILLINGWORTH AND CLIFF KIRBY RIDDEN PUREBRED ARAB OF THE YEAR

11:10 approx.

Wednesday 7th October

Open to horses qualified in open ridden classes at a qualifying show in 2026. The qualifying horse will be the highest placed exhibit within the Championship of a Needlesmart, John Illingworth and Cliff Kirby Ridden Purebred Arab qualifying show listed on the Horse of the Year Show website. Owners of qualified horses must be members of the Arab Horse Society and the horse registered in their owner's name and in possession of an AHS Qualifying card.

This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole class will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. The class 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.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,005

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will receive the Um Quarm perpetual trophy and be eligible to enter Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year Championship. The highest placed Gelding in the Championship will be presented with the Elustarius perpetual Trophy. The highest placed Stallion in the Championship will be presented with the Cantsfield perpetual Trophy. The highest placed Mare in the Championship will be presented with the Beruga perpetual Trophy.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Needlesmart, John Illingworth, Cliff Kirby and the Arab Horse Society for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 27

VETERAN HORSE SOCIETY & HARRY HALL ONE CLUB VETERAN OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP

12:10 approx.

Wednesday 7th October

Open to veterans qualified in HOYS Veteran ridden classes at a qualifying show in 2026. The qualifying horse will be the highest placed exhibit within the Championship of a qualifying show listed on the Horse of the Year Show website, from the separate ridden pre-veteran, ridden veteran and ridden diamond veteran classes. Riders of qualified horses must be members of the Veteran Horse Society, and the horse registered with the Veteran Horse Society accordingly. The final will be judged as one class of mixed ages.

This class will be run under the rules of the Veteran Horse Society. However should there be a conflict between these rules and the General Rules and Regulations of Horse of the Year Show, the latter will prevail.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole section will enter the arena at walk on the same rein for the go round.
2. The section will be split into two, one half will leave the arena, to prepare for the condition of age phase. The other half will remain in the arena for the performance phase.

3. The performance judge will judge performance at the same time the other half will be judged by the condition for age judge.
4. Once both halves have completed both phases they will all return to the arena for presentations.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £764

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £134, 4th £125, 5th £125

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to the Veteran Horse Society and Harry Hall for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 28

SEIB SEARCH FOR A STAR

Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th October

Open to mares and geldings only, to be ridden astride. The only horses/ponies eligible to compete are those who have been invited from the five qualifying venues during the current year. The horse/pony, owner and rider entered must be the same as at the qualifying venue and no substitution will be accepted for the horse/pony, owner or rider. Should a combination be unable to attend, the invitation may be extended at the discretion of SEIB Search for a Star to another competitor from 2026, qualification may not pass down the line.

This class will be judged under the rules of SEIB Search for a Star. However, should there be a conflict between these rules and the General Rules and Regulations of Horse of the Year Show, the latter will prevail. The Final will be held in the TopSpec Arena on Thursday 8th at approx 19:35. Stabling is reserved for winners of each section to stay for the final.

This class will be divided into six sections as follows:

Section A	Traditional Cob	Wednesday 7 th October
Section B	Show Hunter	Wednesday 7 th October
Section C	Riding Horse/Hack	Wednesday 7 th October
Section D	Working Show Horse/Pony	Thursday 8 th October
Section E	Show Cob	Thursday 8 th October

METHOD OF JUDGING

Two Judges will explain to the audience their actions and decisions throughout, using microphones. The Judges will arrive at one winner in sections A, B & D as above, each to go forward to the Championship. From section C & E one Riding Horse, one Hack, one Working Show Horse and one Working Show Pony will qualify and go forward to the Championship.

Entry Fee: £100

Championship: Rug and trophy to the overall Champion. Salver to the Reserve Champion.

Per Section: Sash and Plaque to the winner

Final judging will take place on Thursday 8th October. The Champion will receive the SEIB Search for a Star trophy. The Reserve Champion will receive the SEIB Search for a Star reserve champion salver.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to SEIB Insurance Brokers for generously supporting this Championship.

CLASS 29	THE ANDREWS FAMILY HACK OF THE YEAR
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06:55 approx.	Thursday 8 th October
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For qualified Hacks, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 160cm to be ridden. The Owners and Riders of the Hacks entered must be members of the British Show Horse Association and Hacks must be registered with the British Show Horse Association.

The only Horses eligible to compete are those which have qualified in either the The Andrews Family Small Hack or Culford Lodge Commodities Large Hack Class at one of the qualifying shows listed on the Horse of the Year Show website.

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

Section A	The Andrews Family Small Hack exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 154cm
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Section B	Culford Lodge Commodities Large Hack exceeding 154cm and not exceeding 160cm
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METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole class will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. The class will be split into two sections, 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 and soundness of limb. The sections will then change places, until all have been judged in both phases.

The section championship will take place during the Thursday evening performance. During this championship competitors will be asked to give a show not exceeding 1 (one) minute, in which they are to incorporate the movements of a Hack as laid down by the BSHA. These are walk, trot, canter out but not gallop, strike off at canter with required leg, simple change at the canter, rein back, stand still and obedience to the leg.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £2,174

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The Andrews Family and Culford Lodge Commodities for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 30	HAMILTON TARMAC SMALL SHOW HUNTER OF THE YEAR
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08:55 approx.	Thursday 8 th October
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For qualified Small Hunters, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, to be ridden. The owners and riders of the Small Hunters entered must be Members of British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or The Showing Register, and all entries must be registered with the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or The Showing Register. **Entries in this Class may not compete in Class 35, the Catplant Group of Companies Ltd Show Hunter of the Year, and vice versa.**

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole Class will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. The Class will be split into two sections, 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 and soundness of limb. The sections will then change places until all have been judged in both phases.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1005

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be presented with the Sporting Sam trophy and will be eligible to enter Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks Hamilton Tarmac for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 31	THE BARBER FAMILY RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR
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12:10 approx.	Thursday 8 th October
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This competition is for purebred mares, geldings and stallions 4 years old or over, that are registered in the main British Stud Books of the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk or Percheron Horse Societies, to be ridden. 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. (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 and geldings are to have appeared as produce of their dam).

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole class will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. The class will be split into two sections, 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 and soundness of limb. The halves will then change places until all have been judged in both phases.

The whole class will then appear before both Judges.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £764

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £134, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will be presented with the Ridden Heavy Horse trophy and will be eligible to enter Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks The Barber Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 32	DRESSAGE FUTURE ELITE CHAMPIONSHIP
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18:20 approx.	Thursday 8 th October
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Judges : Nick Burton, Andrea Smith, Clive Halsall

53 Horse of the Year Show 2026

Entry Fee: £90
Total Prizes: £3,150
Awards: 1st £2,000, 2nd £500 3rd £170 4th £110 5th £100 6th £90 7th £90 8th £90

Intermediate I Freestyle. Run under British Dressage Rules.

Open to the top 4 Riders invited who have attained the highest average percentage from three Prix St George or Intermediate I scores (Small Tour) at Premier Leagues/High Profile Shows or any CDI between the 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026. In addition four invitations will be allocated by Horse of the Year Show in conjunction with the British Dressage senior selection committee. Horses must be aged between 8 and 10 years.

CLASS 33	THE COOPER FAMILY MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND WORKING HUNTER PONY OF THE YEAR
07:05 approx.	Thursday 8 th October

For qualified ponies four years old or over, stallions (excluding section A), mares and geldings, to be ridden. All entries must be registered in the stud book of their respective breeds. Riders and Owners must be members of either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register or UK Ponies & Horses Limited.

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

Section A	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Ponies exceeding 143cm
Section B	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Ponies exceeding 133cm and not exceeding 143cm
Section C	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Ponies exceeding 122cm and not exceeding 133cm
Section D	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Ponies not exceeding 122cm
Section E	The Cooper Family Mountain & Moorland Junior Working Hunter ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders must not have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. Each pony will enter the arena in drawn order and will jump the course of fences.
2. The remainder of the class, at the judge’s discretion, will then be split into two halves, one half will remain for the judging of individual show, manners, suitability and movement. At the same time the other half will be judged for conformation, action in hand and soundness of limb.
3. The whole section will then enter the arena for final classification.

Entry Fee: £125
Total Prizes: £3,630
Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150
Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will be eligible to enter in Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The Cooper Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 34**SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR SUPPORTED BY THE SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY**

14:40 Prelim Judging Thursday 8th October
 20:25 Final Judging

For registered horses 2 years old and over. The only horses eligible to compete will be those who have qualified at one of the Horse of the Year Show qualifying competitions during the current year. This class will be judged under the rules of the Shire Horse Society. However, should there be a conflict between these rules and the 'General Rules and Regulations' of the Horse of the Year Show, the latter will prevail.

THE CHAMPION SHIRE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARADE IN THE FINALE AT THE END OF THE SHOW ON SUNDAY EVENING. Failure to parade will result in the prize money for this class being withheld.

Horses will have foot inspections carried out by a Shire Horse Society farrier and vet. Horses must be correctly shod in accordance with the shoeing standards, as detailed in The Shire Horse Society rulebook. Horses may be shown unshod. Horses will be inspected at an allotted time, no decisions to be taken on pass or fail until all horses have been inspected. If any horse is found to have failed the inspection, it's Owner may be able to have horses re-shod (if time allows) to meet the standards. Horses that are subject to re-shoeing will be reinspected on completion to ensure that they meet the standards.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,188

Awards: 1st £320, 2nd £210, 3rd £158, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be presented with the Shire Horse Society trophy.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to the Shire Horse Society for generously supporting this Championship.

CLASS 35**CATPLANT GROUP OF COMPANIES LTD SHOW HUNTER OF THE YEAR**

07:10 approx. Friday 9th October

For qualified hunters, mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, to be ridden. The Owners and Riders of the horses entered must be members of the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or The Showing Register, and all entries must be registered with the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or The Showing Register. **Entries in this class may not compete in class 30 the Hamilton Tarmac Small Show Hunter of the Year, and vice versa.**

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

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

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 and Soundness of Limb. The halves will then change places until all have been judged in both phases.

55 Horse of the Year Show 2026

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £3,076

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Worshipful Company of Farriers will award:

(a) Rosette and an Inscribed Card to the winner in each Section

(b) Plaque to the overall winner

(c) Plaque for the Registered Farrier responsible for its feet and shoeing

The judge will examine each horse/pony before or during the line-up for preliminary judging, taking into consideration:

(a) The condition of the feet

(b) The making (or preparation) and fitting of the shoes

(c) The nailing and position of clips

Normal shoes and showing plates are equally acceptable, provided they are suitable for the horse/pony.

Catplant Group of Companies Ltd will be generously providing The Polly Coles Grooms Award to the groom of the best turned out horse in the Lightweight, Middleweight and Heavyweight sections.

The Champion will receive the Bill Bryan perpetual trophy and be eligible to enter Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Catplant Group of Companies Ltd for generously sponsoring this Championship.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to the Worshipful Company of Farriers for supporting the Best Shod award.

CLASS 36	NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY/MOLE VALLEY FARMERS WORKING HUNTER PONY OF THE YEAR
07:15 approx.	Friday 9 th October

For qualified Working Hunter Ponies four years old or over, mares and geldings, to be ridden. Riders and Owners must be members of, and exhibits must be registered with either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register or UK Ponies & Horses Limited. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules. Ponies may enter only for Section A OR Section B (not both).

This class will be divided into four sections as follows:

Section A	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Intermediates exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, Riders not to have attained their 25 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.
Section B	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Ponies exceeding 143cm and not exceeding 153cm. Riders not to have attained their 20 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.
Section C	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Ponies exceeding 133cm and not exceeding 143cm. Riders not to have attained their 17 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year
Section D	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Ponies not exceeding 133cm. Riders not to have attained their 14 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. Each pony will enter the arena in drawn order and will jump the course of fences.

2. The remainder of the class, at the judges discretion, will then be split into two halves, one half will remain for the judging of individual show, manners, suitability and movement. At the same time the other half will be judged for conformation, action in hand and soundness of limb.
3. The whole section will then enter the arena for final classification.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £2,978

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will receive the Tonto Working Hunter Pony of the Year Perpetual Plate and be eligible to enter Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. Wish to express their thanks to the National Pony Society and Mole Valley Farmers for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 37	THE LEEMAN FAMILY MAXI COB OF THE YEAR
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13:00 approx.	Friday 9 th October
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For qualified Maxi Cobs, mare or gelding 4 years old and over, exceeding 155cm, to be judged as Cobs. To be shown hogged. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules. Horses must be registered with the British Show Horse Association and all Owners and Riders must be British Show Horse Association Members.

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 and soundness of limb. The halves will then change places, until all have been judged in both phases.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £764

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £134, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will be presented the Leeman Family Maxi Cob Cup and will be eligible to enter Class 54 the Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The Leeman Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 38	COLOURED HORSE AND PONY OF THE YEAR SPONSORED BY CHAPS (UK)
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14:00 approx.	Friday 9 th October
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For qualified mares, geldings and graded stallions (excluding section A), to be ridden. All entries must be owned and ridden by a member of the Coloured Horse and Pony Society (UK), The Traditional Gypsy Cob Association (TGCA) or The Showing Register (TSR) and registered in the owner's name. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules.

This class will be divided into five sections as follows:

Section A	Coloured Junior Ridden Pony of the Year sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/ Broom & Sleight Family
Section B	Coloured Ridden Non-Native Horses exceeding 153cm Sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/ Burghwallis Stud
Section C	Coloured Ridden Non-Native Ponies up to and including 153cm Sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/Appleton Grange Stud
Section D	Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Ponies up to and including 148cm Sponsored by CHAPS (UK)/The White Crow
Section E	Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Horses exceeding 148cm Sponsored by CHAPS(UK)/EJL Stud and Livery

METHOD OF JUDGING

Sections B and E

1. The whole section will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.
2. This section will be split, half will remain for judging of individual show (exhibits will be ridden by the Judge), while at the same time the other half will be judged for conformation, action in-hand and soundness of limb. They will then change places until all have been judged.
3. The whole class will then appear before both Judges for the final classification. Sections A, C & D will be judged as Sections B and E but exhibits will not be ridden by the Judge.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £3,630

Championship: 1st £220 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will receive the Coloured Horse of the Year Champion perpetual trophy and be eligible to enter either Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year or Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year as applicable. The Reserve Champion will receive the CHAPS Coloured Horse of the Year Reserve Champion perpetual trophy.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to the CHAPS (UK), Broom & Sleight Family, Appleton Grange Stud, Burghwallis Stud, The White Crow and EJL Stud and Livery for generously sponsoring these classes.

CLASS 39	UKAMHS AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE OF THE YEAR SPONSORED BY PANDORAS MINIATURE FARM
19:00 approx.	Friday 9 th October

The qualifying horse will be the highest placed exhibit within the Championship of a qualifying show listed on the Horse of the Year Show website, from the separate mare/gelding, stallion and youngstock classes.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,005

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

Grandstand Media Ltd. Wish to express their thanks to Pandoras Miniature Farm for generously supporting this Championship.

CLASS 40	THE HARROD & COLES FAMILY COB OF THE YEAR
07:00 approx.	Saturday 10 th October

For qualified weight-carrying Cobs, mares and geldings, 4 years old or over exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 155cm to be ridden. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules. Owners and Riders of Cobs entered must be members of the British Show Horse Association and horses entered must also be registered with the British Show Horse Association.

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

Section A The Harrod & Coles Family Lightweight Cob capable of carrying up to 14 stone.

Section B The Harrod & Coles Family Heavyweight Cob capable of carrying more than 14 stone.

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 and soundness of limb. The halves will then change places, until all have been judged in both phases.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £2,174

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will receive the Cob of the Year Perpetual Cup and be eligible to enter Class 54 the Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The Harrod & Coles Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 41	DRIVEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP
12:25 approx.	Saturday 10 th October

The only horses eligible to compete will be those who have qualified at one of the Horse of the Year Show qualifying competitions during the current year. This competition is open to mares and geldings that are Heavy Horses of draught type, four years old and over. Breeds to include, but not limited to Shire, Clydesdale, Percheron, Suffolk Punch and Belgian Draught. Drivers to have obtained their 18th birthday by the 1st of January in the current year. All Drivers and Owners must be Members of either the Shire Horse Society, The Clydesdale Horse Society, The Suffolk Horse Society or British Percheron Horse Society.

To be driven in a 2 wheeled show cart in Chrome Harness and Peak Collars or English Harness to suit the cart, Brass Harness and Short Top Collars also allowed. This is not a turnout class; aprons, spares and lamps are not required.

METHOD OF JUDGING:

Competitors are asked to ensure they are available in the collecting ring for the Harness Inspection 25 minutes before the timetabled start of the class.

1. The Judge will assess firstly the Harness and overall appearance followed by the performance, conformation, and action.
2. Each exhibit will be asked to walk and trot on both reins.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £630

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125

CLASS 42	BRITISH SHOW PONY SOCIETY CHILDREN'S RIDING PONY OF THE YEAR
07:00 approx.	Saturday 11th October

For qualified ponies, four years old or over, mares and geldings, to be ridden. Riders and Owners must be members of, and all exhibits must be registered with either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register or UK Ponies & Horses Limited. These classes will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules.

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

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| Section A | British Show Pony Society Children's Riding Ponies exceeding 138cm and not exceeding 148cm. Riders not to have attained their 17 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year. |
| Section B | British Show Pony Society Children's Riding Ponies exceeding 128cm and not exceeding 138cm. Riders not to have attained their 15 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year. |
| Section C | British Show Pony Society Children's Riding Ponies not exceeding 128cm. Riders not to have attained their 13 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year. |

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole section will enter the arena at walk on the same rein, the section will be split into two, one half will leave the arena, while the other trots and canter before both Judges and then leave the arena to prepare for the conformation phase.
2. The other half will return to the arena trot and canter before both Judges the performance Judge will judge performance at the same time the other half will be judged by the conformation Judge.
3. Once both halves have completed both phases they will all return to the arena for presentations.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £2,326

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will be presented with the Summerhays trophy and will be eligible to enter Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The British Show Pony Society for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 43	COLNE & BRYNSEION M&M MINI PONY OF THE YEAR
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09:45 approx.	Saturday 10 th October
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For fully registered qualified Mountain & Moorland ponies, four years old and over, mares and geldings to be ridden. Riders and Owners must be members of either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register or UK Ponies & Horses.

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

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| Section A | Colne Mountain & Moorland Welsh Breeds Lead Rein. Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of the qualifying show and not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year. |
| Section B | Brynseion Mountain & Moorland First Ridden. Ponies not exceeding 128cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of the qualifying show and not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. |
| Section C | Westown Stud Mountain & Moorland Non-Welsh Breeds Lead Rein. Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of the qualifying show and not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year. |

METHOD OF JUDGING

First Ridden:

1. competitors will come in to the arena together and do the walk round.
2. One half will stand in the middle while the other half trot. They will then swap over.
3. Once completed, each rider will then perform their individual show.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £2,326

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will be eligible to enter in Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Alan and Joseph Overton of the Colne Stud, Brynseion Stud and Westown Stud for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 44	THE PRICE FAMILY SUPREME IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP
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14:05 approx.	Saturday 10 th October
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The object of this competition is to find the Supreme Light Horse or Pony In-Hand Champion of the Year, irrespective of breed or type (excluding the heavy horse breed). The previously unqualified Champion or Reserve horse or pony from a Price Family Supreme In-Hand Championship Qualifier at one of the qualifying shows listed on the Horse of the Year Show website will qualify. No horse or pony placed lower than Reserve will qualify. **The Owner and Handler must be current members of an appropriate showing society at the time of entry to compete in the final at Horse of the Year Show. Membership should be relevant to the horse or pony being exhibited and must be with one of the societies listed below.**

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Arab Horse Society
British Connemara Society
British Miniature Horse Society
British Show Horse Association
British Show Pony Society
Coloured Horse and Pony Society
Dales Pony Society
Dartmoor Pony Society
Exmoor Pony Society
Fell Pony Society
Highland Society
New Forest Society
UK Ponies & Horses Limited
Shetland Pony Stud Book Society
Sport Horse Breeding of GB
Traditional Gypsy Cob Association
The National Pony Society
The Showing Register
UK American Miniature Horse Society
Welsh Pony and Cob Society

All animals will go forward for the Price Family Supreme In-Hand Championship in the Andrews Bowen International Arena

Preliminary Judging will take place in the Top Spec Arena during the afternoon performance , but results will not be announced.

ALL competitors will then be required during the evening performance for final presentation of The Price Family Supreme In Hand Championship in the Andrews Bowen International Arena, dress code: Evening Attire.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,188

Awards: 1st £320, 2nd £210, 3rd £158, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The Price Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 45

ANNABEL'S DELICIOUSLY BRITISH MINI SHOW PONY OF THE YEAR

15:15 approx.

Saturday 10th October

For qualified ponies four years old and over, mares and geldings, to be ridden. Riders and Owners must be members of, and all exhibits must be registered with either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register or UK Ponies & Horses Limited. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules.

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

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| Section A | Annabel's Deliciously British Lead Rein. Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders must have attained their 3 rd birthday by the day of the qualifying competition and not to have attained their 8 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year. |
| Section B | Annabel's Deliciously British First Ridden. Ponies not exceeding 123cm. Riders must have attained their 3 rd birthday by the day of the qualifying competition and not to have attained their 10 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year. |

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,674

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

Annabel's Deliciously British Lead Rein Pony Show Rider of the Year and Annabel's Deliciously British First Ridden Pony Show Rider of the Year will be awarded in these classes.

The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Annabel's Deliciously British for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 46	THE SMITH FAMILY INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER OF THE YEAR
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17:40 approx.

Saturday 10th October

For qualified mares or geldings 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 158cm. Riders and Owners must be members of, and all exhibits must be registered with, either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register, UK Ponies & Horses Limited, British Show Horse Association or Sport Horse Breeding of GB. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole section will enter the arena at walk on the same rein, the section will be split into two, one half will leave the arena, while the other trots and canter before both judges and then leave the arena to prepare for the conformation phase.
2. The other half will return to the arena trot and canter before both judges the performance judge will judge performance at the same time the other half will be judged by the conformation judge.
3. Once both halves have completed both phases they will all return to the arena for presentations.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,005

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be presented with the Guy Fawkes III trophy. The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The Smith Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 47	THE HONOURABLE STUD INTERMEDIATE SHOW HORSE OF THE YEAR
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18:30 approx.	Saturday 10 th October
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For qualified mares or geldings, 4 years old and over exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 160cm. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Riders and Owners must be members of, and all exhibits must be registered with either the British Show Horse Association, British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register, UK Ponies & Horses Limited or Sport Horse Breeding of GB. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules.

The highest placed unqualified horse in the Honourable Stud Intermediate Show Horse Class at one of the qualifying shows listed on the Horse of the Year Show website in the first five will qualify. No pony placed lower than fifth will qualify.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole section will enter the arena at walk on the same rein, the section will be split into two, one half will leave the arena, while the other trots and canter before both judges and then leave the arena to prepare for the conformation phase.
2. The other half will return to the arena trot and canter before both judges the performance judge will judge performance at the same time the other half will be judged by the conformation judge.
3. Once both halves have completed both phases they will all return to the arena for presentations.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,005

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Ami Miller of the Honourable Stud for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 48	ALAN MARNIE & FAMILY RIDING HORSE OF THE YEAR
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07:00 approx.	Sunday 11 th October
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For qualified Riding Horses 4 years old or over, mares or geldings exceeding 148cm, to be ridden. The Owners and Riders of Riding Horses entered must be members of the British Show Horse Association and Riding Horses must also be registered with the British Show Horse Association. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules.

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

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| Section A | Alan Marnie & Family Small Riding Horse Exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 158cm |
| Section B | Alan Marnie & Family Large Riding Horse Exceeding 158cm |

The only horses eligible to compete are those that have qualified in either the Small or Large Riding Horse Class at one of the qualifying shows listed on the Horse of the Year Show website.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole class will enter the arena for a short period, all on the same rein.

2. The class will be split into two sections, 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 and soundness of limb. The halves will then change places until all have been judged in both phases.
3. The whole class will then appear before both Judges. If time allows, the Judges may ask certain competitors to give a show.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £2,174

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 54 Supreme Products Supreme Horse of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Alan Marnie & Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 49	MEARS-WOOD FAMILY LEAD REIN PONY OF HUNTER TYPE OF THE YEAR
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06:55 approx.

Sunday 11th October

For qualified ponies four years old and over, mares and geldings, to be ridden. Riders and Owners must be members of, and exhibits must be registered with either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register or UK Ponies & Horses Limited. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules. Ponies not exceeding 122cm. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Obstacles will be used in this final.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,005

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be presented with the Lead Rein Pony of Hunter Type trophy and will be eligible to enter Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The Mears-Wood Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 50	SHINE SOURCE FOOTWEAR UK LTD SHOW HUNTER PONY OF THE YEAR
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08:00 approx.

Sunday 11th October

For qualified Show Hunter Ponies four years old and over, mares and geldings, to be ridden. Riders and Owners must be members of, and all exhibits must be registered with either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register or UK Ponies & Horses Limited. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules.

This class will be divided into four sections as follows

Section A	Shine Source Footwear UK Ltd. Show Hunter Ponies exceeding 143cm and not exceeding 153cm. Riders not to have attained their 20 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.
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Section B	Shine Source Footwear UK Ltd. Show Hunter Ponies exceeding 133cm and not exceeding 143cm. Riders not to have attained their 17 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.
Section C	Shine Source Footwear UK Ltd. Show Hunter Ponies exceeding 123cm and not exceeding 133cm. Riders not to have attained their 14 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.
Section D	Shine Source Footwear UK Ltd. Show Hunter Ponies not exceeding 123cm. Riders not to have attained their 12 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.

METHOD OF JUDGING

1. The whole section will enter the arena at walk on the same rein, the section will be split into two, one half will leave the arena, while the other trots and canter before both judges and then leave the arena to prepare for the conformation phase.
2. The other half will return to the arena trot and canter before both judges the performance judge will judge performance at the same time the other half will be judged by the conformation judge.
3. Once both halves have completed both phases they will all return to the arena for presentations.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £2,978

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will be eligible to enter Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Shine Source Footwear Ltd. for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 51	THOR ATKINSON STEEL FABRICATIONS LTD. JUNIOR MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RIDDEN PONY OF THE YEAR
11:40 approx.	Sunday 11 th October

For qualified Junior M&M Ponies four years old or over, mares and geldings, 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. Riders and Owners must be members of their respective Breed Society, National Pony Society, UK Ponies & Horses Limited, The Showing Register or British Show Pony Society. Ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies.

This class will be divided into two sections as follows:

Section A	Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications Ltd. Junior Mountain & Moorland Small Breeds - This competition is open to Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A and Welsh Section B. Riders must not to have attained their 14 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.
Section B	Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications Ltd. Junior Mountain & Moorland Large Breeds - This competition is open to New Forest, Connermara, Fell, Dales, Highland, Welsh Section C and Welsh Section D. Riders must have attained their 10 th birthday by the day of the qualifying competition and not to have attained their 18 th birthday before 1 st January in the current year.

METHOD OF JUDGING

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1. The whole section will enter the arena at walk on the same rein, the section will be split into two. One half will leave the arena while the other half trot and canter before both judges and then leaves the arena to prepare for the conformation phase.
2. The other half will return to the arena to trot and canter before both judges, the performance judge will judge performance; at the same time the other half will be judged by the conformation judge.
3. Once both halves have completed both phases, they will all return to the arena for presentations.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,674

Championship: 1st £220, 2nd £150

Per Section: 1st £145, 2nd £132, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will receive the Guilsborough perpetual trophy and will be eligible to enter Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications Ltd. for generously sponsoring these classes.

CLASS 52	THE DE LA HEY FAMILY RIDDEN PARTBRED PONY OF THE YEAR
14:25 approx.	Sunday 11 th October

For qualified ponies four years old and over, stallions, mares and geldings, to be ridden.

Ponies must be registered with one or more of the following stud books:

- a) The partbred or anglo arab section of the Arab Horse Society with a minimum of 12.5% Arab blood.
- b) The partbred section of the Welsh Pony & Cob Stud Books with a minimum of 12.5% Welsh blood.
- c) The partbred section of the Dartmoor Pony Stud Book with a minimum of 12.5% Dartmoor blood.
- d) The partbred section of the British Connemara Stud Book with a minimum of 25% Connemara blood.
- e) The partbred section of the New Forest Pony Stud Book with a minimum of 25% New Forest blood.

A copy of the pony's passport, showing its registration or overstepping with any of the above stud books, must be logged with Grandstand Media Ltd prior to entry in any qualifying round.

Riders can be of any age with the exception of those riding stallions who must have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Riders and Owners must be members of either the British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society, The Showing Register, UK Ponies & Horses Limited, Coloured Horse and Pony Society, Arab Horse Society, British Connemara Society, Dartmoor Pony Society, New Forest Pony Society or Welsh Pony and Cob Society. This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £755

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125

The Champion will be presented with the Cherif trophy and will be eligible to enter Class 55 Supreme Products Supreme Pony of the Year.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to The de la Hey Family for generously sponsoring this Championship.

CLASS 53	MINIATURE HORSE OF THE YEAR
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15:20 approx.	Sunday 11 th October
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The qualifying horse will be the highest placed exhibit within the Championship of a qualifying show listed on the Horse of the Year Show website, from the separate mare/gelding, stallion and youngstock classes. No horse placed lower than sixth will qualify.

Entry Fee: £125

Total Prizes: £1,005

Awards: 1st £220, 2nd £160, 3rd £125, 4th £125, 5th £125, 6th £125, 7th £125

The Champion will be presented with the British Miniature Horse Society perpetual salver.

Grandstand Media Ltd. Wish to express their thanks to The British Miniature Horse Society for generously supporting this Championship.

CLASS 54	SUPREME PRODUCTS SUPREME HORSE OF THE YEAR
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Prelim Judging 16:05 Final Judging 18:25	Sunday 11 th October
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The Champions of each of the following Horse of the Year Show 2026 classes are invited to enter this class:

Class 20	Ladies' Side Saddle Horse of the Year
Class 21	SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse of the Year
Class 23	Alan Marnie and Family (Meta Lounge Limited and SHB(GB)) Working Hunter of the Year
Class 26	NeedleSmart, John Illingworth and Cliff Kirby Ridden Purebred Arab of the Year
Class 29	The Andrews Family Hack of the Year
Class 30	Hamilton Tarmac Small Show Hunter of the Year
Class 31	The Barber Family Ridden Heavy Horse of the Year
Class 35	Catplant Group of Companies Ltd Show Hunter of the Year
Class 37	The Leeman Family Maxi Cob of the Year
Class 38	Coloured Horse of the Year sponsored by CHAPS (UK) (if applicable)
Class 40	The Harrod & Coles Family Cob of the Year
Class 46	The Smith Family Intermediate Show Hunter of the Year
Class 47	The Honourable Stud Intermediate Show Horse of the Year
Class 48	Alan Marnie and Family Riding Horse of the Year

This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules. Stabling will be reserved for those who qualify for this championship, please go to the Equestrian Office for further information. **Preliminary judging in the TopSpec Arena approximately 16:05. THE CHAMPION HORSE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARADE IN THE FINALE AT THE END OF THE SHOW ON SUNDAY EVENING.** Failure to parade will result in the prize money for this class being withheld. Should an animal qualify for both the Supreme Pony and the Supreme Horse it may present in the preliminary judging for both. The competitor can then choose to compete in both or just one section of final judging. Should the animal place Champion in the pony section it may not then come forward to the final judging of the Horse section.

No Entry Fee.

Awards: £1,000 to the Supreme Horse Champion

The Champion will be presented with the Gilly Tatlow Cup.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Supreme Products for generously supporting this Championship.

CLASS 55	SUPREME PRODUCTS SUPREME PONY OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP
Prelim Judging 16:45 Final Judging 18:40	Sunday 11 th October
The Champions of each of the following Horse of the Year Show 2026 classes are invited to enter this class:	
Class 25	National Pony Society/Supreme Products M&M Ridden Pony of the Year
Class 33	The Cooper Family M&M Working Hunter Pony of the Year
Class 36	National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony of the Year
Class 38	Coloured Pony of the Year sponsored by CHAPS (UK) (if applicable)
Class 42	British Show Pony Society Children's Riding Pony of the Year
Class 43	Colne & Brynseion Stud M&M Mini Pony of the Year
Class 45	Annabel's Deliciously British Mini Show Pony of the Year
Class 49	Mears-Wood Lead Rein Pony of Hunter Type of the Year
Class 50	Shine Source Footwear UK LTD Show Hunter Pony of the Year
Class 51	Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications Ltd. Junior M&M Ridden Pony of the Year
Class 52	The de la Hey Family Ridden Partbred Pony of the Year

This class will be run under Horse of the Year Show rules. Stabling will be reserved for those who qualify for this championship please go to the Equestrian Office for further information. **Preliminary judging in the TopSpec Arena approximately 16:45. THE CHAMPION PONY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARADE IN THE FINALE AT THE END OF THE SHOW ON SUNDAY EVENING.** Failure to parade will result in the prize money for this class being withheld. Should an animal qualify for both the Supreme Pony and the Supreme Horse it may present in the preliminary judging for both. The competitor can then choose to compete in both or just one section of final judging. Should the animal place Champion in the pony section it may not then come forward to the final judging of the Horse section.

No Entry Fee

Awards: £1,000 to the Supreme Pony Champion.

The Champion will be presented with the Timberwolf trophy.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to Supreme Products for generously supporting this Championship.

CLASS 56	LEMIEUX PONY CLUB MOUNTED GAMES
Wednesday 7 th , Thursday 8 th , Friday 9 th , Saturday 10 th & Sunday 11 th October	

Open to members of The Pony Club of the six qualified Pony Club Mounted Games teams in 2026. The six teams will compete on Wednesday, (two performances), and on Thursday afternoon (one performance) for the LeMieux Cup. The six teams will then compete for the LeMieux Prince Philip Cup which will run during each performance from Thursday evening until the Final on Sunday evening. The top four teams after the Sunday afternoon performance will contest the final. Entries must be made on the appropriate entry form by the Team Trainer.

The winners of the LeMieux Prince Philip Cup final on Sunday will be presented with a medal each and the Prince Philip Cup perpetual Trophy.

Grandstand Media Ltd. wish to express their thanks to LeMieux for generously supporting this Championship.

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