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Membership:

For £95 per annum, you can enjoy the benefits of SHB(GB) membership.

The Society is one of the oldest established breeding societies (established 1886) in the UK with a wealth of experience in supporting breeders, owners and riders alike.

Each year you will receive a link to our online Handbook, which includes all the Society's Show Rules and Regulations.

The programme of all the Society's events, details of shows affiliated to the Society, together with lists of qualifying classes for the Royal International Horse Show, the Horse of the Year Show and The National Hunter Supreme Championship Show can be found on the Society's website at www.sporhorsegb.co.uk

Membership entitles you to register horses on the annual Show Hunter Register and entitles you to reduced entry fees for the National Hunter Supreme Championship Show and allows you to enter horses for the Society's influential grading schemes, plus much, much more.

Don't miss out - join now. Membership fee: £95.00

Benefits of Registration and Membership at a glance:

- ❖ DEFRA and EU recognised passports that comply with all current legislation.
- ❖ Parentage Testing using DNA analysis for all horses entered into the Stud Book.
- ❖ Horses conceived by artificial insemination and embryo transfer are eligible for registration.
- ❖ The Society maintains Stud Books and horses registered into the Stud Book are eligible for World Breeding Federation for Sport Horse awards and potential international recognition.
- ❖ Eligibility for all Affiliated Showing & Performance Classes run under SHB(GB) rules reflecting standards set by the Society. All Judges are assessed and approved by the Society.
- ❖ Eligibility to compete as a rider and/or owner in all Ridden Hunter and Ridden Sport Horse classes run under the Society's rules and Horse of the Year Show rules.
- ❖ Annual Report & Accounts.
- ❖ Voting Paper & the right to attend the Society's AGM
- ❖ Society car stickers at £1.00 each
- ❖ Eligibility for horses registered in the Stud Books to compete in B.S. Young Horse Classes.
- ❖ Affiliated to the Central Prefix Register.
- ❖ Annual prestigious Championship show.
- ❖ Mare and foal Gradings held throughout the country at which vouchers are awarded to graded mares to cover the cost of foal registration.
- ❖ Eligibility to compete for £200 Brood Mare Premiums awarded at affiliated shows.
- ❖ Stallions and mares graded by SHB(GB) promoted via Membership, advertising, website and on our Exhibition unit.
- ❖ The Society each year awards special prizes and rosettes at selected major HORSE TRIALS for the highest placed horse sired by an SHB(GB) Graded Stallion or Premium Stallion.
- ❖ Ties are available at a cost of £9.00 each in three colours: Maroon, Dark Green or Black and have the Society's emblem of a rearing stallion and handler in gold.
- ❖ Please do not hesitate to contact us for any other information you may require.

Membership Details:

**All Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year
(All prices include V.A.T where appropriate)**

Dear Member,

An annual Direct Debit from your bank or building society is the simplest way to pay your subscription each year. It saves time and ensures your renewal is never overlooked and with the Direct Debit Guarantee is 100% safe. It also helps the Society to reduce costs, further improve our administration and invest more into the Society. Each year we will inform you of current subscription rates.

Then unless we are instructed differently or you cancel your Direct Debit instruction to your bank, we will collect the amount from your account.

Membership Fees:

Completed Direct Debit Form must be received by 1st December in order for a Direct Debit to be set up for the following year.

After this date payment for the current year must be by cheque, cash or credit card.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: £1,200.00

FULL MEMBERSHIP: £95.00

JUDGE'S MEMBERSHIP: £60.00

(for non-competing judges)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: £90.00

(only available to members who were associate in 2024, no voting rights)

***CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP:** £500.00

LATE RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP: (Applies to all renewals after 31st March) £120.00

*Corporate Membership must have a nominated current member as the main contact.

*If possible, please add Gift Aid to your Membership.

The General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR)

General

Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (“SHB(GB)”) is a data controller registered with the Information.

Commissioner and endeavours at all times to process your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR). Your personal details will be kept confidential and secure and, as part of your membership contract, will be processed by SHB(GB) for the following purposes:

- ❖ Administration of your membership of SHB(GB) (see overleaf).
- ❖ Contacting you about SHB(GB)'s activities.
- ❖ Statistical and analytical purposes.
- ❖ Providing details of Panel Judges to Affiliated Shows.
- ❖ Supplying information to the DEFRA (see above).

SHB(GB) will not disclose your personal data to third party data controllers other than in connection with the DEFRA passport legislation, unless in accordance with law or with your permission.

SHB(GB) will continue to process your personal data as part of its ongoing horse breeding database, until you notify SHB(GB) to stop processing your personal data.

Information supplied in connection with your membership application or horse registration will be passed by SHB(GB) to DEFRA in order to provide a source of data that supports veterinary disease control and surveillance activities:

- ❖ to discharge its responsibilities for implementation of horse passports.
- ❖ to facilitate strategic planning within the equine sector.
- ❖ to assist in tracing the owners of straying, lost or stolen horses; and
- ❖ to reduce malpractice in the sale of horses and ponies.

The horse passport-based information may, in future, be used for research purposes or statistical analysis by educational and commercial organisations. Your personal data may be shared, if necessary, within the DEFRA family, with other Central Government Departments and with Non-Departmental Public Bodies and with Local Authorities. They are required by law to always keep your personal data confidential and secure. Data may be processed by a contracted third party on their behalf: that party will also be required to keep all data secure.

In certain, limited circumstances, DEFRA or its agents may be required to release information, including personal data, on request under the Environmental Information Regulations, the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, neither DEFRA nor its agents will permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will SHB(GB) act in contravention of its obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

Unless you indicate otherwise to DEFRA or its appointed agents may use the name, address and other details on your application form to contact you in connection with occasional customer research, aimed at improving the services that it provides.

Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain

The objectives of the Society are to develop and improve the breeding of the British Sport Horse.

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Sport Horse Breeding (GB) Child Protection Policy Statement:

Duty of Care: Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain seeks to ensure that all children, young people and vulnerable adults attending SHB(GB) affiliated shows and events are safe and protected from harm. We believe that all members have the right to expect that we will safeguard and promote their interests irrespective of age, gender, racial origin, religious belief, sexuality or any disability they may have. We also believe that all children have a right to be protected from abuse or exploitation. Wherever possible SHB(GB) will ensure that the rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are protected at our events. As such we fully endorse the British Equestrian Federation/British Horse Society code of good practice and have implemented our own Child Protection Policy as follows:

SHB(GB) is committed to ensure that:

The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is paramount. All children have a right to be protected from abuse or exploitation.

All children/young people and vulnerable adults who take part in any SHB(GB) affiliated class or event run by SHB(GB) should be able to participate in a safe, secure and enjoyable environment, within fair and evenhanded approach to competition and fair play.

SHB(GB) expects all competitors and all judges, stewards and officials (including Committee & Council members & office staff) to take all reasonable steps to protect children from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and to respect their rights, wishes and feelings.

Any complaint or suspicion of abusive or inappropriate behaviour or practice will be taken seriously by SHB(GB). Any matter will be investigated and any suspicious or Child Abuse incident will be referred to the appropriate Local Authority for investigation under the Child Abuse and Protection Procedures.

High standards are expected of all judges, stewards, officials, Council/Committee members and officers who will be expected to reflect and endorse the requirements and values of this Policy when officiating for SHB(GB).

Sport Horse Breeding (GB) Child Protection Statement for Judges:

In order to act as a judge, show official, Council Member or Committee member with SHB(GB) all personnel wishing to act as such must comply with the following requirement:

At the point of application to become a judge, show official, Council or Committee member, the individual is required to disclose whether they have any conviction, caution or outstanding matter against them that would make them unsuitable to be in proximity to under 18 year olds and those adults and children deemed to be vulnerable. This would include any penalty that has been imposed in the past and currently deemed 'spent'.

In addition, if at any point during the time the individual occupies such a position with SHB(GB), they are required to disclose directly to the Chairman of the Society, the following circumstances:

- ❖ any pending investigations by child protection agencies
- ❖ any caution, final warning or reprimand received for offences against a minor or vulnerable adult
- ❖ any conviction against a minor or vulnerable adult.
- ❖ any conviction that would prevent them working with children or vulnerable adults

- ❖ any restriction on employment, including suspension or dismissal due to concerns regarding their safeness to work with children or vulnerable adults. (This would include inclusion on any register or list held to prevent individuals working when they present a risk).

Whilst this is a voluntary arrangement designed to affect a safe environment for children to show and take part in equine events, should the Council of SHB(GB) receive information that proves a judge, show official, Council or Committee member has been found unfit to work with children or vulnerable adults their position with the Society will be immediately terminated. The Society will then ensure the individual is disassociated from the Society in all appropriate ways.

Sport Horse Breeding (GB) Health & Policy Statement:

The trustees of Sport Horse Breeding (GB) strive to ensure that all its activities are run from appropriate venues and are organised with Health, Safety and Welfare in mind.

- ❖ We will work with others to provide appropriate levels of safety and security within our shows and events.
- ❖ We will assess (under any specific duty or regulation as laid down), any risk issues associated with the show or event and carry out all actions required within the assessment action plan.
- ❖ We will seek to establish and promote a positive Health & Safety culture within the Society.
- ❖ We will require all judges to conduct themselves within the policy as laid down.

Sport Horse Breeding (GB) Equine Influenza Vaccinations Policy:

Any horse receiving a new Primary Course of equine influenza vaccine as of 1st January 2025 must be vaccinated as follows:

- ❖ 1st vaccination - 2nd vaccination interval 21-60 days. Horses having received first two vaccinations may compete, providing 2nd vaccination has not been given within 7 days of arriving at an event.
- ❖ 3rd vaccination to be given within 6 months and 21 days after 2nd, so long as 3rd vaccination has not been given within 7 days of arriving at an event.
- ❖ All further boosters under FEI rules must be given within 6 months and 21 days to allow horses to compete.
- ❖ The minimum standard is 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 1st January 2025, to be re-vaccinated provided that they have been vaccinated in compliance with the 2024 Veterinary Regulations.
- ❖ Horses that received their primary course before 2005 are exempt from the first booster requirement. Subsequent boosters must have been given at intervals no later than 1 calendar year after the primary course.

All competitors are strongly advised to check the FEI website for ongoing FEI updates during 2025 and before 2026. it is recommended that all competitors/exhibitors/members/producers check with shows that fall under FEI regulation before entering, e.g. Windsor, Hickstead, HOYS, etc.

Social Media and Internet Policy:

Introduction

SHB(GB) acknowledges the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, home webpages, chat rooms, and all other forms of electronic communication and the role which social media plays in the day to day lives of members.

This policy note is to remind members the Rules of SHB(GB) apply to members when using social media and the internet. Failure to adhere to this policy note could lead to disciplinary action being taken against a member.

Using Social Media

You should be aware SHB(GB) may from time to time carry out internet searches to identify postings which include references to SHB(GB) and its members.

SHB(GB) produced images are the subject of copyright and should not be copied or used in social media save as provided in the SHB(GB) website user terms and conditions.

You should ensure any material you transmit or post to social media is clearly stated to be your personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of SHB(GB).

You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of SHB(GB), its members or former members, or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of SHB(GB).

You must not post or transmit any material relating to SHB(GB), members or former members or their horses or ponies, or which could otherwise be associated with, or which may reasonably be attributed as coming from SHB(GB):

- ❖ that is threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory, blasphemous, in breach of confidence, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or
- ❖ which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of the SHB(GB) Rules, or constitutes a criminal offence, or which could give rise to civil liability, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of, or infringe the rights of any third party in, the UK or any other country in the world.

Any breach of this policy note may constitute a breach of the SHB(GB) Rules and disciplinary action may be taken. This could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against you.

If a complaint is active, any public discussion or comment by the complainant pertaining to the subject including on social media or other digital forum, will automatically result in the case being closed.

Disclosure under Law or Regulation

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

Complaints and Disciplinary Policy / Procedure

A. Complaints Policy:

This document sets out the procedure for dealing with complaints made against the Society and its members. This document also sets out the procedure for dealing with any person who at any time conducts themselves in a manner which may be deemed to bring the name of the Society into disrepute. A complaint against a staff member/s should be reported in the same way but will be dealt with under the Society's internal HR/employment related policies.

The Society and its members endeavour to work to the highest standards in every regard. The Society considers its members to be a valuable resource in achieving its aims and does not envisage that it will receive many complaints. However, the Society wants to ensure that in the event that a complaint is made against a member of the Society, there is a procedure in place which ensures that:

- a. the complaint will be dealt with fairly and without prejudice.
- b. the procedure and potential outcomes are clear for all parties involved.

The Society hopes the majority of complaints received, can be resolved informally through mediation. This particularly applies to poor behaviour in and around the show ring. If mediation or informal resolution is not possible or it is more appropriate for the matter to be dealt with formally, then the Complaints Procedure as set out in Part 2 below should be followed.

Complaints relating to JMB Height Certificates should be made to the JMB (see Section 4 below):

B. Complaints Procedure:

1. Complaints made against the Society and its Members

1.1 Should you wish to register a complaint then please use one of the methods stated below:

In writing to: (Please send by recorded delivery)	Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain 96 High Street Edenbridge Kent TN8 5AR
By email to: (Please request a delivery receipt when sending your email)	office@sporthorsegb.co.uk
Complaints regarding SHB(GB) staff members:	Please address your complaint to the Chair of Council at the above address and mark 'strictly confidential'
Complaints Regarding SHB(GB) Council or Sub Committee Members:	Please address your complaint to the Chair of Council at the above address and mark 'strictly confidential'

- 1.2 All complaints should be in writing either by post or email (to addresses stated previously), marked 'private & confidential' and signed by the complainant with their full name, contact address and telephone number clearly printed. Please note the Society cannot address complaints made anonymously.
- 1.3 Your SHB(GB) membership number (where applicable), should be quoted in correspondence.
- 1.4 The complainant can also submit a separate letter or email from an independent person confirming the facts and basis of the complaint.
- 1.5 The complaint and independent letter should be received within 14 days of the incident or action causing complaint. Complaints received outside this timescale will only be investigated at the discretion of the Chairman/Council.
- 1.6 Evidence in support of the complaint should be provided along with the letter of complaint.

What will happen next?

- 1.7 The Society will send a letter or email acknowledging the complaint and, if necessary, may ask for further details.
- 1.8 The SHB(GB) Office will forward details of the complaint to the Chairman and Vice Chairman who will decide if the complaint can be resolved through an informal process and/or mediation.
- 1.9 If the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Society feel the complaint may not be settled by mediation or an informal resolution, then the complaints procedure detailed in Part 2 below should be followed.
- 1.10 If the complaint may be resolved through an informal process, details of the complaint will be passed to the Chairman of the relevant sub-committee. If the Society believes that the matter should be addressed by mediation it will invite the complainant to participate.
- 1.11 The Chairman of the sub-committee will obtain further information if necessary. They may choose to resolve the complaint by way of a letter to the member or official named in the complaint or may also choose to forward the complaint to all members of the sub-committee for comment or discussion which may be at the next committee meeting, or sooner if deemed necessary.
- 1.12 The sub-committee may recommend the complaint is referred to the SHB(GB) Council to determine if there has been a breach of Rules and whether any penalties are to be imposed as detailed in Part 2.
- 1.13 If the complaint pertains to a previous decision of a sub-committee, it will be referred to the SHB(GB) Council as per Stage 2 below.

2. The Council

- 2.1** The Chairman and Vice Chairman may refer the complaint directly to the Council for a breach of rules decision. The Council may deal with the matter in accordance with procedure referred to in 2.2 below. If in its opinion the matter is sufficiently serious the Council will refer the matter to be dealt with by the Disciplinary Panel referred to in Part C, Disciplinary Procedure.
- 2.2** If the Council decides to deal with the matter itself, it shall communicate in writing the substance of the allegations to the person against whom they are made and will afford that person the opportunity of making representations, whether orally or in writing. The Council shall then determine whether there has been a breach of these Rules and if in its opinion there has been such a breach to impose all of any of the following penalties:
- a. Dismiss the complaint in whole or in part.
 - b. Uphold the complaint but take no action (only if there are strong mitigating circumstances).
 - c. Give a reprimand or caution.
 - d. Suspend membership on either a temporary or permanent basis.
 - e. Suspend the Horse, Owner, Rider, Producer and/or Member or other person participating in any Show to which these Rules apply for a period of time.
 - f. Fine such person up to a maximum amount of £5,000.
- 2.3** In addition, in the case of a Judge:
- ❖ He/she may be removed from the panel

In addition, in the case of an official:

- ❖ He/she may be prevented from officiating in any capacity at any Society affiliated show or event.

C. Disciplinary Procedure:

1. Disciplinary Process

- 1.1** If in its opinion the matter is sufficiently serious the Council will refer the matter to be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee referred to below.
- 1.2** A letter to the complainant will set out name(s) of the person(s) assigned to investigate complaint (the Investigating Officer(s)). If the complaint relates to a Council member or former Council member the Investigating Officer will be an independent person who may or may not be a member of the Society. If the complaint relates to any other member of the Society, the Investigating Officers will be a panel of at least three, consisting of three Council members or three independent persons, who may not be members of the Society, or a combination with not more than three in total. Any request by the Society for further details should be provided by the complainant within 10 working days, otherwise the complaint will not be processed any further.
- 1.3** The investigation of the complaint will be carried out by the Investigating Officer(s) within a reasonable timescale barring issues outside their control. The Investigating Officer(s) will undertake all necessary investigation which may include obtaining a response to the complaint from any member who is the subject of the complaint. This will usually involve sharing the full details of the complaint with that member, **which in certain circumstances may include the identity of the complainant.**
- 1.4** If necessary, the complainant may be invited to a meeting to discuss the complaint and/or the response to the complaint further. In the event this is not possible or practical the complainant may be asked to expand upon the complaint in writing or by telephone.
- 1.5** Once the investigation has been concluded, a determination will be made by the Investigating Officer who will notify the complainant in writing of the decision together with the reasons for this decision and any action that it is recommended is taken. The Investigating Officer will either:
- a. Dismiss the complaint in whole or in part; or

- b. Uphold the complaint in whole or in part which may include a determination that all or part of the matter be dealt with under the Society's disciplinary procedures.

2. Disciplinary Proceedings

2.1 Where an Investigating Officer(s) has determined, following the conclusion of an investigation, that there is a case to answer which requires further investigation, the outcome of which mean that disciplinary action may be taken against the person, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council acting together will appoint a disciplinary panel made up of three people who may not be members of the Society (the Disciplinary Panel). The Disciplinary Panel should be appointed within 14 days of the decision by the Investigating Officer(s) that the matter should be dealt with under this Disciplinary Procedure.

2.2 Within 14 days of being appointed, the Disciplinary Panel will inform the member of the allegations against them, the basis for those allegations, that there will be a disciplinary hearing convened and what the likely range of consequences will be if it decides after the hearing that the allegations are true. Where appropriate, the following will be included:

- a. A summary of relevant information gathered by the Investigating Officer(s) during the investigation.
- b. A copy of any relevant documents which will be used at the disciplinary hearing; and
- c. A copy of any relevant witness statements, except where a witness's identity is to be kept confidential, in which case the member will be given as much information as possible while maintaining confidentiality.

2.3 Within a further 14 days, the member must inform the Disciplinary Panel whether they admit the allegations or not and indicate whether they wish to attend the hearing. If no response is received, the disciplinary procedure shall continue.

2.4 Within a further 14 days, the Disciplinary Panel will give the member written notice of the date, time and place of the disciplinary hearing. The hearing will be held as soon as reasonably practicable, but the member will be given a reasonable amount of time to prepare their case based on the information given to them by the Disciplinary Panel.

3. Disciplinary Hearing

3.1 The disciplinary hearing will be held in front of the Disciplinary Panel. At the disciplinary hearing, the Disciplinary Panel will take the member through the allegations and the evidence that has been gathered. The member will be able to respond and present any evidence.

3.2 The member may ask relevant witnesses to appear at the hearing, provided they have given the Disciplinary Panel sufficient advance notice to arrange their attendance. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to any information given by a witness.

3.3 Written statements may be introduced only if previously produced to and/or with the consent of the Disciplinary Panel

3.4 The Disciplinary Panel may make a finding, following the disciplinary hearing, that the allegations are:

- a. Proved, in whole or in part; or
- b. Unproved, in whole or in part.

3.5 The decision by the Disciplinary Panel and its reasons, along with any disciplinary penalty if appropriate, will be communicated to the member within 14 days of the date of the disciplinary hearing.

4. Disciplinary Penalties

4.1 If the Disciplinary Panel finds the conduct alleged to be proved, in whole or in part, it shall impose such of the following actions as seem appropriate given the circumstances of the case:

- a. Uphold the complaint but take no action (only if there are strong mitigating circumstances).
- b. Give a reprimand or caution.
- c. Suspend membership on either a temporary or permanent basis.

- d. Suspend the Horse, Owner, Rider, Producer and/or Member of other person participating in any Show to which these Rules apply for a period.
- e. Fine such person up to a maximum amount of £5,000

4.2 In addition, in the case of a judge or an official:

- a. A judge may be removed from the panel.
- b. An official may be prevented from officiating in any capacity at any Society affiliated show or event.

5. Animal Welfare Offences

5.1 If a court of law finds a Member guilty of an offence relating to animal welfare the Society may take reciprocal action to that imposed by the Court. i.e., if the Court issues a warning or reprimand the Society will similarly warn or reprimand the Member.

In the case of a Court banning a member from keeping/owning animals for a period the Society may revoke the membership of the member found guilty and ban them from membership for the full period of the ban imposed by the court or longer if appropriate.

5.2 There is also no appeal against a welfare issue determined by a Court of Law.

5.3 Any decision of the Disciplinary or Appeal Committee made pursuant to the powers conferred by these rules may be published in any newspaper or periodical as the Council may direct.

D Appeals Procedure:

1. Appeals Process

1.1 If a member feels that disciplinary action taken against them is wrong or unjust then they should appeal in writing, stating the full grounds of appeal, to the Secretary within 14 days of the date on which they were informed of the decision of the Disciplinary Panel. Where the appeal is not upheld the appellant may be required to cover the administrative cost of the appeal.

1.2 The Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council acting together will appoint an Appeal Committee comprising three members who may not be members of the Society.

1.3 Appeals may be dealt with by written representations or at an appeal hearing. The Appeal Committee will give the member written notice of the date, time and place of any appeal hearing. This will normally be 14 days after the written notice.

1.4 The Appeal Committee will consider all the evidence and make its decision which may be to:

- a. Confirm the original decision.
- b. Revoke the original decision; or
- c. Substitute a different penalty.

1.5 The Appeal Committee will inform the member in writing of the final decision as soon as possible, usually within 14 days of the date of the appeal hearing. There will be no further right of appeal.

E. JMB Objections:

1. JMB Objections Process

1.1 Any dispute or complaint in respect of a JMB Certificate must be referred to the JMB Stewards and will be dealt with in accordance with their Rules. Please address complaints to The Joint Measurement Board Limited, P.O. Box 396, Hereford, HR1 9QQ Tel: 01981 510201.

If an objection is lodged against a height certificate or the SHB(GB) requests a re-measurement the horse must be re-measured within 21 days of the notification by the J.M.B. of the objection or request. Unless the horse is re-measured within this time, its SHB(GB) registration will be withdrawn and the matter may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and the membership of the owner, at the time of the request for a re-measurement will be suspended.

- 1.2** The SHB(GB) have the right to request a measurement on any horse registered on an Annual JMB Height Certificate. The horse must be measured at the owner's expense within 21 days of notification by the SHB(GB).
- 1.3** Unless the horse is measured within this time its SHB(GB) registration will be withdrawn and the matter may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and the membership of the owner, at the time of the request for a measurement will be suspended
- 1.4** An animal that received an objection to its JMB height certificate which is subsequently upheld will forfeit any previous qualification gained for Horse of the Year Show, RIHS, or SHB(GB) Championships Shows in the current year and the qualification will be passed to the next eligible exhibit with the eligible placings.

Rules and Regulations 2025

ALL 2025 RULE CHANGES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD & ITALIC

These Rules & Regulations are subject to change and alteration at the discretion of the SHB(GB) Council and any such changes and alterations will be notified via the SHB(GB) website.

GENERAL RULES

(Pursuant to Article 6.6 of the Articles of Association of Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain)

1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

- a. The Rules set out in this book apply to all Members (as defined at rule 5f) of Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (“the Society”) including those who own horses registered with the Society. In particular, the Rules are made so that Members may compete fairly against each other in Hunter, Sport Horse and Light Horse classes.
- b. The Council of the Society has wide-ranging powers to discipline members and competitors in shows run by or affiliated to the Society in the event of failure to observe any provisions of the Rules and any other regulations, or byelaws made by the Council from time to time.
- c. Every member of the Society, by becoming a member, agrees to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society and all rules, regulations and byelaws made thereunder. Members are responsible for the actions of any non-members employed by them or assisting or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf and any action or conduct of such non-member which would be a breach of the Rules were he/she a member shall constitute a breach of the Rules by the Member responsible for him/her.
- d. All horses exhibited in Ridden Hunter classes run in accordance with these Rules must be duly registered with the Society unless these rules state otherwise. Owners, Riders and Producers of horses competing in any Ridden Hunter classes run in accordance with these Rules must be Members of the Society unless the rules state otherwise.
- e. Members of the Society, whether acting as officials or Judges of the Society or otherwise, must not act in anyway derogatory to the character and reputation of the Society or prejudicial to the interests of the Society.
- f. Any Owner, Rider, Producer and/or Horse that is banned for any period as a result of any disciplinary action taken by the BSHA, BSPS, CHAPS, TSR or NPS, may not compete in SHB(GB) Affiliated classes at the discretion of the SHB(GB) Council. Any action taken by SHB(GB) against any Owner, Rider, Producer or Horse/Pony may be shared with the BSHA, BSPS, CHAPS, TSR or NPS.
- g. ***Membership and registrations will be suspended, if cheques received, or monies owed, that are payable to SHB(GB), and SHB(GB) Affiliated Shows are not paid within 14 days of being due, or if any trophies belonging to SHB(GB), or SHB(GB) Affiliated Shows, are not returned by the requested date.***
- h. ***A surcharge of £20 will be charged if cheques have to be represented. This ruling will also apply to ALL Affiliated Shows in respect to entries made in classes affiliated to SHB(GB).***

2. LIABILITY

- a. The Society, its officials and judges:
 - ❖ Accept no liability in respect of damage to a horse or its exhibitor or other person responsible for it (save as provided by s.2(1) Unfair Contract Terms Act (UCTA) 1977) at or enroute to a show or other event held by the Society.

- ❖ Accept no liability in respect of damage arising from a horse (save as provided by s.2(1) UCTA 1977) at or enroute to a show or other event held by the Society.
 - ❖ Accept no liability for financial loss for its or their decisions at or in respect of a show or other event held by the Society.
- b. Owners and those otherwise responsible for horses must ensure that they and those in any way involved with their horses at any show or other event held by the Society:
- ❖ Are aware of these General Rules, and particularly the Society's exclusion of liability above.
 - ❖ Have adequate third-party insurance cover.
 - ❖ Save as provided for above, participate at their own risk.

3. AMATEUR DEFINITION, RULES AND CLASSES

It is expected that Exhibitors will compete in the true spirit and fair play of these Rules. The Directors/Board/Council reserve the right, in their absolute discretion, to reclassify an Exhibitor's Amateur status/entry should they deem it necessary.

No commercial branding can be visible in the ring, during an Amateur class (including Amateur Home Produced); this applies to equines, riders and any attendees; this also includes outside the ring, or online i.e., on social media. Care must be taken to not market sponsorship in any way shape or form which could be then attributed towards an Amateur; any such actions will result in the loss of Amateur status.

- a. **Ownership:** All owners should be registered in the passport as per the latest DEFRA regulations.
- b. **Professional Show Producer/Trainer/Rider:** A person who undertakes the preparation/training/keeping at livery, production of equines/riders or competes as a Rider or jobbing Rider.
- c. **Professional Show Groom:** A person who is employed full, part-time or is self-employed and receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for the preparation/training/keeping or production of equines.
- d. **Professional Showing Status:** anyone who has operated as a Professional Showing Producer, Show Rider or Show Groom will, for the purposes of these Rules, always be deemed a professional; including when acting as a Groom. (If you are in any doubt as to your status, please contact the office and discuss).
- e. **Amateur Status** – a person is an Amateur for the purpose of classes run under Society Rules if he/she does not, during the current or previous season:
- (i) Engage in showing livery/production, buying, selling, dealing or hiring of horses in any commercial capacity, or owning/standing a stallion at stud, teaching or coaching, as means of deriving a source of income.
 - (ii) Receive remuneration, whether it be monetary or goods in kind, for employment in the connection with horses in showing livery/production, teaching or coaching, (instruction at Pony Club and Riding Club excepted). This Rule does not include the suppliers of ancillary services in equestrianism, such as farriers, vets, therapists or administrative office roles.
 - (iii) Show a Horse owned or sponsored by a company or a commercial firm or show a Horse for which his/her immediate family accepts showing livery production or training charges, from a person outside the immediate family concerned, in any showing classes, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or otherwise.
 - (iv) Act as a Brand Ambassador, in any showing classes, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or otherwise.
 - (v) A competitor is not eligible to compete in Amateur classes on an Exhibit, which has been ridden by a Professional Rider in ANY class, Sport Horse Breeding (GB) or otherwise, with the exception of Working and Side Saddle classes, during the current year and the following year, up to and including the Royal International Horse Show.

NOTE: Novice horses ridden by a Professional before the 1st January 2025, will not be affected by the rule changes, and therefore will be eligible to compete in Amateur classes during the 2025 Show Season”.

(The above Rule, 3e(v), does not apply, if the Horse has been Professionally Produced and ONLY ridden by a Showing Professional, during the previous season, or if the horse has subsequently been sold and re-registered under new Ownership).

(vi) If you ride/compete equines on a regular basis, which you do not stable at home, your Amateur status will be reviewed by the Board/Council, i.e., if you ride / compete multiple equines or ride regularly for one or more owners, you could be deemed professional.

- f. At any time whilst on the showground, where an Exhibit is going to be competing in Amateur classes, Showing Professionals, including Professional Show Grooms, are not allowed to ride, work-in (in any form), teach or coach the rider/horse, compete, or enter the Ring to groom/strip the Horse.**
- g. Amateur Owner/Rider Classes: Open to Horses owned and ridden by an Amateur. No Showing Professional, including Professional Show Grooms, are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the Horse, with the exception of Amateur Working Hunter Classes where ALL Amateur’s including Amateur Home-Produced can receive professional help when walking the course and warming-up in the Collecting Ring for the jumping phase only – no professional assistance is permitted during the flat ridden /ride section of the class.**
- h. Amateur Home-Produced Classes: Open to Horses, which are either stabled at home or in a D. I. Y. yard, assisted livery permitted, and which since 1st January in the current year, have not been shown by a Professional during the current season or stabled in a Professional yard at any time in the current year. To be ridden by an Amateur. This does not exclude Amateur Owner Home Produced riders having lessons at any time with an instructor, providing the Horse remains stabled at home. No Showing Professional, including Professional Show Grooms, are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the Horse. We may require a statement of your eligibility to compete in Home Produced classes.**

4. DEFINITIONS – OWNERS, RIDERS AND JUDGES

- a. AFFILIATED SHOW:** A Show affiliated to the Society at which the Hunter Classes are carried out in accordance with the Society's rules and regulations.
- b. OWNERSHIP:** All owners should be registered in the passport as per the latest DEFRA regulations.
- c. PROFESSIONAL RIDER / PRODUCER / TRAINER:** A person who undertakes the preparation / training / keeping at livery, production of equines /rides or competes as a Rider or jobbing Rider.
- d. PROFESSIONAL GROOM:** A person who is employed full, part-time or is self-employed and receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for the preparation/training/keeping or production of show equines.
- e. PROFESSIONAL SHOWING STATUS:** Anyone who has operated as a Professional Showing Producer, Show Rider or Show Groom will, for the purposes of these Rules, always be deemed a professional, including when acting as a Groom. (If you are in any doubt as to your status, please contact the SHB(GB) office and discuss).
- f. MEMBER:** A fully paid-up life full associate or supporter member of the Society.
- g. OWNER:** An owner of a horse registered with the Society.
- h. IMMEDIATE FAMILY:** The following are classed as Immediate Family for the purpose of this rule book:

Grandparents
Brothers & Sisters

Parents/Parents Partners
Sons/Daughters

Husband/Wife & Partners
Step Grandparents

Stepparents
Sister & Brother in Laws

Stepbrothers/Sisters
Uncle & Aunt

Legal Guardians
Niece & Nephew

- i. **AGE OF RIDER/HANDLER:** No rider/handler under sixteen years of age on the day of the show is eligible to compete in any classes affiliated to the Society. Proof of age may be required.
- j. **SENIOR JUDGE:** In the event of a dispute the Conformation Judge is deemed to be the Senior Judge.

5. DEFINITIONS - HORSE

- a. **HUNTER (both Ridden and In-Hand):** A mare or gelding capable or likely to be capable of carrying its designated weight regularly for a full day's hunting. It should have substance, quality and a calm, bold temperament. It should have the conformation to produce high performance with sustained soundness. It should be alert, and when ridden have four athletic natural paces.
- b. **HUNTER BROOD MARE:** A mare with Foal at Foot or a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year, which may be inspected at the show
- c. **SMALL HUNTER BROOD MARE:** A mare exceeding 148cm (14.2hh approx.) but not exceeding 158cm (15.2hh approx.) with foal at foot or a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year, which may be inspected at the show. Mares could be measured on the day of the show by an appointed official, unless in possession of a current JMB Height Certificate.
- d. **SMALL HUNTER YOUNGSTOCK:** Any colt, gelding or filly estimated not to reach over 158 cm (15.2hh approx.) at maturity.
- e. **HUNTER FOAL:** A colt or filly foaled in current year. Foals to be at least four weeks old on day of Show.
- f. **HUNTER YEARLING:** A colt, gelding, or filly foaled in preceding year.
- g. **HUNTER TWO-YEAR-OLD:** A colt, gelding, or filly, foaled two years previously, colts may be allowed at the discretion of the Show.
- h. **HUNTER THREE-YEAR-OLD:** A colt, gelding, or filly foaled three years previously, colts may be allowed at the discretion of the Show.
- i. **LIGHT HORSE BROOD MARE:** Mare exceeding 14.2hh (148cm), with Foal at Foot or a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year, which may be inspected at the show.
- j. **LIGHT HORSE FOAL:** A colt or filly foaled in current year. To exceed 14.2hh (148cm) at maturity. Foals to be at least four weeks old on day of Show.
- k. **LIGHT HORSE YEARLING:** A colt, gelding, or filly, foaled in preceding year, to exceed 14.2hh (148cm) at maturity.
- l. **LIGHT HORSE TWO-YEAR-OLD:** A colt, gelding, or filly foaled two years previously, to exceed 14.2hh (148cm) at Maturity. Colts maybe allowed at the discretion of the Show.
- m. **LIGHT HORSE THREE-YEAR-OLD:** A colt, gelding, or filly foaled three years previously, to exceed 14.2hh (148cm) at maturity. Colts maybe allowed at the discretion of the Show.
- n. **SMALL HUNTER:** Any mare or gelding, 4 years old or over exceeding 148 cm (14.2hh approx.) but not exceeding 158 cm (15.2hh approx.). A horse, which is registered as a Small Hunter, cannot compete in an Open Weight Class. Animals in ridden height restricted classes WILL NOT be required to be in possession of a JMB Height Certificate or verification of measurement to compete in RIHS or HOYS Qualifiers. However qualifying animals will need to be measured WITHIN 28 DAYS OF QUALIFICATION OR BEFORE THE FINAL,

WHICHEVER IS SOONER. The valid JMB full height certificate or a valid JMB annual height certificate must be submitted to the SHB(GB) office on receipt from the JMB and prior to competing at RIHS or HOYS. There are NO exceptions to this rule.

- o. **FOUR-YEAR-OLD HUNTERS:** They must not be galloped as a class, and they should change the rein. Judges will not ride the exhibits in these classes with the exception of championship classes (such as at the National Hunter Supreme Championship Show) where a ride judge will ride the exhibits. Saddles must not be removed from four-year-olds prior to the horse being ridden by the judge.
- p. **LADIES HUNTERS:** Mare or gelding four years old or over, to be ridden by a lady side-saddle. Judges for this class are to be chosen from the Society's list of ladies recommended to judge side-saddle classes. Saddles must not be removed from Ladies Hunters prior to the horse being ridden by the judge.
- q. **NOVICE HUNTERS:** *Mare or gelding four years old and over exceeding 148cm, not having won three affiliated Novice classes or three affiliated Open classes (excepting Working and Ladies) before 1st January in the current year, OR not having been placed 1-9 in ANY CLASS (excepting Working, Ladies and Search for a Star) at The Royal International Horse Show OR Horse of the Year Show before 1st January in the current year.*
- r. **LIGHTWEIGHT HUNTER:** Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying up to 79.5kgs (12 stone 7lbs).
- s. **MIDDLEWEIGHT HUNTER:** Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying 79.5kgs (12stone 7lbs) and not exceeding 89kgs (14 stone).
- t. **HEAVYWEIGHT HUNTER:** Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying over 89kgs (14 stone).
- u. **NOTE:** Where only two classes are scheduled (this also applies to Working Hunter & Amateur Hunter classes) the division of weights should be:
 - ❖ 'Lightweight'. Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying 79.5kgs (12 stone 7 lbs.) and under. Small hunters to be included in this category.
 - ❖ 'Heavyweight'. Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying over 79.5kgs (12 stone 7 lbs.). Middleweight hunters to be included in this category.
- v. **NOVICE WORKING HUNTERS:** *Mare, gelding or stallion (competing stallions must have a red, white and blue ribbon displayed in their tail), four years old and over, exceeding 148cms, not having won three affiliated Novice Working classes or three affiliated Open Working classes before 1st January in the current year OR not having been placed 1-9 in ANY WORKING HUNTER CLASS at Royal International Horse Show or Horse of the Year Show before 1st January in the current year.* Horses that have more than 5 BE points or 200 BS points, at home or equivalent abroad before 1st January in the current year are not eligible to compete in Novice Working classes.
- w. **105cm OPEN WORKING HUNTER:** A mare, gelding, or stallion (competing stallions must have a red, white and blue ribbon displayed in their tail) four years old and over. The maximum height of fences is 105cm. This class is intended as a 'step up' class, and it is hoped that competitors will enter into the spirit of this. An award will be made to the highest placed Novice and the highest placed Amateur in this class.
- x. **WORKING HUNTER:** A mare, gelding or stallion (competing stallions must have a red, white and blue ribbon displayed in their tail) four years old and over exceeding 148cm (14.2hh approx) to be judged in accordance with the rules herein set out. Any horse which has qualified as a Grade A Show Jumper or Advanced Event horse as of 1st January in the current year is not eligible to compete in Working Hunter classes. Fences to be a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 in number and a maximum height of 1.14m (3ft 9ins) at the discretion of the Judges.

Where there are two classes scheduled, the division of weights should be:

- ❖ **Lightweight:** Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and under.
- ❖ **Heavyweight:** Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying over 14 stone.

- ❖ Fences should have a natural appearance and not be easily dislodged.
- ❖ No un-numbered obstacle can be included in the course.
- ❖ The manner of going to be taken into account.
- ❖ No change of rider or tack will be allowed (unless a horse is ridden under side-saddle, in which case, in order to allow the judge to ride, the saddle maybe changed for the riding phase only).
- ❖ A rider can ride up to two horses in the jumping phase but then must select only one horse to take forward into the ride and conformation section if so required (no change of rider is allowed).
- ❖ A skull cap or hat and safety harness according to the current approved BSI or European Standard must be worn by ALL competitors in the jumping phase of Working Hunter Classes. Skull caps must have a navy blue or black cover.
- ❖ No hind boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm up or in the actual class.
- ❖ On completion of the jumping phase ALL CLEAR ROUNDS and any other horses the judges may require should be asked to return to the ring.
- ❖ If a horse positively stops, ceases to go forwards at any time during its jumping round, or turns its quarters to a fence, or has a complete turnaround, these constitute refusals. If a horse jumps the incorrect fence out of a pen or lane it will be eliminated.
- ❖ Horses displaying continued disobedience, or horses leaving the ring, whether mounted or dismounted will be eliminated.

Penalties:

First Refusal	15
Second Refusal	20
Third Refusal	Elimination
Jumping Knockdown	10 (BSJA Rules apply for the definition of a knockdown)
Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination

- ❖ Horses with minus scores may not be required for the second phase of the class at the discretion of the judge. Under no circumstances should a horse with a minus score be in a qualifying position.
- ❖ If Shows wish to save time, they can use two Judges, one of whom would judge the conformation and need not necessarily be on the Ridden Hunter Panel.
- ❖ It is suggested that the Conformation Judge be asked to judge the conformation of the Working Hunter Class while the other Judge is judging the ride.
- ❖ Horses must not be ridden by the Judge in the same ring and at the same time as other horses are jumping.
- ❖ Suitable fences of natural appearance must be available.
- ❖ Judges will not jump horses in Working Hunter Classes.
- ❖ The maximum total points available is 100. This is made up of: Jumping points = Max 40 points, Style & Presence whilst Jumping= max 20 points, Ride/Manners= max 20 points, Conformation= max 20 points.
- ❖ 40 points are awarded for Ride/Manners and Conformation. If there are two judges, Judge A awards a maximum score of 20 for Ride/Manners, Judge B awards a maximum score of 20 for conformation.
- ❖ In the event of a tie in marks, the conformation mark will take precedence, followed by the ride mark, followed by the style mark. Judges should satisfy themselves that the course and fences are in keeping with the Society's recommendations, and Shows should allow time for this.
- ❖ Working Hunter courses are not to be walked by competitors until the judge has given permission. There must be a change of course between Novice, 105cm Open and Open Working Hunter classes.

y. **AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER CLASSES:** These classes will be run under the Society's Amateur rules and judged the same as the Working Hunter Classes but fences will not exceed 3' 6" (1.07m).

- z. 80/90 WORKING HORSE: Mare, gelding or stallion (competing stallions must have a red, white and blue ribbon displayed in their tail), four years old and over, exceeding 148cms. Horses and riders DO NOT have to registered with SHB(GB). Judges will not ride in these classes.**

6. COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE *(please refer to Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain Policy Section)*

7. NOTICES

A notice shall be properly served:

- a. At the time of service if it is served personally or posted to the address of the member as set out in the Society's list of members or on a particular show's completed entry form or to the registered office of the Society as the case may be.
- b. 24 hours after it is posted (excluding the hours of any day which is not a working day) if served by first class post at the address referred to in (a) above.
- c. At the time of transmission if it is served by email with a delivery receipt.

8. DISPUTES

- a. The person signing the registration form is taken to be the rightful owner of the horse or the owner's properly authorised representative. On being made aware of any dispute over the ownership of a horse the Society will send a Notice to the last registered owner in accordance with the Complaints and Disciplinary Policy and Procedure at pages 9-14 who shall confirm the dispute and provide details of it in writing within 14 days of receipt of the notice. If no confirmation is received by the Society within the period, the Society will amend its records and register the name of the new owner.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MEMBERS, OWNERS AND RIDERS

9. OWNERSHIP

- a. The person signing the registration form is taken to be the rightful owner of the horse or the owner's properly authorised representative. In cases whereby the horse appears to have been sold by someone other than the last registered owner, the Society will in accordance with Complaints and Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, write to the last recorded owner on its records to try and obtain confirmation that the horse is no longer in his/her ownership. If no confirmation is received by the Society within 14 days of receipt of the notice the Society will amend its records and register the name of the new owner. On being made aware of any dispute over the ownership of a horse see Clause 9 Disputes/
- b. Full details of any horse, registered with the Society, which is stolen should be notified to the Society as soon as possible.
- c. The person in whose name the horse is entered at an affiliated show will be held responsible both for abiding by the General Rules and Regulations of the Show concerned and for indemnifying that Show against any claims for damages which may arise.
- d. If a horse changes ownership after the closing date of entries, it must be re-registered in the name of the new owner before it is eligible to be shown, although it may not be possible to change the details printed in the catalogue.
- e. Horses registered with the Society must be shown with their registered name, age and description.

- f. Where a horse is also registered with another society or body, this must be disclosed to the Society, together with details of name, age and description on that register.
- g. A change of name is not allowed.
- h. Anyone concealing a previously registered name will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

10. DESCRIPTIONS

- a. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure that both the information given on show entry forms is accurate and that horses compete in their correct weight class.
- b. No exhibitor may enter and show a horse under a Judge whom they know or should have known to have bred, sold, produced, or received financial gain from that horse. (Stud fees are exempt from financial gain.)
- c. At no time should an exhibitor attempt to influence a judge by offering any information, regarding their exhibit, for effect.

11. CLASSIFICATION

Show Hunters MUST be exhibited in the weight class in which they are entered and catalogued, unless:

- a. An application to change weight classes has been received by the SHB(GB) office, together with the original Show Hunter Certificate in time for the office to notify the Show of any change only one weight change per season is permitted OR:
- b. If a Judge considers an animal to be in the incorrect weight category, he/she will transfer it to a higher weight class or advise the competitor if he/she considers it to be in a lower weight category. If a horse is transferred into a different weight class by the Judges on more than one occasion, the owner must inform the Society immediately and the animal's registration will be amended. Owners can appeal against this decision if they think fit, in which case the Society will appoint a Referee to give a final decision.
- c. Horses placed in the first 6 at the Royal International Horse Show or Horse of the Year Show cannot subsequently move down to a LOWER weight category.

12. RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRIES

- a. Horses registered as a Riding Horse or Hack with another Society will not be allowed to compete in any SHB(GB) Hunter class including the SHB(GB) RIHS Ladies Hunter in the same season as competing as a Riding Horse/Hack.
- b. Any SHB(GB) registered Hunters, Working or otherwise, cannot compete in the BSHA RIHS Working Show Horse classes as a Riding Horse in the same season.
- c. Grade A Showjumpers and Advanced Event horses are not eligible to compete in Working Hunter classes. Any horse who has qualified as a Grade A Show Jumper or Advanced Event Horse as of 1st January in the current year is not eligible to compete in Working Hunter classes.

13. CHANGE OF RIDER OR TACK

- a. No change of rider or tack will be allowed (unless a horse is ridden under side-saddle, in which case, to allow the judge to ride, the saddle may be changed for the riding phase only). Broken tack may be changed at the discretion of the Judge.

14. FALL OF HORSE OR RIDER/LOOSE HORSE

In the event of a fall of either horse or rider in any ridden class, that exhibit must retire and must not be remounted in the ring. If a horse gets loose in the ring for whatever reason, it will be eliminated and must leave the ring– this applies to all ridden classes.

15. SUSPENSION OF OWNER/RIDER/HORSE AS A RESULT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR SUSPENSION OF RIDER THROUGH INJURY.

- a. Any rider, owner, producer, or horse that is stood down or banned for any period of time as a result of any disciplinary action by any governing equestrian body or any rider who is stood down from riding, as a result of injury, by any governing equestrian body may not compete in SHB(GB) classes during that time excepting at the discretion of the SHB (GB) Council.

16. QUALIFYING CLASSES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

- a. Only horses registered with SHB (GB) and who are also registered on the current year's Show Hunter Register are eligible to enter in Qualifying Classes for Ridden and Working Hunter Championships and the Show Hunter Registration Number must be quoted on all entry forms.
- b. Any horse that is entered for a Qualifying Class without first being on the Show Hunter Register cannot subsequently be registered and therefore will not be eligible for entry in any qualifying classes for the remainder of the season.
- c. Competitors may compete on a Day Ticket and may have a maximum of two Day Tickets per season. Each day ticket is valid for one show, and it covers owner and rider membership together with horse registration / over-stamp for that show. If the class is a qualifying class for RIHS for the qualification to be valid, application for full owner/rider membership and horse registration / over-stamp must be received in the SHB(GB) office within 14 days.
- d. For HOYS qualifiers, all Riders Owners and Producers must be Members of Sport Horse Breeding GB, The Showing Register or The British Show Horse Association. Horses must be registered with Sport Horse Breeding GB, The Showing Register (TSR), or the British Show Horse Association. HOYS classes cannot be entered on a Day Ticket.

17. HUNTER BREEDING CLASSES

- a. Hunter Breeding Classes are open to the produce of any Stallion and should not be confined to animals sired by Thoroughbreds.
- b. Foals up to three months old may be entered but must subsequently be registered. Foals un-named will be recorded under their dam.
- c. Manners will be taken into account in Hunter Breeding classes.
- d. **Brood Mares:** To be eligible for Hunter Brood Mare classes mares must have foal at foot or a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year, which may be inspected at the show.
- e. **Foals:** To be eligible to enter Hunter Foal classes the foal must be at least four weeks old on the day of show.
- f. **Brood Mare Premium:** The Society offers Brood Mare Premiums at selected affiliated shows, but premiums will only be awarded if there are a minimum of three mares forward per class. The premium takes the form of a Service Voucher, the value of which is to be determined from time to time by the Society, awarded at the Judge's discretion to their selection from the monetary prize winners, to be used towards the cost of covering the mare by any SHB (GB) Graded Stallion or Life Approved Premium Stallion that is properly registered for the year of covering. The Service Voucher may be used in either of the two years following the year of that award. The owner must be, or become, a fully paid-up member of SHB(GB) to be eligible for the award. No mare shall take more than one award per year.

NOTE: Grade I and II mares are eligible to be transferred into the SHB(GB) Stud Book.

- g. **Leader:** The Leader who enters the ring with the horse must remain throughout the class. Only in special circumstances and with the permission of the judge may another person be permitted to trot the horse out.

18. JUDGES

- a. The onus of a horse being exhibited in a class must be on the exhibitor. A Judge must not judge a horse which he/she has bred, owned, sold, or had any financial interest, at any time.
- b. The practice of any owner or their immediate family taking advice on the purchase, schooling, exhibiting, or having at livery any horse from someone during the current or previous year is prohibited by the Society (service fees for stallions and keep for mares whilst at stud are excluded). The exhibitor will know who is judging from the schedule, whereas the judge will not know which animals are coming before him until he arrives in the ring. If there is an unforeseen change of judge, then the exhibitor should stand down from the class
- c. Judges must not knowingly judge a horse produced by a producer, owner, or their immediate families for whom they have shown any horse or who has shown any horse for them during the current or previous year. The onus is on the Exhibitor not to exhibit animals under a judge who is or has been in their employ or vice versa during the current or previous year. The practice of a Judge advising on the purchase of or exhibiting or schooling or having at livery any horses for someone or their immediate family and then judging any horses for the same owner during the current or previous year is prohibited by this Society (service fees for stallions and keep for mares whilst at stud are excluded). The only exception to the above rule is, in a championship, if an exhibitor has more than one horse qualified, they may ask any member of the Society whether a judge or not to ride their exhibits for the championship only. This will allow the judges to have their full complement of horses in the championship.

19. JUDGING

- a. Once a judge has commenced judging a class, a horse or rider may not leave the ring without the permission of the Judge and Ring Steward, nor shall there be any change of rider or leader, except in a Championship Class, when a competitor finds he/she has more than one exhibit eligible to compete.
- b. In the event of the Judge falling from an exhibit they must not remount the exhibit in that class. In the event of a horse falling during a class, that horse must be asked to leave the ring and will not be allowed to compete further in that class. In the event of a Judge falling from a horse it is at that Judge's discretion as to whether they feel fit to continue judging. In the event of the Judge not being fit to continue riding, a replacement Judge maybe found, or competitors will be asked to do an individual show.
- c. Competitors will not be allowed to enter the ring after the horses have commenced trotting as a class in ridden classes. In-Hand classes once the first horse has started its initial individual trot up no further competitors will be allowed to enter the ring; this also applies to In-Hand Championships.
- d. The Judge of the Ladies' Hunter Class should not be invited into the ring for the judging of the Championship of the Ridden Hunter Classes unless the judge concerned has judged all the classes and not, as is usual, the Ladies' Hunter Class only. Notice of this should be given in both the Schedule and the Catalogue of the Show.
- e. Prize-winners in Four-year-old Classes need not take part in Hunter Championships. All horses in the Championship must be ridden.
- f. Saddles must not be removed from four-year-olds and Ladies Hunters prior to the horse being ridden by the Judge.

20. UNSOUNDNESS

- a. If, in the opinion of the Judge, a horse is unsound, the exhibitor shall be given the option of withdrawing the horse from the class or being placed at the bottom of the line. If this option is not accepted a Veterinary Surgeon maybe called but if not immediately available, then the Judge's decision is final.

21. MANNERS – IN HAND & RIDDEN CLASSES

- a. A Judge may ask an exhibitor to remove his horse from the ring, if in his/her opinion the horse or the exhibitor is ill-mannered. If in the opinion of the judge the behaviour of a horse is deemed unacceptable, it will be reported to the Society and will be reassessed at its next show by a person appointed by the Society.

22. USE OF THE WHIP – IN-HAND & RIDDEN CLASSES

It is strongly recommended that only a padded whip/baton is carried in Working Hunter Classes
The use of a whip must be:

- a. For good reason – the whip must only be used either as an aid to encourage the horse forward or as a reprimand. Thus, it must never be used to vent a rider's temper. Any use for such a reason is automatically excessive and therefore a breach of SHB(GB) rules.
- b. With appropriate severity – as a reprimand only and a horse should never be hit more than **two times** for any one incident and if a horse is injured by a whip, e.g. if the skin is broken or there is a weal, its use is excessive and the rider/handler subject to elimination.
- c. ***The adverse use of schooling whips or any other whip or cane is not permitted within any area of the showground including lorry parks, stables and warm up areas.***
- d. ***Where lunging is permitted on the showground, the use of a lunge whip 'against the horse' is not permitted.***

23. DRESS AND TURNOUT

- a. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure that grooms entering the Show Ring are smartly and professionally turned out. Grooms must wear a hat when in the ring, if not they will be asked to leave the ring. The attention of all exhibitors is drawn to the guidance on dress and turnout at Section 46-52, 58 & 59 and 61 & 62 of these rules

24. MOBILE PHONES/TABLETS/CAMERAS

- a. The use of mobile phones/tablets/cameras in the ring is prohibited. Anyone using such a device in the ring will be asked to leave the ring and the associated exhibit will be eliminated.

25. OBJECTIONS AT SHOWS

- a. Any objection or complaint relating to the rules of a particular Show Executive should be made to that show's Executive in accordance with the procedure set out in that show's Rules.

26. EQUINE INFLUENZA REQUIREMENTS

see policy (page 8)

27. RULES FOR DRUG TESTING

27.1. Warning to Members

- a. Members and other exhibitors are advised that any Drugs Testing conducted by Sport Horse Breeding (GB) at SHB(GB) Shows or SHB(GB) Affiliated Shows will be in accordance with these rules.
- b. In common with other similar bodies, SHB(GB) takes a serious view of doping, whether intentional or unintentional, having regard to the safety of all persons. Members should be aware that many proprietary feeds and preparations contain Prohibited Substances as do many foods such as chocolate. Prohibited

Substances can be absorbed through the skin, and they are also contained in some homeopathic and herbal remedies.

- c. It is the responsibility of the member, owner and/or producer solely or jointly having custody of a horse, to ensure that nothing is fed, administered, or applied to a horse that contains a Prohibited Substance. Ignorance is no defence.
- d. The SHB(GB) Office is not authorised to give guidance but, in general terms, all substances prohibited by the FEI from time to time will constitute Prohibited Substances. SHB(GB) does not specify threshold levels for any Prohibited Substances but will have regard to those published by the FEI from time to time without being bound by them.

27.2. Definitions:

- a. "Drugs Testing" means the examination of a horse by a duly qualified person appointed or authorised by SHB(GB) and includes the taking of samples for subsequent analysis of all or any body fluid, tissue, excreta, hair, or skin scrapings at the discretion of the person conducting the examination.
- b. **Prohibited Substances** are categorised as follows:
 - ❖ **Banned Substances:** are substances that are deemed by the FEI to have no legitimate use in the competition horse and/or have a high potential for abuse. They are not permitted for use in the competition horse at any time.
 - ❖ **Controlled Medication:** are substances that are deemed by the FEI to have therapeutic value and/or be commonly used in equine medicine. Controlled medication has the potential to affect performance and/or be a welfare risk to the horse.

27.3. Drugs Testing Procedure:

- a. SHB(GB) reserve the right to conduct drug testing by an authorised representative of SHB(GB) and the following societies: BSHA, BSPS, CHAPS, NPS, TSR, JMB on behalf of SHB(GB).
- b. Any horse taking part in classes judged under SHB(GB) Rules will be liable to Drugs Testing in accordance with the Drugs Testing procedure laid down by this Rule. A refusal to submit a horse for Drugs Testing shall constitute a breach of these Rules.
- c. In respect of HOYS qualifiers ANY horse taking part in classes judged under BSHA Rules or TSR Rules (see HOYS Rules 2025) will be liable to Drugs Testing in accordance with the Drugs Testing procedure laid down by each societies respective Rule. A refusal to submit a horse for Drugs Testing shall constitute a breach of these Rules.
- d. The Sampling and Analysis Procedure for tests undertaken by SHB(GB) is described in section 27.4 below. Members should consult the Rule Book for BSHA and TSR in respect of HOYS qualifying shows.
- e. The presence in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a horse of a Prohibited Substance shall constitute a breach of this Rule.
- f. Any person who administered or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered or connives at the administration to a horse of a Prohibited Substance shall be guilty of a breach of this Rule.
- g. Whenever a positive Drugs Test occurs, either on the expiration of the period for requesting confirmatory analysis of Sample B or on the analysis of Sample B proving positive as appropriate, (see section 27.4 below for the Sampling and Analysis Procedure):
 - (i) The penalties defined in section 27.5 below shall be imposed.
 - (ii) The matter shall forthwith be referred to the Disciplinary Panel of SHB(GB) for further investigation. The Chairman of Judges Rules and Shows Committee acting together with the General Secretary will

- appoint a disciplinary panel made up of three people, the Chairman of this Committee must be a Council member and at least one other disciplinary committee member must be a Council member.
- (iii) In the event that there is a conflict of interest with The Chairman or any member of the Disciplinary Panel then another Disciplinary Panel comprising of at least one Council Member as Chairman plus at least one other Council member as a Committee/Panel member will be appointed by the Council. The Disciplinary Panel should be appointed within 14 days of the results of the positive Drug test being made known. The disciplinary hearing will be held in front of the Disciplinary Panel.
 - (iv) At the disciplinary hearing, the Disciplinary Panel will take the owner and/or producer through the allegations and the evidence that has been gathered. The owner or producer will be able to respond and present any evidence. The owner or producer may ask relevant witnesses to appear at the hearing, provided they have given the Disciplinary Panel sufficient advance notice to arrange their attendance. The owner and/or producer will be given the opportunity to respond to any information given by a witness. Written statements may be introduced only if previously produced to and/or with the consent of the Disciplinary Panel.
 - (v) The decision by the Disciplinary Panel and its reasons, along with any disciplinary penalty if appropriate, will be communicated to the owner and/or producer within 14 days of the date of the disciplinary hearing.
 - (vi) If the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures result in no disciplinary proceedings against any person suspended pursuant to Rule 27.5(c), then such suspension shall cease immediately and if no proceedings are initiated against either the owner or producer then the suspension of the horse pursuant to 27.5 (b) shall also cease immediately.
 - (vii) If the Disciplinary Panel finds the conduct alleged to be proved, in whole or in part, it shall impose such of the actions at Para 27.6 appropriate given the circumstances of the case.

27.4. Sampling and Analysis Procedure

- a. Drugs Testing should take place as soon as possible after the participation of the horse in its class if it does not interfere with its programme in which case the Drugs Testing should take place as soon as possible after the horse has completed its programme on that day. It should be noted that any horse taking part in classes judged under SHB(GB) rules, present at the show, whether competing or not, will be liable to dope testing as laid down by Rule 27.
- b. It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the horse whether it be the owner or the producer or other such person to supervise the horse from the time of notification of selection for a Drugs Test until completion of the Drugs Testing. It is also the responsibility of this person to witness the sampling procedure and to sign a declaration to the effect that he/she has witnessed the collection and sealing of the test samples. Refusal or wilful obstruction by any person to submit a horse for sampling or refusal to sign the above-mentioned declaration is a violation of the Rules and must be reported immediately to the Society and will be subject to the same sanctions as a positive sample result.
- c. The owner, producer, or other person responsible for the horse or his representative shall be entitled to witness the Drugs Testing without disturbing the horse but if not present the Drugs Testing will proceed in any event.
- d. All samples taken must be kept in a secure place and dispatched to the laboratory selected by SHB(GB) as soon as reasonably possible after collection.
- e. The sample must be divided into two parts (hereinafter referred to as "Sample A" and "Sample B") and the initial analysis of Sample A must be completed within 21 days of receipt of the sample by the laboratory. If the initial analysis produces a suspected positive result, then SHB(GB) may grant such extension as the laboratory requires to complete the analysis.
- f. SHB(GB) shall send the results of the analysis of Sample A to the owner or producer by recorded delivery within 14 days of the results being known.

- g. If the result of analysis of Sample A is negative, then no further action is required and then the laboratory may forthwith destroy Sample B. Negative results will be shared with BSHA, BSPS, CHAPS and NPS.
- h. If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive then the owner or producer may require confirmatory analysis of Sample B by any approved laboratory, provided that a written request for such confirmatory analysis is received by SHB(GB) within 14 days of dispatch by SHB(GB) of notification of a positive analysis of Sample A.
- i. The owner or producer may request that findings be made in respect of particular matters during the analysis of Sample B on the basis that they will be responsible for all additional costs incurred whatever the result of the analysis of Sample B.
- j. If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive and no valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B is received, then a positive Drugs Test shall be deemed to have occurred and:
 - (i) The Drugs Testing Rules/Disciplinary Procedure shall be carried out.
 - (ii) The owner or producer shall reimburse SHB(GB) the cost of analysis of Sample A forthwith on demand.
- k. Upon receipt of a valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B, SHB(GB) shall inform the laboratory immediately and the laboratory shall carry out the analysis of Sample B.
- l. SHB(GB) shall send the results of the analysis of Sample B to the owner or producer by recorded delivery within 14 days of the results being known.
- m. If the result of analysis of Sample B is negative, then no further action is required.
- n. If the result of analysis of Sample B is positive, then a positive Drugs Test has occurred and:
 - (i) The Drugs Testing Rules/Disciplinary Procedure shall be carried out.
 - (ii) The person requesting the analysis of Sample B shall reimburse SHB(GB) the cost of analysis of Sample A and Sample B forthwith on demand.

27.5. Penalties – Automatic

- a. If the presence of a Prohibited Substance in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a horse is confirmed by laboratory analysis carried out pursuant to this Rule then the following penalties shall be automatically imposed.
- b. The horse shall be disqualified from any class, competition, or championship in which it took part on the date of the drugs testing and any subsequent class, competition or championship for which it qualified on the date of the Drugs Testing and shall forfeit its placings, awards and prize money.
- c. The horse shall be suspended from being entered or shown or otherwise taking part in any SHB(GB) Affiliated Show pending the outcome of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.
- d. The owner and/or producer of such horse shall be suspended from all or any of the rights and privileges of membership of SHB(GB) pending the outcome of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.
- e. Any period of automatic suspension under this Rule shall commence when on the date of receipt of notification of a positive Drugs Testing by the owner or producer by recorded delivery post.
- f. The owner and/or producer will be responsible for any fine and other incurred costs of any positive sample.

27.6. Penalties – Disciplinary Panel

- a. If the Disciplinary Panel finds the conduct alleged to be proved, in whole or in part, it shall impose such of the following actions as seem appropriate given the circumstances of the case:

- (i) Take no action (only if there are compelling mitigating circumstances).
 - (ii) Give a reprimand or caution.
 - (iii) Suspend membership on either a temporary or permanent basis.
 - (iv) Fine such person up to a maximum amount of £6,000.
 - (v) Any action taken by SHB(GB) against any Owner, Rider, Producer, or Horse will be shared with the BSHA, TSR, BSPS, CHAPS or NPS.
- b. Any Owner, Rider, Producer and/or Horse that is banned for any period as a result of any disciplinary action taken by any Show Society, or governing body for other disciplines i.e., Show Jumping, Dressage and Eventing may not compete in SHB(GB) affiliated classes for the period of the ban at the discretion of the SHB(GB) Council.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SHOWS

28. CLASSES

- a. The show rules should clearly state that the show is affiliated to the Society and subject to its rules and that copies of the Society's Rules can be obtained from the Society on request.
- b. A minimum of two classes, i.e. Light and Heavyweight, should always be scheduled at Affiliated Shows, but Secretaries may use their discretion in combining classes if insufficient entries are forward on the day.

29. MARKED CATALOGUES

- a. Secretaries are required to send a marked catalogue or results sheet to the Secretary of the Society, 96 High Street, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5AR, giving details of the prizes awarded in all the Hunter, Light & Show Horse and Sport Horse Classes within ten days of the date of the Show. Any exhibit found not to be correctly registered will be disqualified.

30. PEDIGREES

- a. In all Classes, the animal's name and, if possible, the name of its sire, must be printed in the Show Catalogue. (As a Breeding Society, the Society would like as much information as possible, particularly in the Young Stock Classes, i.e. Sire, Dam and Breeder.) Un-named animals should be described by sex and colour.

31. AGE

- a. All ages date from 1st January, e.g. a foal becomes a yearling on the first day of January following the date of its birth.

32. IDENTIFICATION AND MARKINGS

- a. All entries in Hunter Classes, Light Horse and Sport Horse Classes must be on the Society's Basic Identity Record or Stud Book, with the exception of In-Hand classes. There must be no alteration to the natural markings of a horse.

33. SUBSTITUTES AND LATE ENTRIES

- a. Substitutes and late entries will be allowed at the discretion of the individual show secretary. Where substitutes and late entries are taken the Show Secretary must have sight of the horse's registration document and take a note of the horse's name and SHB(GB) registration number and this information must be forwarded onto the Society's Office immediately after the show.

34. SAFETY / INSURANCE

- a. Affiliated Shows are required to ensure that they have adequate insurance cover for Judges. The following General Regulation should be included in Prize Schedules and Show Catalogues:
 - ❖ “The Organisers of this Show have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers and all the Officials and Stewards.”

35. SCORE SHEETS AND JUDGING

- a. It is essential that Judges have an efficient marking Steward, but they are solely responsible for the accuracy of the results. Score sheets will be supplied by the Society on request to all Affiliated Shows. All Judges are requested to explain to the Score Sheet Steward the correct method for filling in the sheets and to check the correct sheet is being used. It is suggested that all Judges should carry some spare score sheets with them in case the Show has mislaid those sent by the Society.
- b. Exhibitors must be allowed to examine the score sheets after the class and championship (if applicable) has ended.

36. CHANGE OF JUDGE

- a. If it becomes necessary, due to accident or illness, etc., to bring in a Judge as substitute for the person named in the Prize Schedule, Shows must try and inform all exhibitors before the Show takes place and refund the entry fees of any exhibitors who may be prevented from showing due to the substitute Judge having had an interest in their horse. Everything possible should be done to avoid exhibitors getting to the Show and then finding out that they are not eligible to be judged.

37. PROBATIONARY JUDGES

- a. Affiliated Shows will allow Probationary Judges, who will not expect to be offered any expenses, to officiate with a Senior Judge from the Panel. If the name of the Probationary Judge officiating has not appeared in the Prize Schedule, then this should be announced before the first class is judged.
- b. Probationary judges may officiate in any SHB(GB) class and where applicable may ride with the exhibitor's permission.

38. SELECTION OF JUDGES

- a. All Affiliated Shows must select Judges from the Society's Panel of Judges. Newly appointed Judges (marked with * or**) should, where possible, not be placed with a fellow Judge with an * or** . Judges must be informed whether they are being invited to judge the ride or conformation sections.
- b. The names of the Judges and the section in which they are officiating must be clearly stated in the show schedule. The same Judges must officiate on the same sections in all weight classes. Although every effort will be made, it may not be possible for the Judge to ride every horse in the class.
- c. Judges will not ride exhibits in 4-year-old classes with the exception of championship classes (i.e. the National Hunter Supreme Championship Show) where a Ride Judge will ride the exhibits.
- d. The Judge of the Ladies' Hunter Class should not be invited into the ring for the judging of the Championship of the Ridden Hunter Classes, unless the lady concerned has judged all the classes and not, as is usual, the Ladies' Hunter Class only. Notice of this should be given in both the Schedule and the Catalogue of the Show.

- e. Prize-winners in Four-year-old Classes need not take part in Hunter Championships.
- f. Shows holding Hunter Breeding, Sport Horse Breeding and Light Horse Breeding classes can use the same Judge in these classes IF the Judge is approved on all three sections in the Judges List.

39. HUNTER BREEDING CLASSES

- a. ***Shows holding Hunter Breeding, Light Horse Breeding and Sport Horse Breeding classes can use the same Judge for all three classes if necessary. Show Secretaries should ensure that when choosing to do this, they select a Judge who is approved for all three sections.***
- b. Entries do not need to be registered with SHB(GB).
- c. The Society requires all affiliated shows if they are holding a Hunter Breeding Section to offer Hunter Brood Mare with own Foal at Foot (or with a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year), Hunter Foal, Hunter Yearling, Hunter Two-Year-Old and Hunter Three-Year-Old classes. Show Secretaries may use their discretion in combining classes at the close of entries if there are insufficient entries but wherever possible must notify all exhibitors.

40. SPORT HORSE BREEDING CLASSES

- a. ***Shows holding Hunter Breeding, Light Horse Breeding and Sport Horse Breeding classes can use the same Judge for all three classes if necessary. Show Secretaries should ensure that when choosing to do this, they select a Judge who is approved for all three sections.***
- b. Entries do not need to be registered with SHB(GB).
- c. The Society requires all affiliated shows if they are holding a Sport Horse Breeding Section to offer Sport Horse Brood Mare with own Foal at Foot, (or a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year), Sport Horse Foal, Sport Horse Yearling, Sport Horse Two-Year- Old and Sport Horse Three-Year-Old classes. Show Secretaries may use their discretion in combining classes at the close of entries if there are insufficient entries. Whenever possible shows should announce the marks as they are awarded throughout the class.

41. LIGHT HORSE BREEDING CLASSES

- a. ***Shows holding Hunter Breeding, Light Horse Breeding and Sport Horse Breeding classes can use the same Judge for all three classes if necessary. Show Secretaries should ensure that when choosing to do this, they select a Judge who is approved for all three sections.***
- b. Entries do not need to be registered with SHB(GB).
- c. The Society requires all affiliated shows if they are holding a Light Horse Breeding Section to offer Light Horse Brood Mare with own Foal at Foot (or with a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year), Light Horse Foal, Light Horse Yearling, Light Horse Two-Year-Old and Light Horse Three-Year-Old classes. Show Secretaries may use their discretion in combining classes at the close of entries if there are insufficient entries but wherever possible must notify all exhibitors.

42. SHOW HORSE BREEDING CLASSES

- a. ***Shows holding Hunter Breeding, Light Horse Breeding and Sport Horse Breeding classes can use the same Judge for all three classes if necessary. Show Secretaries should ensure that when choosing to do this, they select a Judge who is approved for all three sections.***
- b. ***Entries do not need to be registered with SHB(GB).***
- c. ***The Society encourages all affiliated shows if they are holding a Show Horse Breeding Section to offer Show Horse Brood Mare with own Foal at Foot (or with a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year), Show Horse Foal, Show Horse Yearling, Show Horse Two-Year-Old and Show Horse Three Year Old classes.***

43. WORKING HUNTER CLASSES

- a. There must be a change of course between Novice, 105cm Open and Open Working Hunter classes. Whenever possible, shows should announce the marks as they are awarded throughout the class. Working Hunters are not to be jumped in catalogue order.

44. PRIZE MONEY

- a. Shows may withhold prize money from competitors that are eligible for a championship and do not come forward. This applies to all Hunter, Light Horse and Sport Horse classes, Ridden and In-Hand.

45. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

The Championship Shows are the Horse of the Year Show ("HOYS"), the Royal International Horse Show ("RIHS") and The National Hunter Supreme Championship Show ("NHSCS"). Horses must be entered for these Shows in the same weight classes in which they have qualified.

a. Royal International Horse Show ("RIHS")

- ❖ The Society designates certain Shows as qualifying shows for the RIHS at which horses may qualify for the RIHS in the current year or at specific shows for the following year.
- ❖ At these Shows the two highest placed horses in the Lightweight, Middleweight, Heavyweight, Small and Ladies (side saddle) Classes will qualify to enter at the RIHS. No horse lower than second will qualify.
- ❖ In the Working Hunter class, the three highest placed horses will qualify. No horse lower than third will qualify.
- ❖ If there is a Working Hunter Championship made up of the first and second prize winners from the light and heavyweight working hunter classes respectively, these four horses will qualify for RIHS unless they have already done so.
- ❖ Amateur Classes - Where there is only one amateur ridden hunter class the two highest placed Smalls, the two highest placed Lightweights, the two highest placed Middleweights and the two highest placed Heavyweights will qualify.
- ❖ When there are two classes in the amateur ridden hunter, in the lightweight section, the two highest placed Smalls and the two highest placed Lightweights will qualify and in the heavyweight section the two highest placed Middleweights and the two highest placed Heavyweights will qualify.
- ❖ Judges must place all horses to determine qualifiers.

b. Horse of the Year Show (HOYS)

- ❖ **Ridden Hunters, including Small Hunters:** At these Shows the highest placed unqualified horse in the first 5 in each of these classes will qualify for Horse of the Year Show. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office. Entries in this class may not compete in the Small Show Hunter of the Year, and vice versa.
- ❖ **Working Hunters:** In these classes the highest placed horse will qualify, no horse lower than third will qualify.
- ❖ If there are two Working Hunter Classes, i.e. a Lightweight and Heavyweight Class, then there must be a Championship Class to determine which horse qualifies. Both classes will be jumped over the same course and height. When judging the Championship, Judges will use the marks they have already allocated as a guide. The Championship is only open to the first and second prize winners in the Light and Heavyweight Working Hunter classes respectively. The four horses forward in the Working Hunter Championship must all be placed as any one of the top three could be eligible for HOYS qualification.
- ❖ **Ladies Side Saddle:** At these Shows the highest placed unqualified horse in the first 5 will qualify for Horse of the Year Show.

c. The National Hunter Supreme Championship Show (NHSCS)

- ❖ The Society designates certain Shows as qualifying shows for the NHSCS at which horses may qualify for the NHSCS in the current year or at specific shows for the following year.
- ❖ At these Shows the three highest placed horses in the RIHS Lightweight, Middleweight, Heavyweight & Ladies classes will qualify to enter at the NHSCS. No horse lower than third will qualify.

46. REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY FOR SECRETARIES OF QUALIFYING SHOWS:

- a. Entry forms must have a space provided for the current year Show Registration Number.
- b. All Qualifying Shows are requested to produce a Show Catalogue as well as a complete list of entries. The Catalogue should include the name of the owner and rider, the name of the horse and the name of its sire and dam.
- c. Official Working Hunter Score Sheets and Sport Horse Score Sheets must be used and returned to the Secretary within TEN DAYS of the Show, together with a marked Catalogue indicating the Prize Winners in all Hunter Classes. It is essential that the Judge has an efficient Marking Steward, but ultimately the Judge is solely responsible for the accuracy of the results.
- d. Details of class headings for inclusion in the Prize Schedule and Catalogue are provided by the SHB(GB) office to Show Secretaries.

Royal International Horse Show (RIHS) Qualifying Classes:

- (i) All Hunter Classes will be judged under the Society's Rules.
- (ii) Classes are qualifying events for the current year/next year [please delete as necessary] RIHS and only horses registered on the Show Hunter Register are eligible to enter. Registration numbers must be quoted on entry forms and owners and riders must be members of the Society.
- (iii) The two highest placed horses in each class will qualify to enter at the RIHS.
- (iv) In the Working Hunter Class, the three highest placed horses will qualify, or in the case of two Working Hunter Classes (i.e. Lightweight and Heavyweight) the four horses forward for the Championship will qualify. No horse lower than second in its Class will qualify.
- (v) For amateur qualification see Section 45.
- (vi) A minimum first prize of £25.00 must be awarded in all qualifying classes.

Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) Qualifying Classes:

- (i) For HOYS qualifying classes, please refer to the current Horse of the Year Show Rule book.

The National Hunter Supreme Championship Show (NHSCS) Qualifying Classes:

- (i) All Hunter Classes will be judged under the Society's Rules.
- (ii) The three highest placed horses in each class will qualify to enter at the NHSCS

The Society cannot be held responsible for any dispute arising from the non-compliance of Shows with any of the above regulations.

DRESS AND TURNOUT - RIDDEN AND WORKING HUNTER CLASSES

47. GENERAL

a. TACK:

No tack may be worn which in any way conceals an animal's conformation. No hind boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm up or in the actual class in Working Hunter and Ridden Sport Horse classes. No rugs, clothing or item of tack that reveals the identity of a horse or owner may be worn in the show ring.

b. HEADWEAR:

It is strongly recommended that competitors aged 18 or over wear correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats. ***Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2024 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards.*** Hats should have a plain cover, and may be black, navy blue or grey. Velvet covers are encouraged. It is mandatory for competitors under the age of 18 to wear such skull caps or hats. In the jumping phase of working hunter classes skull caps/riding hats must be worn. It should be noted that some shows enforce their own hat rules that overrule those of SHB (GB) affiliated classes, competitors are strongly advised to check these before entering.

c. DRESS

The appropriate dress codes are set out below but may be varied by Affiliated Shows with the Society's permission.

48. COUNTY SHOWS

a. It is strongly recommended that competitors aged 18 or over wear correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats. ***Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2024 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards.*** Hats should have a plain cover, and may be black, navy blue or grey. Velvet covers are encouraged. It is mandatory for competitors under the age of 18 to wear such skull caps or hats. In the jumping phase of working hunter classes skull caps/riding hats must be worn. It should be noted that some shows enforce their own hat rules that overrule those of SHB (GB) affiliated classes, competitors are strongly advised to check these before entering.

b. Tweed coat for men. Tweed coat or plain blue or black coat for women.

c. Plain fawn or buff-coloured breeches, not white.

d. Plain black or brown boots.

e. Garter straps. Points must face outwards, and the buckle be against and between buttons on breeches.

f. Spurs should be worn by exhibitors. Spurs must always be of smooth metal. There must be a shank, pointing only towards the rear, which must be no more than 3.5cm long and without rowels. The end must be blunt and incapable of wounding a horse. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Roller ball spurs are allowed. Judges do not wear spurs.

g. Any form of leather or string glove.

h. Plain malacca or leather cane.

i. Collar and ordinary tie. Tie must be pinned down.

j. Ordinary shirt.

- k. Earrings and visible jewellery must not be worn.

49. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

- a. **In the morning:** as for County Shows.
- b. **In the evening:** Hunting dress with hunting whips. Men wear scarlet or black hunt coat, either ordinary pattern or cut away. White breeches must be worn with scarlet coat and boots with tops and white garter straps. White breeches with top boots may be worn with black coats or coloured breeches and plain black boots.
- c. Women wear black or blue hunting coat. Fawn breeches and black boots and garter straps.
- d. In all Champion Show Classes, it is strongly recommended that competitors aged 18 or over wear correctly secured skull caps/riding hats. ***Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2024 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards.*** Hats should have a plain cover, and may be black, navy blue or grey. Velvet covers are encouraged. It is mandatory for competitors under the age of 18 to wear such skull caps or hats. It should be noted that some shows enforce their own hat rules that overrule those of SHB (GB) affiliated classes, competitors are strongly advised to check these before entering.

50. SIDE SADDLE CLASSES

- a. **County Shows:** Ordinary habit with collar and tie.
- b. **Royal Show:** As for County Shows, or habit with hunting tie.
- c. **Championship Shows:** As for County Shows, or habit with hunting tie.
- d. In all Side Saddle Classes, it is strongly recommended that competitors aged 18 or over wear correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding ***Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2024 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards.*** Hats should have a plain cover, and may be black, navy blue or grey. Velvet covers are encouraged. It is mandatory for competitors under the age of 18 to wear such skull caps or hats. It should be noted that some shows enforce their own hat rules that overrule those of SHB (GB) affiliated classes, competitors are strongly advised to check these before entering.

51. HORSES

- a. Manes should be plaited.
- b. Tails pulled or plaited.
- c. Heels trimmed.
- d. 4-year-olds are encouraged to be shown in snaffles. Swales, Sam Marsh bits and Gags with double bridles are actively discouraged. Bitless bridles are not allowed.
- e. ***Martingales are only to be used on Working Hunters. The only martingales permitted are standing and/or running martingales. A standing martingale may only be attached to a cavesson noseband. The use of standing martingales attached to the higher or the lower jaw straps of a grackle, is not permitted.***
- f. The complete bridle must be plain leather.
- g. Saddles should be reasonably straight cut.

- h. All Ridden Hunters in classes where the Judge rides the exhibits must be shod all round. No pads, or surgical shoes are allowed.
- i. No hind boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm up or in the actual class in Working Hunter and Ridden Sport Horse classes.
- j. The Society discourages the showing of over fat horses and Judges will take this into consideration when making their awards.

DRESS AND TURNOUT HUNTER BREEDING, LIGHT & SHOW HORSE BREEDING CLASSES

52. GENERAL

- a. Men should wear a suit or coat and trousers, collar and tie. It is strongly recommended that protective headgear should be worn.
- b. Women may wear coat, skirt or trousers with a collar and tie. It is strongly recommended that protective headgear should be worn.
- c. Earrings and visible jewellery must not be worn.

53. HORSES

- a. Manes should be plaited. There is no need to plait foals.
- b. Tails pulled or plaited. Foals may be plaited or natural.
- c. Heels trimmed. There is no need to trim foals' heels.
- d. Led Hunters & Light Horses must be in plain leather bridles. Three-year-olds must be shown in bits, yearlings and two-year-olds snaffles only. Foals should just have leather headcollars.
- e. Any Exhibitor in charge of an entire must ensure they are in complete control at all times and if not will be dismissed from the ring.
- f. The Society discourages the showing of over fat horses and Judges will take this into consideration when making their awards.
- g. No pads or surgical shoes are allowed.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR RIDDEN SPORT HORSE CLASSES - JUMPING

54. GENERAL

- a. These classes are for young athletic horses that have the conformation and movement to go to the top of their sphere.
- b. All horses must exceed 148cm (14.2hh approx.).
- c. Riders must have proof of horse's age (i.e. registration document, passport).
- d. All ages date from 1st January, e.g. a foal becomes a yearling on the first day of January following that of its birth.

- e. Any rider can present up to three horses in each class.
- f. Horses come into the ring individually and give a short-ridden display of walk, trot and canter, of approx. 1 minute, to be awarded marks out of a possible 50. Then proceed straight into the jumping phase, to be awarded marks out of a possible 10 per fence.
- g. All horses, unless eliminated are required to come back without saddles, for conformation assessment to be awarded marks out of a possible 50.
- h. Shows must select Sport Horse Judges from the Sport Horse Panel.
- i. All entries in Sport Horse Classes must be on the Society's Basic Identity Record or Stud Book.

55. CLASSES

- a. **Four-Year-Old Sport Horse:** Open to any four-year-old. Maximum height of fences 90cm (approx. 2'9").
- b. **Five-Year-Old Sport Horse:** Open to any five-year-old. Maximum height of fences 1m (approx. 3'3").
- c. **Six-Year-Old & Over Sport Horse:** Open to any six-year-old & over. Maximum height of fences 1.10m (approx. 3'6").

56. JUMPING PHASE

- a. The jumping course should be a mixture of coloured and rustic obstacles and is designed to produce a minimum of eight jumping efforts including a double.
- b. Each jumping effort is marked out of 10 at the Judge's discretion.
- c. The first fence must be a small inviting fence and may be jumped as a practice fence.
- d. There is no set penalty for a pole down or a run out, but three refusals results in elimination.
- e. Fall of horse or rider results in elimination.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RIDDEN SPORT HORSE CLASSES - FLAT

57. GENERAL

- a. These classes are for 4 & 5 & 6-year-old athletic horses that have the conformation and movement to go to the top of their sphere.
- b. All horses must exceed 148cm (14.2hh approx.).
- c. Riders must have proof of horse's age (i.e. registration document, passport).
- d. All ages date from 1st January, e.g. a foal becomes a yearling on the first day of January following that of its birth.
- e. Horses will be required to give a short individual show of walk, trot and canter, of approx. 1 minute, to be awarded marks out of a possible 20 for each pace. Lengthened strides in trot and canter must be shown. Marks for type and temperament will be awarded out of a possible 10 for type and 10 for temperament.
- f. All horses are required for a conformation assessment to be awarded marks out of a possible 50.
- g. Shows must select Sport Horse Judges from the recommended Panel.

- h. All entries in Sport Horse classes must be on the Society's Basic Identity Record or Stud Book.
- i. Snaffle bridles must be worn as per rules for British Eventing dressage. Bitless bridles and Wilkie snaffles are not allowed.
- j. Age should be taken into consideration.
- k. Martingales are not allowed but neck straps are permitted.
- l. Horses will enter the ring as a class and be seen in walk, trot and canter before being called in and asked to do an individual show.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR IN-HAND SPORT HORSE CLASSES

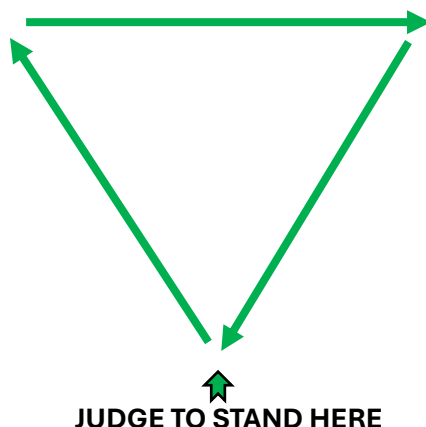
58. GENERAL

- a. These classes are for young athletic horses that have the conformation and movement to go to the top of their sphere and for Brood Mares capable of producing the aforementioned.
- b. Each horse is judged individually on a triangle (except for foals) and walked round the ring as a class.
- c. Marks are awarded for conformation, walk, trot and type & temperament.
- d. Shows must select Sport Horse Judges from the Sport Horse Panel. The Leader who enters the ring with the horse must remain throughout the class.
- e. Any exhibitor in charge of an entire must ensure they are in complete control at all times and if not will be dismissed from the ring.
- f. All entries in Sport Horse classes must be on the Society's Basic Identity Record or Stud Book.
- g. The Society discourages the showing of over fat horses and judges will take this into consideration when making their awards.
- h. Manners will be taken into account in In-Hand Sport Horse classes.

DIAGRAM OF SPORT HORSE TRIANGLE

Important Note re the layout of the Ring/Arena for In Hand Sport Horse Classes

- a. A triangle should be set out with, poles, bollards, or flowerpots. The size should be appropriate to the size of the ring. Ample room should be made available so that the horses can trot fluently around each corner.
- b. The Judge must stand at the point of the triangle so that he/she can assess each horse move straight away from them, then in profile and then straight back towards them. Horses should be asked to walk all the way around the triangle and then trot all the way around the triangle.



DRESS AND TURNOUT – IN-HAND & RIDDEN SPORT HORSE CLASSES

59. HANDLER (In-Hand)

- a. Men should wear a suit or coat and trousers, collar, and tie. It is strongly recommended that protective headgear should be worn.
- b. Women may wear coat, skirt or trousers with a collar and tie. It is strongly recommended that protective headgear should be worn.
- c. Earrings and visible jewellery must not be worn.

60. HORSES (In-Hand)

- a. Manes should be plaited. There is no need to plait foals.
- b. Tails pulled or plaited. Foals may be plaited or natural.
- c. Heels trimmed. There is no need to trim foals' heels.
- d. Led Sport Horses must be in plain leather bridles. Yearlings, two and three-year-olds must have snaffle bits. Foals should just have leather headcollars.
- e. Any exhibitor in charge of an entire must ensure they are in complete control at all times and if not will be dismissed from the ring.
- f. The Society discourages the showing of over fat horses and Judges will take this into consideration when making their awards.
- g. No pads or surgical shoes are allowed.

61. CLASSES (In-Hand)

- a. **Yearling Potential Sport Horse:** Open to any Colt, Gelding or Filly foaled in preceding year.
- b. **Two-Year-Old Potential Sport Horse:** Open to any Colt, Gelding or Filly foaled two years previously.
- c. **Three-Year-Old Potential Sport Horse:** Open to any Colt, Gelding or Filly foaled three years previously.
- d. **Sport Horse Brood Mare:** Open to a brood mare with foal at foot or with a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year that may be inspected at the show.
- e. **Sport Horse Foal:** Open to a colt or filly foaled in the current year. Foals must be **at least 4 weeks old**.

62. RIDER (Ridden)

- a. Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding caps that meet one of the following current safety standards/specifications MUST be worn. ***Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2024 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards.*** Hats should have a plain cover, and may be black, navy blue or grey. Velvet covers are encouraged. It is mandatory for competitors under the age of 18 to wear such skull caps or hats. It should be noted that some shows enforce their own hat rules that overrule those of SHB (GB) affiliated classes, competitors are strongly advised to check these before entering.
- b. Riders must wear an appropriate jacket with a shirt and tie.

- c. Plain fawn or buff-coloured breeches.
- d. Plain black or brown boots.
- e. Any form of leather or string glove.
- f. Earrings & visible jewellery must not be worn.

63. HORSES (Ridden)

- a. No tack may be worn which in any way conceals an animal's conformation. No hind boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm up or in the actual class in Ridden Sport Horse.
- b. Classes. No rugs, clothing or items of tack that reveals the identity of a horse or owner may be worn in the ring. Manes should be plaited and tails pulled or laced.
- c. Simple Snaffle bridles must be worn as per rules for British Eventing dressage. Bitless bridles and Wilkie snaffles are not allowed.
- d. Running martingales and/or breastplates are allowed.
- e. No pads or surgical shoes are allowed.

PANEL JUDGES

64. FULL PANEL JUDGES

- 1. All Affiliated Shows must select Judges from the relevant panel.
- 2. The Council reserves the right to allow a nominated overseas Judge to officiate at an Affiliated Show.

RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLYING TO ALL PANELS EXCEPT PROBATIONARY JUDGES

- 1. All Judges must be fully paid-up Members of the Society.
- 2. All Judges are reviewed annually by the Council and appointed annually by the Council to the Society's Panel of Judges.
- 3. All Judges seeking to be appointed or to be re-appointed by the Council to the Panel of Judges must provide the Society with any information it requires in writing and agreement as to the terms of their appointment in such form and before such date as the Society specifies. Failure to do so will result in the Judge not being considered for appointment or re-appointment in accordance with 2 above.
- 4. Judges who, in the opinion of the Council, fail to observe the Rules or whose conduct is, in the opinion of the Council, in any way derogatory to the character and reputation of the Society or prejudicial to the interests of the Society may be suspended or removed from the Panel of Judges by decision of the Council at any time.
- 5. All Judges wishing to continue to act as judges once they have reached the age of 80 years must complete a health questionnaire in such form as the Society specifies. The Society's insurers reserve the right to refuse insurance cover for any Judge over the age of 80 years and in the case of such refusal, the Judge must retire. Retirement will take effect at the end of the calendar year in which the Judge reaches 80 years or sooner at the discretion of the Judge.
- 6. Judges may only judge 2 RIHS qualifiers - This includes two ride, two conformation, or one of each, depending on which section of the panel the Judge is on. If you judge alone or with a co-judge you can only judge two qualifiers, unless one of the shows is in the preceding year when they may then judge 3. Ridden

- weight classes, amateurs and working hunters to be counted separately and if they officiate at more than one qualifier, the qualifiers must take place more than 100 miles apart. (This restriction does not apply to Ladies Hunter classes). Overseas shows are not included.
7. Judges invited to judge at RIHS or HOYS must not judge that section at any qualifying show in the current season.
 8. A Judge may not compete, or groom in the ring, in ANY class on the same day as they are judging for Sport Horse Breeding (GB).
 9. Judges must judge their category as per the printed schedule.
 - ❖ Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding caps that meet one of the following current safety standards/specifications MUST be worn. Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2024 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards. Hats should have a plain cover, and may be black, navy blue or grey. Velvet covers are encouraged.
 10. A major and justifiable complaint against any Judge or member may result in disciplinary action/removal from the judges' panel/suspension of membership. Three written formal complaints against any Judge or member may result, after investigation, in disciplinary action/removal from the Judges' panel / suspension of membership.
 11. ***In addition to the Social Media Policy contained at the front of this Handbook the following rules apply in relation to judges and their use of social media. This rule is necessary to protect the reputation of SHB(GB) and its affiliated shows from potential negative effects also and protects the rights of our members.***
As an SHB(GB) Judge or Probationary Judge you should not use Social Media to discuss any aspect of your judging appointments prior to, or after judging. This includes the use of photographs and or commenting on an existing discussion in relation to the show. All communication with show organisers should be via email or telephone and not on social media platforms unless specifically authorised by SHB(GB).
 12. ***When accepting judging appointments for classes in the UK or abroad that are fully affiliated to SHB(GB) you will be covered under our accident policy. Should you be in any doubt as to the affiliated status of a show / class then please call the SHB(GB) Office for confirmation of the status. When approached to judge a class that is not affiliated to SHB(GB) it is essential that judges check with the show organising committee to confirm that they carry an accident insurance policy that includes their judges and officials. Should the show or event not have insurance in place to cover you, we strongly recommend that you carefully consider the appointment, and the risks involved.***
 13. **GENERAL GUIDANCE – Wherever possible, Judges and Probationary Judges must not go into any general hospitality or public hospitality areas prior to, or between the judging of classes at a show. Judges and Probationary Judges are not to be in competitor parking areas (horse box parking).**

PROBATIONARY JUDGES

65. PROBATIONARY JUDGES

1. Affiliated Shows will allow Probationary Judges, who will not expect to be offered any expenses, to officiate with a Senior Judge from the Panel. If the name of the Probationary Judge officiating has not appeared in the Prize Schedule, then this should be announced before the first class is judged. Probationary Judges may officiate in any SHB(GB) class and where applicable may ride with the exhibitor's permission.

2. Probationary Judges must appear in the ring properly dressed and wearing hard hats.
 - ❖ Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding caps that meet one of the following current safety standards/specifications MUST be worn. **Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2024 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards.** Hats should have a plain cover, and may be black, navy blue or grey. Velvet covers are encouraged. It is mandatory for competitors under the age of 18 to wear such skull caps or hats.
3. The Society will allocate the shows at which Probationary Judges will attend.
4. To be included on the Probationary Panel, a Judge will be a minimum of 23 years of age and a maximum of 60. No appointment will be made to the senior panel until the candidate has reached 25 years of age.
5. All Probationary Judges must be fully paid-up Members of the Society.
6. A Judge may not compete, or groom in the ring, in ANY class on the same day as they are judging for Sport Horse Breeding (GB).
7. Candidates may only present themselves on two occasions for assessment and if they are not successful after the second occasion they may not re-apply.
8. A major and justifiable complaint against any Judge or member may result in disciplinary action/removal from the judges' panel/suspension of membership. Three written formal complaints against any judge or member may result, after investigation, in disciplinary action/removal from the judges' panel/suspension of membership.

A full list of Panel Judges is available on the SHB(GB) website at www.sporthorsegb.co.uk

For a detailed list of SHB(GB) Panel Judges, please contact the SHB(GB) office at show@sporthorsegb.co.uk

REGTSTRATIONS AND GRADINGS

IDENTITY REGISTER

1. IDENTITY REGISTER:

- a. All horses, even those of unknown breeding, are eligible to apply for an Identity Register passport providing their adult height will exceed 148cm (14.2hh). Horses whose sire and/or dam are graded with SHB(GB) can apply for an Auxiliary or Full Stud Book passport.
- b. All breeding will be recorded as **unknown** unless:
- (i) A covering/artificial insemination certificate issued by an official breed society, or an artificial insemination certificate issued by a veterinary surgeon is provided.
 - (ii) Horses conceived by artificial insemination must be parentage verified by DNA if any breeding is to be recorded.
 - (iii) Lineage of the sire and dam will only be recorded if a copy of the dam's passport, which must have been issued by an official breed society (if not registered with SHB) is provided, together with a copy of the Sire's breeding which must have been issued from an official breed society (if not registered with SHB) is also provided.
 - (iv) Only breeding shown on the passport or breed society documentation can be recorded.
 - (v) If an official covering/artificial insemination certificate cannot be provided, the breeding can be established and recorded if the horse has its parentage verified by DNA testing. If SHB(GB) does not already hold the DNA profiles of the sire and/or dam, hair samples must be submitted, together with a hair sample from the horse to be registered. The cost is £60 per DNA sample, together with the parentage verification fee of £60. These costs are to be added to the Identity Registration fee. Please note that we will not DNA test to one parent only. A DNA sample should be taken by a veterinary surgeon and contain at least 30 - 40 hairs, which must be pulled not cut from the mane or tail (or both). The sample must be sealed in an unused bag and clearly labelled. If the laboratory is unable to obtain a DNA profile from the hair sample and a second sample is required, a second fee of £60 will be payable.
- c. The SHB(GB) identification chart **must** be completed by a veterinary surgeon – no other charts will be accepted. Since October 2020 it was made a legal requirement in the United Kingdom for all horses to be microchipped. Please include details of your horse's microchip with this application. The passport will state 'age of horse not verified' unless the animal is identified by a Veterinary Surgeon whilst still on its dam. Passports that are issued to animals over one year of age will be stamped as 'Replacement'.

1.1 FEES:

- ❖ Identity Registration fee **£45**
- ❖ DNA fee (if applicable) **£60 per sample**
- ❖ Parentage Verification Fee (if applicable) **£60**

If you would like your documents returned by Royal Mail Special Delivery, please include an additional £10. If you do not choose this service your passport will be returned by second class post and will not be tracked.

1.2 DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON REGISTRATION FEES:

- ❖ 15% discount on registration fees is available to individual owners when registering 3-4 horses
- ❖ 20% discount on registration fees is available to individual owners when registering 5 plus horses

Discounts are not available on DNA fees. All fees include VAT @ 20%.

2. AUXILIARY STUD BOOK:

- a. Only animals by a SHB(GB) Graded Stallion currently registered for the year of covering OR out of a SHB(GB) Graded Mare are eligible for registration in the Auxiliary Stud Book.
- b. If the sire and dam are both graded with SHB(GB) please apply for the Full Stud Book.
- c. If not by a SHB(GB) Graded Stallion, the sire must be registered as a breeding stallion with another official breed society and a covering certificate from that society must be provided, together with official verification of his breeding.
- d. The progeny of SHB(GB) Graded Mares by unregistered stallions will not be eligible for the Auxiliary Stud Book and should be registered on the Identity Register.
- e. Only horses whose adult height will exceed 148cm (14.2hh) are eligible for registration.
- f. Auxiliary Stud Book applications must be accompanied by:
 - (i) a fully completed Application Form.
 - (ii) a SHB(GB) identification chart completed by a veterinary surgeon, no other charts will be accepted. Since October 2020 it has been a legal requirement in the United Kingdom for all horses to be microchipped. Please include details of your horse's microchip on the identification chart in the space provided.
 - (iii) SHB(GB) or other official breed society covering/artificial insemination certificate, or an artificial insemination certificate issued by a veterinary surgeon. Animals conceived by artificial insemination must have their parentage verified by DNA profiling. Please note, we do not test to one parent only.
 - (iv) a copy of the dam's passport showing her breeding if she is not registered with SHB(GB). Only breeding shown on an official breed society passport can be recorded.
 - (v) a copy of the sire's breeding obtained from an official breed society if he is not registered with SHB(GB). Only breeding shown on the passport or breed society documentation can be recorded.
 - (vi) a hair sample from the animal to be registered for DNA testing. A DNA sample should be taken by a veterinary surgeon and contain at least 30 – 40 hairs, pulled not cut from the mane or tail (or both). The hair should be free from all grooming products. The sample must be sealed in an unused bag and clearly labelled. If the laboratory is unable to obtain a DNA profile from the hair sample and a second sample is required, a second fee of £60 will be payable.
- g. All foal registrations **must** be received in the SHB(GB) office by **30 November** in the year of birth. Passports issued to animals over one year of age will be stamped as 'Duplicate'.

2.1 FEES:

- ❖ Foals registered before 1 December in the year of their birth **£50**
- ❖ Horses registered after 1 December in the year of their birth **£90**
- ❖ DNA fee (per sample) **£60**

Documents returned by Royal Mail Special Delivery £10. If you do not choose this service your passport will be returned by second class post and will not be tracked.

2.2 DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON REGISTRATION FEES:

- ❖ 15% discount on registration fees is available to individual owners when registering 3-4 horses
- ❖ 20% discount on registration fees is available to individual owners when registering 5 plus horses

Discounts are not available on DNA fees. All fees include VAT @ 20%.

3. FULL STUD BOOK

- a. Only animals by a SHB(GB) Graded Stallion, currently registered for the year of covering **AND** out of a SHB(GB) Graded Mare are eligible for registration in the Full Stud Book.
- b. If only one parent is graded with SHB(GB) please apply for the Auxiliary Stud Book. However, progeny foaled in the UK out of an SHB(GB) Graded Mare sired by a stallion standing abroad that fulfils the SHB(GB) criteria for a Foreign Graded Stallion will be eligible for registration in the Full Stud Book, providing a DNA profile is available for the sire to allow for parentage verification of the offspring. We will also require official verification of the sire's breeding.
- c. Only horses whose adult height will exceed 14.2hh/148cm are eligible for registration.
- d. Full Stud Book applications must be accompanied by:
 - (i) a fully completed Application Form.
 - (ii) A SHB(GB) identification chart completed by a veterinary surgeon, no other charts will be accepted. Since October 2020 it has been a legal requirement in the United Kingdom for all horses to be microchipped. Please include details of your horse's microchip on your identification chart in the space provided.
 - (iii) a SHB(GB) or other official breed society covering/artificial insemination certificate, or an artificial insemination certificate issued by a veterinary surgeon.
 - (iv) hair sample from the animal to be registered for DNA testing. A DNA sample should be taken by a veterinary surgeon and contain at least 30 – 40 hairs, pulled not cut, from the mane or tail (or both). The hair should be free from all grooming products. The sample must be sealed in an unused bag and clearly labelled. If the laboratory is unable to obtain a DNA profile from the hair sample and a second sample is required, a second fee of £60 will be payable.
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- ❖ Horses registered after 1 December in the year of their birth **£90**
- ❖ DNA fee (per sample) **£60**

If you would like your documents returned by Royal Mail Special Delivery, please include an additional **£10**. If you do not choose this service your passport will be returned by second class post and will not be tracked.

3.2 DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON REGISTRATION FEES:

- ❖ 15% discount on registration fees is available to individual owners when registering 3-4 horses
- ❖ 20% discount on registration fees is available to individual owners when registering 5 plus horses

Discounts are not available on DNA fees. All fees include VAT @ 20%.

4. OVERSTAMPING AN EXISTING PASSPORT

- a. To comply with the law which came into effect on 1 January 1998, making it an offence for any horse born after that date to be in possession of more than one passport, the Society has obtained the necessary permissions to overstamp existing passports issued by DEFRA or EU approved organisations, subject to them including an identification chart completed by a veterinary surgeon.
- b. If your passport does not have a markings chart completed by a veterinary surgeon, you will need to download an Identification Chart from our website and arrange for this to be completed. This must then

be forwarded with your application and your horse's passport. We require the actual passport for over stamping, copies are not acceptable.

- c. SHB (GB) cannot overstamp passports if the passport has not been correctly transferred into the current owner's name. You must send the passport to the relevant Passport Issuing Organisation for updating before sending it to us.
- d. Your horse will be registered with the name that is within the passport, changes of name are not permitted.
- e. To comply with current legislation all horses in the UK with a passport issued outside the UK (including Southern Ireland) must have their passport over stamped by a UK Passport Issuing Organisation in order for data in relation to the equine to be held on the Government Central Equine Database. This is for the purposes of equine traceability and disease surveillance.
- f. Since October 2020 microchipping of all horses was made a legal requirement in the United Kingdom, we are therefore unable to overstamp a passport unless your horse has been microchipped and details of the chip are recorded within the passport.

4.1 FEES

- a. **Overstamp Fee £45** plus an additional **£10** if you would like your passport returned to you by Royal Mail Special Delivery tracked post. If you do not choose this service your passport will be returned by second class post and is not tracked.
- b. We can offer a Fast Track Service on over stamping. For an additional **£40** added to the over stamp fee, turnaround will be within 2 working days, provided all paperwork is received correctly completed and the correct payment is received at the same time. We would strongly advise sending your passport via tracked post. All fees include VAT @ 20%.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership to SHB(GB) runs from 1st January to 31st December.

5.1 FEES

- ❖ **Full Membership** - £95.
- ❖ **Late Renewal Fee** - £120 (this applies to all membership renewals received after 31st March in the current showing year).
- ❖ **Life Membership** - £1,200.
- ❖ **Corporate Membership** - £500
- ❖ **Non-Competing Judge Membership** - £60.

- N.B. Please note that direct debit mandates need to be set up by 1st December in order to pay for membership renewals in January of the following year. Direct debit mandates can be downloaded from our website.

6. ANNUAL SHOW HUNTER REGISTRATION

- a. This is an annual registration for horses that are competing in Open Ridden Hunter classes, including Working Hunter, that are either qualifiers for the Royal International Horse Show or the Horse of the Year Show.
- b. All Show Hunters must either have a Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain passport or have their passport over stamped by SHB(GB) before they can be registered onto the Annual Show Hunter Register.

- c. The owner(s) and **all** riders of the horse must become full members of the Society. Membership runs from 1st January to 31st December.
- d. Entry to the Show Hunter Register is restricted to mares and geldings 4 years old or over, whose height exceeds 148cm (approx. 14 hands 2 ins), with the exception of working hunter classes where stallions can compete (all stallions must have a red, white and blue ribbon displayed in their tail).
- e. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations on our website for further information on showing your horse.

6.1 FEES:

- ❖ **Full Membership** - £95.
- ❖ **Show Hunter Registration** - £55.

Please note that direct debit mandates need to be set up by 1st December in order to pay for membership renewals in January of the following year. Direct debit mandates can be downloaded from our website. Please note that direct debits can only be used to pay for owner/rider memberships. Late Renewal Fee **£120** this applies to all membership renewals received after 31st March in the current showing year. Overstamp Fee **£45** (if applicable).

7. DAY TICKET APPLICATION

- a. If you are unsure whether you want to apply for annual show registration and membership, you can purchase a maximum of 2 Day Tickets per year. This entitles you to compete at a maximum of 2 qualifying shows in the year. This registration covers owner and rider membership, together with the show hunter registration for the horse.
- b. Along with your Day Ticket Application you must supply a copy of the pages from your horse's passport showing your horse's name, passport number, date of birth, lineage, breeder and ownership details.
- c. Should you qualify for the Royal International Horse Show on a Day Ticket, you must apply for full annual membership for the owner/rider and horse by completing and submitting to the Society's office Membership and Show Registration application forms. Applications must be received in this office within 14 days from the day you qualified in order for your qualification to be validated. If your horse does not have a passport issued by SHB(GB) you will also need to have your horse's passport overstamped. HOYS classes cannot be entered on a day ticket.
- d. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations on our website for further information on showing your horse.

7.1 FEES

- ❖ **Day Ticket (each)** - £42

8. HORSE PASSPORT LEGISLATION

8.1 CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

For all horses issued with a Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain or Scottish Sport Horse passport.

- a. Under the Legislation, new owners are required to record their ownership with their Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) within 30 days of acquisition of the horse. It is an offence not to do so.
- b. An Authorisation of Change of Ownership Form can be downloaded from our website. The current owner must complete the form at the time of sale and give to the new owner, together with the passport to enable them to transfer the ownership.

- c. The new owner needs to return this form or a signed receipt, together with the horse's passport and the transfer of ownership fee.
- d. In the event that a horse has previously been sold and not re-registered into the ownership of the person you have purchased the horse from. Please return the horse's passport to this office, together with your full name, address and date you purchased the horse, and the fee as stated above. We will write to the last registered owner on your behalf and ask them to confirm the sale of the horse by requesting that they sign a transfer of ownership form. Please note that we give them 14 days from the date of our letter to reply to us, after which time the passport will be amended with your details.

8.2 FEES

❖ Change of Ownership Fee - £45.

If you would like your documents returned by Royal Mail Special Delivery, please include an additional **£10**. Please note, if you do not choose this service your passport will be returned by second class post and will not be tracked. We are able to offer a Fast Track service on transfer of ownership. For an additional **£40** added to the Change of Ownership fee, turnaround will be within 2 working days. Please note we are only able to provide this service if the Change of Ownership form has been signed by the **last registered owner** and the correct payment and passport are received at the same time.

9. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

For all horses issued with a Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain or Scottish Sport Horse passport.

- a. Please advise us of any change in address by completing a Change of Address Form available from our website.
- b. Please send this form with your passport to enable us to update our records and the passport.

9.1 FEES

- ❖ If the passport is rivet bound and complies with current DEFRA legislation, the fee for updating your address is **£15**.
- ❖ If the passport is older and does not comply with current DEFRA legislation or is damaged, the fee for updating and replacing the passport is **£45**.

If you would like your passport returned by Royal Mail Special Delivery, please include an additional **£10**. If you do not choose this service your passport will be returned by second class post and will not be tracked.

10. GELDING CERTIFICATE

- a. If your passport was issued to your horse when he was a colt/stallion and he is now gelded, your passport should be returned to the SHB(GB) office for amendment.
- b. Please download a Gelding Certificate from our website and return with your passport.

10.1 FEES

- ❖ No fee payable if your passport is rivet bound and contains the page marked as *Section I – Part C – Castration, verification of the description, recording in database*.
- ❖ If the passport is older and does not contain this page the fee for updating and replacing the passport is **£45**.

If you would like your passport returned by Royal Mail Special Delivery, please include an additional **£10**. If you do not choose this service your passport will be returned by second class post and will not be tracked.

11. MICROCHIP

- a. Since October 2020 microchipping of all horses was made a legal requirement in the United Kingdom.
- b. If your horse has been issued with a SHB(GB) or Scottish Sport Horse passport and has since had a microchip/transponder inserted, SHB(GB) **must** be notified.
- c. Please complete a Notification of Implant of a Microchip/Transponder form available to download from our website and forward with the fee of **£5**. If you would like your passport returned by Royal Mail Special Delivery, please include an additional **£10**. If you do not choose this service your passport will be returned by second class post and will not be tracked.

12. NAMING

- a. Foals may be registered un-named and named at a later date for the fee of **£45**. Once named the name may not be changed under any circumstances.
- b. If using a prefix or suffix, please note that this must be registered with the Central Prefix Register for use with this Society. Affixes are only for use by breeders on their homebred stock and cannot be used on purchased animals. An affix denotes a word that is used before or after a horse's name that may be, for example, part of a name or address, a place name or a made-up word. If you are in doubt regarding the name you have chosen, please contact the Society before sending in your application. Applications that include an unregistered affix or an affix that is currently registered by another breeder will be returned. Applications to register a prefix should be made to SHB(GB). New affixes are **£60** and to extend an existing affix for use with Sport Horse Breeding is **£25**.
- c. If an application includes a name that is already in use, a roman numeral will be added as appropriate. The Society reserves the right to refuse to register a name which may cause offence.

13. RESCINDING OF PASSPORT

- a. In certain cases, there is a DEFRA approved procedure in place for the rescinding of ID only passports in favour of a breed society passport. Full details and costs are available from the SHB(GB) office.

14. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

- a. All passports and certificates issued by the Society remain its property and must be returned to the Society on demand.

15. LEGISLATION

- a. Horse passport regulations state that all owners must obtain a passport for each horse they own (including ponies, donkeys, and other equidae).
- b. All 'late' registrations will be issued with either a duplicate or replacement passport in line with the DEFRA minimum operating standards for Passport Issuing Organisations.
- c. Other adult horses not previously issued with a passport should also be microchipped and their passports will be signed as not intended for the food chain.
- d. Only Veterinary Surgeons can implant a microchip into a horse, and they must check the animal for an existing microchip prior to implantation and any evidence that a microchip has been removed. Where an

existing microchip is found SHB(GB) will try and establish where the horse is registered. The owner may also be required to carry out their own checks. If the horse is registered with another Society the owner will be referred to that organisation. If the identity of the horse cannot be established SHB(GB) will issue a passport which will be stamped “**Replacement**” and the horse will be declared as not intended for human consumption. In the event of any SHB(GB) passport being lost a “**Duplicate**” will be issued and the horse will be declared as not intended for human consumption.

- e. If the passport is not available or the vet does not know whether or not the horse is eligible for entry into the food chain the vet should not administer drugs not authorised for food producing animals and must use an alternative product.
- f. Owners and keepers with primary responsibility (a person who takes care of the animal on a day-to-day basis, e.g. Full Livery, Racehorse trainers, etc.) must ensure that their horses are correctly identified and be able to produce the passport without delay in the event of an inspection.
- g. Only owners can apply for a passport.
- h. The passport must accompany the horse at all times unless stabled or at pasture or moved on foot when the passport can be made available within 3 hours.
- i. When a horse passes away, the owner must send the passport back to the PIO to be recorded within 30 days – the passport may be returned to the owner once the process is completed if requested. If the passport is not available when the vet is in attendance - the owner is responsible for ensuring that the drugs administered are recorded on the passport.
- j. Failure to comply with the legislation is punishable by a fine of up to £5000.
- k. The Society will enter into the stud book, animals of the same breed, line or cross that are eligible for entry under the Society's breed criteria, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.
- l. For further information please visit the Defra website.

16. PROGENY OF COLTS

Animals sired by colts aged 2, 3 or 4 at the time of covering, that grade with SHB(GB) within 18 months of the covering, can be registered into the stud book providing the parentage is verified by DNA and the animal is identified as a foal while still on its dam and the parentage verification fee is paid in addition to the registration and DNA fees. The fact that a colt has been issued with a passport does not constitute a Stallion Registration or Licence. Colts three years old or over must be brought forward for Grading in order to be registered as a breeding stallion and issued with covering certificates.

17. UPDATING DOCUMENTS

- a. Where a passport has already been issued and is then returned either with the correct paperwork for breeding to be added or with hair samples for DNA testing, an administration fee of £45 will be payable in addition to any DNA fees and the parentage verification fee.

18. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

- a. All animals conceived by AI must be parentage tested to both parents in order for breeding to be recorded, even if registered on the Identity Record. If the profiles are not already on record with SHB(GB), DNA samples will be required for sire, dam and offspring and the cost will be £60 per sample.

19. EMBRYO TRANSFER

- a. Foals that are the result of embryo transfer **must** be parentage verified to the sire and the donor mare.

- b. The registered owner of the donor mare will be recorded as the breeder unless the Society is notified otherwise. A hair sample will be required from the recipient mare which will be held and only analysed in the event of the foal failing its parentage test.

20. AMENDMENT OF RULES

- a. The Council of SHB(GB) reserves the right to amend any of the Society's Rules for Registration at any time. Members will be notified via the Society's publications and website.
- b. While these Rules are the normal requirements of the Society the Council reserves the right to make exceptions to the Rules as it sees fit in exceptional circumstances.
- c. In order to comply with Commission Decision 92-353-EEC Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain declares there will be no discrimination between members.

Mare & Foal Grading Rules

1. BENEFITS OF MARE GRADING

- a. The top three mares will receive prize money £400, £300 & £300. The Robert Warden Memorial Trophy will be awarded annually to the owner of the mare that receives the highest marks.
- b. Apart from the mares receiving the top mare awards, all mares achieving Head Stud Book status will be awarded a voucher for a free foal registration (including DNA). Vouchers are valid for two years, to be used on any SHB(GB) Graded Stallion currently registered for the year of covering.
- c. Recognition with The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.
- d. Entry into one of the SHB(GB) Stud Books and thereby progeny eligible for Stud Book papers. The progeny must be by an SHB(GB) Graded or Approved Stallion or the sire must be registered as a breeding stallion with another official breed society. The progeny of SHB(GB) Graded Mares by unregistered stallions will not be eligible for the Stud Book.
- e. All progeny eligible to compete in the BS age classes.

2. ELITE MARES

- a. Mares will be granted the title ELITE if either they or their progeny fulfil the following criteria:
 - (i) **DRESSAGE** - Placed at a CDI*** Competition at Intermediaire I/II or Grand Prix Level.
 - (ii) **EVENTING** - Completed a CCI***** and/or placed in top twelve of a CCI***** Event.
 - (iii) **SHOWJUMPING** - Placed in Grand Prix at a CSI or CSIO Competition and/or competed on a Nations Cup Team.
 - (iv) **RACING** - Have a BHB Timeform rating of a minimum of 110 on the Flat or a National Hunt BHB Official Handicap rating of 145 or higher or have progeny competing at any of these levels.

3. GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO ALL MARES

- a. To be eligible for mare grading, mares must:
 - (i) Be 148cm or above.
 - (ii) Be 3 years old or over.
 - (iii) Submit a sample for a DNA test for which the owner is liable for the cost once accepted into any of the Stud Books.

- (iv) Be registered with SHB(GB), or be in possession of a Passport issued by another DEFRA approved P.I.O. Only breeding recorded on the passport will be accepted.
- (v) Be owned by a current member of the SHB(GB).

b. Eligibility for specific sections of the stud book will be decided by:

- (i) Number of proven generations of pedigree and marks awarded at grading OR Grading status with other breed societies.
- (ii) Mares presented for SHB(GB) Mare Grading will be required to be shown in hand to assess conformation and paces following an initial trot up on a hard surface.
- (iii) All mares must be presented in bridles and foals must be led at all times.
- (iv) It is strongly recommended that all handlers wear a hat and safety harness according to the current standard.
- (v) Mares which are not sound must submit a letter from a Veterinary Surgeon stating the reason for the unsoundness. This will be taken into account when their final mark is calculated.
- (vi) Mare owners also have the option of presenting their mares under saddle in addition to the In-Hand assessment. Mares who satisfy the judges as to their rideability in this way or can provide proof of ridden competition success in sport may be awarded the complimentary initial R (for Ridden) in front of their graded status.
- (vii) Mares who are transferred from another Stud Book may also be awarded the complimentary initial R if they can provide proof of ridden competition success.
- (viii) If following grading, a mare or her progeny go on to compete successfully, it may be possible for her to upgrade to a higher stud book. Please contact the office for further details.

4. HEAD STUD BOOK

a. To be eligible for head stud book mares must:

- (i) Have three generations of proven pedigree and achieve a grading mark of 8 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading.
or
- (ii) Have three generations of proven pedigree and be a Head, Select or equivalent status mare in a recognised Sport Horse or Warmblood Stud Book, either in the UK or abroad.

If less than three generations of proven pedigree:

- (iii) Achieve a mark of 8.5 or above and have a B.H.B. official handicap rating of 80 or higher on the Flat, or a National Hunt B.H.B. official handicap rating of 100 or higher, or be an Advanced Eventer, Grade A Showjumper or Advanced Dressage mare, or have progeny competing at any of these levels.
or
- (iv) Reach the required level of performance to be Elite or have progeny that meet the criteria and achieve a grading mark of 5 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading.

5. MAIN STUD BOOK

a. To be eligible for main stud book mares must:

- (i) Have two generations of proven pedigree and achieve a grading mark of 6.5 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading.
or
- (ii) Have two generations or more of proven pedigree and be a Main or equivalent status mare in a recognised Sport Horse or Warmblood Stud Book either in the UK or abroad.
or
- (iii) Have less than two generations of proven pedigree and achieve a grading mark of 8.5 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading.

6. FOUNDATION STUD BOOK

- a. To be eligible for foundation stud book mares must have:
- (i) Achieve a grading mark of 5 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading.
or
 - (ii) Foundation Book or equivalent status in a recognised Sport Horse or Warmblood Stud Book either in the UK or abroad.

7. MARES GRADED WITH OTHER SOCIETIES:

- a. These mares do not need to appear at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading and will be entered into the appropriate Stud Book according to their current graded status. There will be a fee to overstamp their recognised Passports and they will have to submit a sample for a DNA test with the relevant fee.

PLEASE NOTE:

- b. For breeding to be accepted as “proven” mares must be registered with an official breed society and her papers must be submitted to SHB(GB) for over stamping.
- c. NB: Progeny foaled in the UK out of an SHB(GB) Graded Mare sired by a stallion standing abroad that fulfils the SHB(GB) criteria for a Foreign Graded Stallion will be eligible for registration in the SHB(GB) Full Stud Book, so long as a DNA profile is available for the sire to allow for parentage verification of the offspring.

FOAL GRADING RULES

- a. Foals must be at least six weeks old on the day of the grading Foals must be owned by a current member of SHB(GB).
- b. Foals must be expected to attain 148cm or above at maturity.
- c. Foals will be shown loose.
- d. Foals do not need to be registered to be graded.
- e. On registration with SHB(GB) the foal will have an official stamp in their passport denoting their graded status.
- f. Foals that score 8 or above will be 'Premium'. Foals that score between 6.5-7.9 will be 'Graded'.
- g. At the end of the annual foal grading series the breeder of the highest scoring champion foal will receive £500, and the breeder of the reserve champion will be awarded £300.
- h. Only foals that have been registered and have an SHB(GB) passport will be eligible for the prize fund.
- i. All foals must attend an official SHB(GB) Foal Grading.

FOR DETAILS OF MARE AND FOAL GRADING VENUES AND ENTRY FORMS PLEASE CONTACT THE SOCIETY

STALLION GRADING RULES

1. BENEFITS OF STALLION GRADING

- a. Stallions recognised by mare owners as being of a high standard.
- b. Recognition with The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.
- c. Graded Stallions currently registered for the year of covering are eligible to accept Service Vouchers awarded by this Society to Brood Mares.
- d. Promotion of all Graded Stallions via membership, National & International advertising, website and Society's Trade Stand which attends major shows and events around the country.
- e. Accurate covering and foaling records maintained.
- f. Eligible to compete as an entire under BS Rules.
- g. Stock eligible for SHB(GB) Stud Book papers.

2. GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO ALL STALLIONS ALL STALLIONS MUST

- a. **All stallions must:**
 - (i) Be 148cm (14.2 hh) or above.
 - (ii) Be 3 years old or over.
 - (iii) Stallions applying for Grading must have a minimum of 3 generations of proven pedigree.
 - (iv) Sign a declaration stating that they agree to abide by the Levy Board codes of practice for the prevention of venereal diseases, forward copies of C.E.M swab certificate and provide a negative blood test result for E.V.A. or a copy of an Artervac vaccination record.
 - (v) Submit a sample for a DNA test for which the owner is liable for the cost when passing the initial Grading or supply details of where DNA profile is held.
 - (vi) Submit a result for W.F.F.S.
 - (vii) Be owned by a current member of SHB(GB).

3. MARKS

- a. To be awarded Premium status stallions must achieve an average mark of 7.5 or above.
- b. To be awarded Graded status stallions must achieve an average mark of 7.0 for the conformation assessment and receive an overall average mark of 6.5 or above.
- c. Should a stallion receive a mark of 5 or below at any point in the assessment (except the performance mark) it will automatically fail. ALL THE MARKS OF THE SUCCESSFUL STALLIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED.
- d. Graded stallions may be upgraded to Premium on the performance of their progeny or by coming forward for reassessment.
- e. All stallions that themselves or their progeny, achieve a successful competition record at Intermediate Eventing, Grade B Showjumping or Medium Level Dressage will become either Premium * or Graded *.

4. ELITE STALLIONS

- a. Premium* and Graded* stallions will be granted the title ELITE if either they or their progeny fulfil the following criteria:

- (i) DRESSAGE - Placed at a CDI*** competition at Intermediare I/II or Grand Prix EVENTING - Completed a CCI***** or placed in top twelve of a CCI***** event.
- (ii) SHOW JUMPING - Placed in Grand Prix at SI or CSIO Competition and/or competed on a Nations Cup Team.
- (iii) Stallions which have themselves reached the level to be ELITE and also have progeny at the required level for ELITE status will be granted the title ELITE*.

5. VETERINARY INSPECTION

- a. **Please refer to the SHB(GB) 5 Stage Clinical Examination Pre Stallion Grading document available to download from www.sporhorsegb.co.uk No entry will be accepted without the report of a 5 Stage Clinical Examination as detailed in the above document. Please ensure that this document is brought to the attention of your Veterinary Surgeon BEFORE the examination. No other veterinary certificate will be accepted.**
- b. The Society reserves the right to refer stallions for further veterinary assessment. Blood samples may be taken at the grading for the analysis of non-normal nutrients.

6. ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

- a. All stallions will be assessed on conformation, movement in hand and loose and loose jumping and be shown under saddle at walk, trot and canter. They may be jumped under saddle at the option of the owner. Horses wishing to register with BS must be jumped under saddle.
- b. Thoroughbred stallions with a minimum Timeform rating of 80 on the Flat or a National Hunt BHB Official Handicap rating of 120 or above may apply for grading via an alternative system. For full details please contact the office.
- c. Thoroughbred stallions that have raced with lower than the aforementioned Timeform rating will be required to come forward for assessment on their conformation, movement in hand and loose. They will not be required to be seen under saddle. Their racing performance will be taken into account. To achieve Premium status, they will also be required to loose jump (to a maximum height of 90cm).
- d. Thoroughbred stallions that have raced with lower than the aforementioned Timeform rating will be required to come forward for assessment on their conformation, movement in hand and loose. They will not be required to be seen under saddle. Their racing performance will be taken into account. To achieve Premium status, they will also be required to loose jump (to a maximum height of 90cm).
- e. Unraced TB stallions will need to be assessed in the same way as other stallions.
- f. Stallions coming forward for assessment aged 10 years or over will be required to provide proof of:
 - (i) Successful competition record at Intermediate Eventing, Grade B Showjumping or Medium Level Dressage.
or
 - (ii) A B.H.B. Official Handicap Rating on the Flat of 80 or higher, or a National Hunt B.H.B. Official Handicap Rating of 100 or higher.
or
 - (iii) Have run 15 or more times on the racecourse.
or
 - (iv) Have sired stock competing at the same level
- g. Pure bred stallions graded or registered with a recognised indigenous breed society (e.g. Irish Draught, Cleveland Bays, etc.) can only apply to come forward for assessment with the written consent of their Breed Society.

7. STALLIONS ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER INTO THE SHB(GB) STUD BOOK

- a. Stallions that are fully graded with any foreign society that is a full member of the WBFSH AND that have a performance test result of 100 or higher, can apply to be accepted as SHB(GB) Graded Stallions. Proof of graded status must be submitted with a completed application form & the relevant fee. Please contact the office for an application form.
- b. These rules also include stallions graded with daughter societies in the UK.
- c. N.B. Progeny foaled in the UK out of an SHB(GB) Graded Mare sired by a stallion standing abroad that fulfils the SHB(GB) criteria for a Foreign Graded Stallion will be eligible for registration in the SHB(GB) Full Stud Book, so long as a DNA profile is available for the sire to allow for parentage verification of the offspring.
- d. Stallions that have attained the highest level of Approval/Grading in the UK with another Society that is a full member of the WBFSH and have attained points or money at a minimum of Intermediate Eventing, Grade B Showjumping or Medium Dressage, or have progeny that have achieved the same level, can apply to be accepted as SHB(GB) Graded Stallions. Proof of graded status must be submitted with a completed application form & the relevant fee. Please contact the office for an application form.
- e. Stallions Approved/Graded at lower levels or that do not have the required level of performance or that are approved with societies which are not full members of the WBFSH will have to come forward for SHB(GB) Grading.
- f. The Stallion Committee reserves the right to alter or amend these rules and regulations from time to time as they see fit. The Stallion Committee also reserves the right to assess individual cases on their merit and in exceptional circumstances certain dispensations may be granted.



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