



# **WILTSHIRE SHOW**

## **RULE BOOK**

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## **General Rules & Condition of Entry**

1. The Wiltshire Show reserve the right to refuse entry without stating the reason, to cancel the competition and all rights of admission.
2. The Wiltshire Show do not accept any responsibility or liability for any injury, accident, damage or illness to any person, property or animal whatsoever, or for any loss whatsoever, arising out of, or occurring at any competition, show or event. It shall be a condition of entry, each entrant shall indemnify the organisers against any legal action whatsoever arising from any accident.
3. Everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the officials and stewards.
4. All entries must be made on the entry form with full entry fees. Every Exhibitor and Competitor will be held responsible for the correctness of his or her entry forms and if he/she fails, when called upon by the Stewards or Show to prove the correctness of such entry, the entry may be disqualified and any award made to it cancelled.
5. No motor bikes or scooters are allowed on the Showground. All dogs must be kept on leads and under proper control at all times and cleaned up after
6. Any individual seen to be causing distress or suffering to any animal will be asked to leave the Showground and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.
7. No horse or pony under the age of 4 years shall be ridden in any Class.
8. Any competitor who is considered by the organisers, stewards, judges to have received outside assistance without prior permission, will be eliminated from the Class
9. All Society registration numbers must be given where applicable
10. Mares with a living foal born during the current season may not be shown in any ridden class
11. The Organisers reserve the right to appoint a replacement Judge whenever it is deemed necessary
12. Objection to entries or awards must be made in writing to the Secretary on the Show Day, accompanied by a deposit of £50 which will be refunded if the objection is sustained.
13. The Organisers reserve the right to cancel, limit, divide or amalgamate any Class.
14. The decision of the Judge is final.
15. No animal suffering from a contagious disease may be brought onto the Showground.
16. In the event of a Veterinary Surgeon advising the removal of any animal from the Show his decision shall be final and immediately complied with.
17. All disputes shall be referred to the Wiltshire Show Organisers, whose decision is final.
18. Exhibitors are responsible for all costs in connection with any veterinary treatment given on the Showground and must be settled at the time with the Veterinary Surgeon concerned.
19. It is a condition of entry that exhibitors conform with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and for ensuring that safe working practices are followed by

themselves, their employees, Agents and Contractors. Exhibitors shall at all times comply with the instructions of the Show Officials.

20. Exhibitors Risk and Responsibility – THE WILTSHIRE SHOW, NOR ANY OF IT'S OFFICERS OR SERVANTS SHALL BE IN ANY WAY RESPONSIBLE or accountable for anything that may happen (from any cause or circumstances whatsoever) to exhibitors or their servants or agents or to any exhibit or to any vehicle carrying any exhibit or anything else brought into the Showground or for anything else arising out of the Show. EACH EXHIBITOR shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss or injury or damage done to or commissioned by or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him or her and shall indemnify the Show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
21. The Show cannot be responsible for the clashing of Classes and exhibitors should bear this in mind when making their entries. We cannot guarantee timings, it is up to the competitor to keep an eye on when their class is. Entry fees WILL NOT be refunded if you miss your class or your class clashes.
22. REFUNDS will only be given on the production of a valid veterinary certificate. Class entry fee and first aid fee will only be refunded. Online booking fee NOT included.
23. No Exhibitor shall conduct himself in a manner or be guilty of behaviour which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of Wiltshire Show and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) no behaviour of an offensive, abusive or unpleasant manner to any person at any show will be tolerated.
24. No person shall ill-treat animals at any time whether misuse/excessive use of a whip, bit, spurs or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever.
25. Failure to observe any of the rules may result in disqualification of the animal concerned and the instigation of disciplinary proceedings by Wiltshire Show, against the person breaking the rules in accordance with the disciplinary procedure of Wiltshire Show. In the event of disqualification any cup, rosette, prizes in kind or prize money will be forfeited.
26. The decision of Wiltshire Show (including their employees, representatives and show officials) the Veterinary Surgeons and any Judges upon any of the matters required by the foregoing Rules to be decided or directed by any such persons or bodies including any question of height or soundness or want of merit or exclusion from final judging or granting of any permission or otherwise shall be final and binding in all respects and no objection shall be made on account thereof nor shall any appeal lie there from on any ground whatever.
27. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to any judge, Steward, or to any Show Official on the part of the competitor groom, rider, driver or agent of an animals, will, at the discretion of such Official disqualify that animal from being judged, in which case entry fees, prizes and charges will be forfeited. Competitors are reminded of their responsibility for the actions of others within their party.
28. In all cases the judge's decision is final.
29. Ridden animals must NOT be escorted beyond the entrance to the ring.

30. No person, including exhibitors, handlers or grooms should enter the ring at any time without the judges' permission. When permission is granted to enter the ring a person must be suitably attired and wear a hat at all times.
31. A class is deemed to have commenced when an animal enters the ring, if the judge is then present in the ring. If the judge is not present then the class shall commence when the judge enters the ring.
32. Exhibits will not be allowed into the ring after the ponies/horses have been asked to trot.
33. Exhibitors are under the jurisdiction of the judge(s) until asked to leave the line, after rosettes have been presented. Judges should consider behaviour at prize giving and should take action if appropriate.
34. Judges have the right to alter placings if an animal misbehaves after the marks have been awarded.
35. All horses and ponies using the Stables must have a current and valid certificate of vaccination against equine flu. There will be random checking of certificates, any queries regarding this, please call the Show Secretary.
36. Hat Rules
  - a. Where a class is affiliated, the society rules will dictate what the hat ruling is for that specific class
  - b. Where the class is unaffiliated please refer to the hat ruling within the schedule