

# Horsham & District Riding Club

## COMPETITION RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### GENERAL

1. Your signature on the entry form shall be construed as acceptance of these rules.
2. Telephone entries or entries made without the appropriate fee will not be accepted.
3. In the event of cancellation of a show £2 per entry (unless specified otherwise) will be retained to cover administration costs.
4. **The Organisers reserve the right to cancel, add to or amend any of the classes they think fit; alter advertised times or refuse entry without stating reasons.**
5. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
6. No horse/pony under the age of four years may compete, and only horses/ponies competing in the show/event may be ridden on the show ground/venue.
7. All riders must wear approved protective headgear which includes a retaining harness secured to the shell at more than 2 points, and which is correctly fastened, whenever mounted.
8. Objections accompanied by a deposit of £10 must be made in writing to the Secretaries within 15 minutes of the incident; the deposit will be forfeited if the objection is not sustained.
9. Entrants who are not Full Members of HDRC are made Associate Members for the day of the show only. The subscription is incorporated in the charges set out in the schedule. Details of Associate Membership are available on request.
10. Membership of the Club is determined by the status of the rider, rather than the Owner of a horse/pony.
11. Reasonable precautions will be taken at each show/event to ensure the health and safety of all persons present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents and obey the instructions of the Organisers, Officials and Stewards.
12. The Organisers, the Officers, Servants or Agents shall be under no liability for injury, loss or damage, however occasioned, suffered by Competitors, Spectators, their Property, Servants or horses in connection with, or arising out of these shows. Each Entrant must indemnify the Organisers against any legal action that may arise out of, or during these shows/events.

### SHOWJUMPING SPECIFIC RULES

1. All classes will be judged in accordance with BSJA rules.
2. The Organisers reserve the right to run classes under 2 Phase if entries are large.
3. Horses/ponies must complete in the order declared at the collecting ring. Any competitor not responding when called will be placed at the end of the list.
4. If the judge is dissatisfied with the rate at which competitors are presenting themselves at the start, he may issue a public warning to competitors. At the end of a 3 minute interval he may issue a second public warning, and at the end of a further 3 minutes he may declare the competition closed.
5. Practice jumps must be jumped from the correct side; failure to do so may result in the competitor being eliminated. Similar action may be taken in the event of misuse of whips, equipment or saddlery.
6. Competitors must wear correct riding dress and are usually required to parade mounted to receive their awards.

### DRESSAGE SPECIFIC RULES

1. All classes are run under British Dressage rules.

2. "Basic" sections (HDRC members only) are for horse/rider combination who have not gained more than 9 points (ie 1<sup>st</sup>=3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points, etc) in ANY dressage competition. Any horse and/or riders who have won any BD points are not eligible for the BASIC section. Horses that have won more than 37 BD points are not eligible for Prelim classes, more than 74 BD points are not eligible for Novice classes, more than 149 points are not eligible for Elementary classes; unless H/C.

### **HUNTER TRIAL & ONE-DAY-EVENT SPECIFIC RULES**

1. Hunter Trials: B.H.S. Riding Club rules apply.
2. One Day Events: British Eventing rules apply.
3. DRESS: Cross country dress and hard hat/crash hat with a chin strap and retaining harness permanently fixed to the shell. Back/Body Protectors are COMPULSORY. Hard hats MUST be worn at all times by mounted persons. Correct footwear: no muckers, trainers or chaps allowed. Medical armbands are strongly recommended.
4. ELIMINATION: 3 refusals at 1 fence. Any competitor eliminated must leave the course at a walk immediately.
5. ANY COMPETITOR in difficulty at a fence must make way for following competitors who wish to overtake.
6. For HUNTER TRIALS: Horses/ponies can be ridden only once in any one class, and in no more than 2 classes.
7. For ONE-DAY-EVENTS: Horses/ponies must be 5 years or over and may compete only once.
8. NUMBERS to be collected from the Secretary on the day. A £5.00 refundable deposit will be charged on the day, exact money please.
9. ENTRY FEES will only be returned on production of a current veterinary or doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation, fees will be returned (less £2 for hunter trials, less £3 for one-day-events) per horse/pony on receipt of an SAE within 14 days.
10. OBJECTIONS: Any objection must be made in writing to the Secretary accompanied by a deposit of £10 and lodged within 15 minutes of the incident. This is refundable if the objection is sustained.
11. THE DECISION of the organisers will be final and the committee reserve the right to cancel or refuse entries or amend any of the conditions.
12. THE ORGANISERS do not hold themselves responsible for anything that may happen to competitors, spectators, their property or horses/ponies in connection with each event or anything out of the event. It shall be a condition of entry that all owners and riders agree to indemnify the organisers or beneficiaries against any legal action from any accident or incident.
13. NO COMPETITOR may practice over any part of the course. If they are seen doing so, they will be eliminated.
14. ALL DOGS MUST be kept on a lead at all times including walking the course. This is in the interest of rider safety.
15. ONLY COMPETING horses/ponies are allowed to be ridden on the showground.
16. PARKING of all vehicles only where directed.