

# The Showing REGISTER

## What to wear in the show ring

Welcome to the TSR guide. This is a guide to help you whether you are completely new to showing or are looking for general guidance.

### First Impressions

First Impressions count. When you walk in the ring you want to be remembered for the right reasons.

The overall impression should be smart, appropriate, safe and comfortable at whatever level you are competing.

DO- Look presentable and smart. Showing is an art and the overall picture is important.

### Unaffiliated Classes

When competing at a local show there are a variety of classes you will be able to compete in. Attire will vary from class to class, but the basic attire will be suitable for any you choose to enter.

#### For riders in any class:

- Jackets can be tweed, black or blue
- Pale coloured shirt and tie
- Jodhpurs need to be light in colour- fawn, beige or cream will be fine
- Short jodhpur boots in black or brown for children with jodhpur clips if possible
- Short boots and gaiters in black or brown can be worn for teenagers/ adult riders
- Long boots in black or brown can be worn by teenagers/ adults if you prefer
- Hair should be neat and tidy- for girls' plaits, and teenagers/ ladies a neat bun
- Gloves and showing cane (no longer than 30")
- Hats should always be worn to the current safety standard and in accordance with the show's rules (see end for Riding Hat standards)
- Jewellery- no ear rings, piercings, or visible jewellery should be worn for any classes

**A well turned out show pony and rider wearing a blue showing jacket as the pony is being shown in a coloured browband.**



## EXTRA TIP

If you are not sure what jacket to choose the general rules are  
Coloured browband =  
blue/ black jacket.  
Plain browband =  
tweed jacket.

## TAKING IT FURTHER

**If you are thinking about competing in affiliated showing classes, there are a few more riding wear guidelines. BUT don't let that put you off - REMEMBER the Judge is judging your horse or pony not you.**

### **Lead Rein classes of any type, First Ridden including First Pony classes:**

- The same general advice as above applies for riders in Lead Rein and First Ridden classes
- For girls' hairs should be in neat plaits or one plait
- Attendants (leaders) in Lead Rein classes can wear also wear tweed jacket and trousers or skirt for ladies. The overall look must be smart, presentable and practical

If you are wanting to try a Lead Rein class you may have a Show Pony, Show Hunter Pony or Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein pony.

On the right you can see an example of a Mountain & Moorland LR pony.

The leader is smartly dressed wearing a practical length of skirt and sensible shoes for running.

The rider is neatly dressed in a correctly fitting hat, tweed jacket, cream/ beige jodhpurs and jodhpur boots.

### **More Detailed Information:**

For LR Show Pony classes the rider would normally wear a blue showing jacket.

For LR Show Hunter Pony classes the rider would normally wear a tweed showing jacket.



Another example of a smart and well-presented Lead Rein rider and attendant. Smart trousers are acceptable for Lead Rein classes.



## EXTRA TIP

**Attendants DO choose a sensible pair of shoes. Ground can be uneven and varying conditions. Trainers are not ideal as they do not provide enough protection**

### Mountain & Moorland classes:

- You will notice at affiliated shows that riders will wear tweed jackets
- Short jodhpur boots in black or brown are worn by all riders on Small breeds i.e. Welsh Section A's, B's, Dartmoors, Exmoors, Shetlands
- Long boots and jodhpur boots with gaiters can be worn on the Large breed M&M horses/ponies



An example of riders in a Large Breed M&M class at the TSR Wales & South West Final Show- note the long boots worn by riders.



### & in comparison

An example of riders in the Small Breed M&M class at the same show.

### Ridden Horse classes:

- Riders clothing stays the same for most showing classes
- The Show Pony equivalent is an Intermediate Show Riding Type, Show Hack or Riding Horse (Blue)
- The Show Hunter Pony bigger version is the Ridden Hunter (Tweed)
- Short boots are generally worn until 15HH SHP classes and Intermediate SRT/ SHT, then you can wear gaiters or long boots
- Adult riders will wear long boots or short boots and gaiters in black or brown

### Working Hunter classes:

- For riders in pony or horse classes tweed jackets are the normal dress code and the general shirt, tie, light coloured jodhpurs or breeches as described at the beginning.
- Short boots are generally worn until 15HH WHP classes, then you can wear smart gaiters or long boots
- Adult riders will wear long boots or short boots and smart gaiters in black or brown



### **In Hand Classes:**

- Suit, smart tweed jacket or waistcoat and trousers/skirt
- Shirt with a collar and tie
- Hat- a hard hat, Beagler hat (as shown in the picture below), bowler (for men) or Trilby type hat is acceptable. TSR strongly recommended that protective headgear should be worn
- Gloves- brown, fawn or tan
- Footwear which is safe and has enough grip for walking and running on varying ground conditions. Trainers are not ideal as they do not provide enough protection

**Two pictures of smartly presented ponies and handlers. Slightly different attire, but both very smartly turned out.**



### **Little Extras That Are Correct But Not Essential:**

- Tie pin
- Buttonhole
- Show Cane- this should be no longer than 30 inches

### **Grooms**

- When in the ring to help strip an animal, a groom must always look neat and smartly dressed and wear a hat
- Smart top or jumper
- Jacket smart coat or Gillet
- Trousers
- Appropriate footwear

## Riding Hats

Riding hats should always be worn in accordance with rules of the show you are attending. Details of riding hat standards are stated below. We strongly advise you to check the rules of each show and association before competing.

The current Safety Standards of Skull Caps/ Riding Hats are:

- All PAS 015;
- VG1;
- (BS)EN1384 2017;
- ASTM F1163 04a onwards;
- SNELL E2016;
- AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards;
- For showing classes skull caps must be of, or worn with, a dark coloured plain peaked cover.
- The most recent updates to the list are the addition of SNELL E2016 and EN1384 (2017); the newest version of the SNELL Standard could have begun to appear in 2017 and is accepted to the list; the newest version of the EN1384 Standard will begin to appear during 2018 and is also accepted to the list.
- Handlers under the age of 14 must wear a British Safety Standard Hard Hat, gloves (optional) and suitable footwear. Age as of 1st January.
- Current hat standards can be checked on the following website; [www.bhs.org.uk/media/jolmuvpy/2023-bhs-approvals-and-bhs-assessments-hat-guide-v1.pdf](http://www.bhs.org.uk/media/jolmuvpy/2023-bhs-approvals-and-bhs-assessments-hat-guide-v1.pdf)

## And finally...

### TOP TIPS

1. If showing in affiliated classes always check the rules of that society and the show.
2. Be smart, presentable and on time.
3. The Judges are also there to help you. If you are not sure ask their advice.
4. Be polite and courteous to your fellow competitors.
5. Smile and enjoy your day.

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