

# RULE BOOK 2026

# The Showing REGISTER

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## **1. MEMBERSHIP**

These are the terms and conditions and rules for Grandstand Event Management (GSE) for the range of products and services we provide in the context of The Showing Register (TSR).

Members of The Showing Register, by purchasing from us, you engage in our "Service" and agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions ("Terms of Service", "Terms"), including those additional terms and conditions and policies referenced herein and/or available in this rulebook or on the website ([www.theshowingregister.co.uk](http://www.theshowingregister.co.uk)). TSR reserves the right to make amendments to this rulebook and to the terms and conditions without notice, any changes will be stated on the website.

Membership and registrations will be suspended, if monies owed, that are payable to The Showing Register (Grandstand Event Management Limited) are not paid as determined at the time of the purchase.

All membership information can be viewed on our website, if you need a printed copy please call 02476 857010.

### **1a. Membership/Registration Information**

Valid from date joined to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. Any person can apply for membership at any time of the year; however, the 2026 membership year ends date of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2026.

TSR accepts members of any age and any type of horse or pony.

TSR Membership does not entitle the person to any shares or voting rights in The Showing Register (TSR), Grandstand Event Management (GSE) or any other companies in the Grandstand Group of Companies.

TSR Membership entitles the person to receive benefits as stated on the website.

All memberships are subject to approval within 48 hrs of application. For applications made over the weekend or bank holidays or during office closed days this approval time will begin at the next working day. If TSR does not contact the applicant within 48hrs to notify the applicant that membership has NOT been approved, the membership is approved.

**TSR does not issue membership cards.**

**All membership applications should be made via [www.theshowingregister.co.uk](http://www.theshowingregister.co.uk)**

**No membership applications are accepted via telephone or post unless in exceptional circumstances. Please contact the TSR office if you are experiencing problems.**

### **1b. Membership Benefits 2026**

TSR Membership entitles the person to receive the following benefits for 2026:

- Eligible for Talent Spotting
- Discounted TSR Clinics
- Eligible to qualify for The Amateur of the Year Show, November 2026
- Eligible for the Amateur Points League (HOYS level membership required)
- Eligible for the Amateur HOYS Ridden Award

- Access to exclusive training advice and support
- Discounted entries fees at the TSR Amateur Summer Show
- Eligible to enter HOYS qualifiers including:
  - M&M classes
  - Plaited Pony classes
  - Coloured Horse/Pony classes
  - Hunter Weights, Smalls and Working Hunter Horse
  - Ladies Side Saddle
- Complimentary Horse of the Year Show Evening ticket for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026 – worth over £40!

### 1c. Membership Classifications and Fees 2026

TSR membership is categorised as per the below types:

Membership Type	Detail	Cost
Adult (NON-HOYS)	All persons MUST be 18 years and over.	£33
Adult (HOYS)		£55
Child (NON-HOYS)	All persons from 3 years and under the age of 18 years. MUST be registered under the account of an Adult Member.	£12
Child (HOYS)		£22
Horse/Pony (NON-HOYS)	For any horse or pony, any breed (known or unknown), any type, and any age. A horse/pony must be registered under an Adult TSR Member. The Adult TSR Member must be the legal owner as stated in the passport. Horses/ponies MUST be registered in the legal owner's name as stated on the passport or in the case of a lease agreement the lessee shall be deemed the owner. The horse/pony must be registered in the same name as stated on the passport.	£12
Horse/Pony (HOYS)		£22
Discounted Package 1 (HOYS)	1 Adult, 1 Child and 1 Horse/Pony See details applicable above	£75
Discounted Package 2 (HOYS)	2 Adults, 2 Children, up to 2 Horses/Ponies See details applicable above	£145

For clarity:

- (NON-HOYS) this membership allows you to enter the Amateur of the Year Show only.
- (HOYS) this membership allows you to obtain points on the league (if joined prior to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026) and is the associated membership for Horse of the Year Show qualifiers.

Horse/Pony classification notes:

- TSR do not require height certificates to register an animal. However, under HOYS Rules animals in HOYS height restricted qualifiers are required to be in possession of a JMB height certificate please see section 3 of the rulebook for more information and current ruling.

#### **1d. Amateur Points League**

The Amateur Points League is for those exhibits that are eligible under the defined TSR classification, please refer to point 4 of the TSR rulebook 2026.

The Amateur Points League is complimentary for eligible Amateur members of TSR, however TSR does not accept registration onto the Amateur Points League from non-TSR members.

TSR accepts all eligible riders of any age and any type of horse or pony.

The Amateur Points League is valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and is specifically for Horse of the Year Show qualifiers and the Championship. The combination must remain as amateurs under the definition until 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

All combinations must be members of The Showing Register (TSR) by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 in order to be eligible for points in the 2026 season.

Please note that TSR advises that you check the requirements of each specific class and the Horse of the Year Show qualifier.

#### **1e. Refusal/Suspension of Membership/Registration**

TSR reserves the right to refuse/suspend any person's membership and/or any horse/pony registration or other benefits without reason. Should TSR be advised by another organisation/society that a person has been banned/ suspended from membership OR the person has been admonished or subject to an enquiry, TSR reserves the right to withdraw the persons TSR membership with immediate effect.

No member of TSR shall conduct themselves in a manner that is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of TSR, its members, exhibitors, or the showing community. Any such member will be suspended from The Showing Register.

Non-Members that conduct themselves in a manner that is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of TSR, its members, exhibitors or the showing community may be refused membership for The Showing Register.

If TSR is advised at any time by a governing body that a positive dope test carried out at a show has been recorded against an animal, TSR may refuse/suspend any membership/horse/pony registration or impose any or all the following without warning or recourse.

1. The Horse/Pony concerned will be automatically suspended or barred from TSR registration or competing at a TSR event.
2. The owner/producer or the person with whom the animal was stabled and had a duty of care may be suspended or barred from Membership or competing at a TSR event for a period decided at the discretion of TSR.

### **CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE**

#### **2a. Code of Conduct for Members, Judges & Exhibitors**

The attention of Members and other persons is drawn to the code of conduct and disciplinary provisions of TSR whereby TSR has wide powers to discipline members and other persons in the event

of failure to observe any provisions of this rulebook, rules or any other regulations, rules and bylaws made by TSR. The rules are intended to ensure that members compete against each other under the fairest possible conditions, unavoidably circumstances will arise which are not precisely covered. In such instances, wherever possible, the spirit of the rules will be followed to produce the fairest result for members.

- i) No Members, judges, exhibitors, and their families/agents shall conduct themselves in a manner or be guilty of behaviour that is derogatory to the character/perception or prejudicial to the interests of TSR, its members, exhibitors, and the wider showing community whether competing at a TSR led show or event, or shows hosted by other societies or show committees.
- ii) Members, judges, exhibitors, and their families/agents shall conduct themselves in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- iii) Members, judges, exhibitors, and their families/agents shall act in a polite, courteous, and respectful manner at all times. This includes at shows and in all forms of social media/communication. No behaviour of an offensive, abusive, or unpleasant manner to any person at any show or on social media will be tolerated.
- iv) Members, judges, exhibitors, and their families/agents shall not act in a manner that could bring the perception of judging/showing into disrepute.
- v) Judges shall officiate with integrity, honesty, and fairness.
- vi) Members, judges, exhibitors are responsible for the actions of any persons who are employed by them or assisting, supporting, or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf in anyway. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to any judge, steward or to any Show Official will at the discretion of such official disqualify the exhibitor from competing or result in a members, judges, exhibitors membership being withdrawn.
- vii) Members, exhibitors must not knowingly compete any horse/pony that has been bred, sold, leased, produced, broken, ridden or trained by the judge, and/or his/her immediate family or his/her employer or by anyone with whom/she resides since 1st January of the preceding year, stud fees are exempt.
- viii) A rider/handler may not show in a class judged by someone for whom he/she has exhibited in the show ring since 1st January of the preceding year.
- ix) A rider/handler may not show a pony/horse in a class judged by any member of his/her immediate family. Please see definitions page for clarification of Immediate Family
- x) An exhibitor may not show under a judge where he/she or their partner has entered into a financial/commercial undertaking or any other connection (business or otherwise) since 1st January of the preceding year (stud fees are exempt).

## **2b. Welfare of Animals for Members, Judges & Exhibitors**

All Members and exhibitors must as a priority consider the welfare of their horses and ponies at all times. The overall responsibility for the horse/pony lies with the individual who is in charge of the animal. All those responsible for animals have a duty of care to take all reasonable steps in all

circumstances to meet the welfare needs of their animals this is in relation to the need for a suitable environment, diet, protection from pain, suffering, injury or disease.

Any person whose actions are considered to be compromising the welfare of a horse or pony will be offered advice by the designated official. Failure to heed the advice could result in the person/s being asked to withdraw from the show or membership being withdrawn. Abuse to the show officials will not be tolerated and any person who becomes abusive will be disqualified from the show or membership withdrawn.

- i) 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.
- ii) All riders must be suitably mounted for the type/height of horse/pony they ride.
- iii) All Members and exhibitors should take into account an animals physical strength and age
- iv) before entering shows that may require long journeys or sustained intensive schooling.

## **2c. Complaints and Objections**

Should any person or member wish to register an objection or complaint, whether it is against a Member, Judge, Exhibitor, Show Organiser or otherwise, they must write to the TSR office within 5 days of the event taking place.

Any retrospective complaint or concern relating to conduct directly involving a TSR Show, Amateur Definition, or wider conduct, should be supplied in written form with evidence which fully supports any claim made. Screenshots from social media posts are not a creditable form of evidence when supplied solely. Anonymous letters will not be considered. All forms of complaint or objection should be supplied with a deposit of £150 (which will be refundable if the complaint or objection is upheld) Written letters, either in print or email, must be signed and dated and submitted to the TSR Office.

Complaints or Objections will only be accepted from events taking place between 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of the calendar year. Or, from within timeframes applicable to any ruling listed within this rulebook and with direct connection to current ruling. All details should be submitted when registering an objection, including rule number and context of objection or complaint in relation to it.

### **TSR Shows:**

- i) Any objection or complaint must be made in writing and signed (no anonymous complaints will be actioned) and submitted to the Show Secretary within one hour of the incident as per the TSR Show Rules stated in this rulebook.
- ii) The complaint/objection shall be referred and determined by the Complaints Committee. The committee shall be appointed by TSR and shall comprise such persons as TSR shall decide but so that at least three members of the Complaints Committee shall sit on the committee.
- iii) The Complaints Committee shall proceed by written submission only and determine whether there has been any misconduct or a breach of Rules by a method of enquiry at its discretion.
- iv) If in its opinion there has been such a breach it will decide to take no further action or to impose such penalties as it thinks fit including financial penalties and suspension of membership. In any case in which in its opinion any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Rules or has been guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of TSR, the Complaints Committee may:
  - a. Admonish such person and caution him/her as to his/her future conduct

- b. Fine such person
  - c. Direct that such person being a member shall be suspended from all or any of the benefits of membership of TSR for such period as it shall determine
  - d. Direct that any horse or pony belonging to such a person or ridden by such person at the time of the offence shall be disqualified from the class in which it was taking part
  - e. Direct that any horse or pony belonging to such person at the time of the commission of the offence or at any time thereafter during any period of suspension shall (whether or not still belonging to such person) be suspended from being entered or shown or otherwise taking part in TSR Shows and leagues for such period as it may determine and such suspension shall be applied even if the Owner ceases to be a member of TSR or the horse or pony to be a registered horse or pony at any time prior to the termination of the period of such suspension;
  - f. If during the period of such suspension the person subject to the suspended penalty commits a further breach of the rules or is guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the TSR, the Complaints Committee may cancel the suspension of the penalty and impose further penalty it deems appropriate in relation to the subsequent wrong doing.
- v) The decision of the Complaints Committee will be confirmed in writing to any person who has referred the matter to TSR and to whom the decision relates.
  - vi) The Complaints Committee may in its absolute discretion order the person against whom an allegation has been made, or the person making an allegation, to pay all or part of the costs incurred by TSR in investigating and determining whether or not there has been a breach of the Rules.

#### **Appeals:**

Should a person wish to appeal against a decision made by the Complaints Committee in relation to their decision they can do so in writing with a deposit of £250 (which will be refundable if the appeal is upheld). The appeal should be received within 5 days of notification of the decision by the Complaints Committee and received by recorded delivery. The appeal shall be referred and determined by the Appeals Committee. The committee shall be appointed by TSR and shall comprise such persons as TSR shall decide but will be made up of three independent persons. The committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented.

#### **2d. Disclaimer of Liability**

Save from death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers of any Show to which these Rules apply, nor The Showing Register, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage injury or illness to Horses, Owners, Riders, Producers, Trainers, Spectators, Land or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. Members are strongly advised to ensure that they have a minimum of third-party insurance cover.

#### **2e. Dope Testing**



In common with similar organisations, The Showing Register takes a very serious view of doping whether intentional or unintentional, having particular regard to the safety of people and the welfare of horses and/or ponies.

All members/exhibitors/riders/owners should be aware that feeds and preparations contain Prohibited Substances as do many foods. It is the responsibility of the members/exhibitors/riders/owners/producers having custody of a pony, particularly in the 24 hours prior to a show, to ensure that nothing is fed, administered or applied to a pony that contains a prohibited substance. Ignorance is not an adequate defence.

The Showing Register is not authorised to give guidance, however follows the latest Equine Prohibited Substances List “EPSL” and where appropriate the guidance on threshold levels as published by Fédération Equestre Internationale (‘FEI’). More information is available on the FEI website under “Clean Sport for Horses” <https://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses>. All substances on the list, whether indicated as ‘Banned’ or ‘Controlled’, are recognised as prohibited substances by The Showing Register.

- a) Any competing horse or pony and any animal present at the show (whether or not competing) will be liable to Dope Testing in accordance with the Rules and Dope Testing procedure as laid down by any Society or governing body appointed and authorised by The Showing Register.
- b) Should The Showing Register, at any time, be advised by any society or governing body that a positive dope test has been carried out and recorded against an animal, The Showing Register may impose any or all of the following:
  - i) The horse/pony concerned will be automatically suspended or barred from TSR registration or competing at a TSR event.
  - ii) The Owner and/or Producer of such Horse may be suspended from TSR for a period to be decided at the TSR discretion.
  - iii) TSR may impose a fine of up to £3,000 and order the Owner and/or Producer to bear all costs incurred. If an objection shall be determined against the Objector, he shall also be liable to the TSR for costs and expenses occasioned by the objection and the determination thereof, unless in the opinion of TSR who determine the objection there existed good and reasonable grounds for the objection, when they may order to the contrary.
- c) At a TSR Show an official appointed by TSR shall determine which pony/horse(s) should be tested. A refusal to submit a horse/pony for dope testing shall constitute a breach of this Rule.
- d) Any exhibitors/riders/owners/producers or pony or horse that is suspended for any period of time as a result of any disciplinary action taken by any other society or governing body including but not limited to; the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain, Coloured Horse and Pony Society, British Show Pony Society, National Pony Society may not be able to compete in at any TSR show during the period of any such suspension unless TSR, in its absolute discretion, decides otherwise after making such investigations as it deems appropriate.

## **2f. Social Media and Internet Policy**

Social Media means all forms of social media that exist now or may exist in the future, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, LinkedIn, home webpages, chat rooms and all other social networking websites, blogs, chat rooms and all other forms of electronic communication.

TSR acknowledges the importance of the internet and social media, and the role which "social media" plays in the day to day lives of members and exhibitors

This policy forms part of the TSR Terms and Conditions. Anyone attending a TSR Event or anyone who is a TSR Member, is deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof:

- i) in the case of exhibitors, riders, owners, producers and anyone supporting the foresaid, by submission of an entry to a TSR Event.
- ii) in the case of TSR Members and TSR Premier Amateur League combinations through their purchase of membership or registration.
- iii) in the case of officers, staff, volunteers by the performance of their duties under their terms of engagement.
- iv) in the case of affiliated show organisers and sponsors, by their participation with TSR.
- v) in the case of judges and stewards by the acceptance of their respective roles.

This social media and internet policy relates to all the above-mentioned persons and is intended to remind them that the Rules of TSR apply to them when using social media and the internet in such as it relates to or affects TSR, TSR members, TSR registrations or businesses within the TSR group of companies.

Failure to adhere to this policy could lead to immediate withdrawal of membership, registration, refusal of entries and disciplinary action being taken. Civil or criminal proceedings could also be brought against those in breach of this policy where applicable

### **Using social media**

1. You should be aware that the publication of information and comments on social media carries the same obligations as any other kind of publication and should follow the same ethical and legal standards.
2. You should be aware that TSR may from time to time carry out internet searches to identify postings which include references to TSR and its members/exhibitors.
3. TSR logos, images, brand names, slogans and/or trademarks are the subject of copyright and should not be copied or used in social media save as provided in the TSR website user terms and conditions.
4. You should ensure that any material that 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 TSR.
5. You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of TSR, its members or former members, or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of TSR.
6. You must not post or transmit any material relating to TSR, its 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 TSR that is:
  - a) threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory,

- blasphemous, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or
- b) constituting or encouraging conduct that would be in breach of the TSR 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.
7. All TSR members/entrants/judges/registrations consent to the processing of their personal data by TSR in connection with any Social Media site or content relating to TSR. For full privacy policy details please [www.theshowingregister.co.uk](http://www.theshowingregister.co.uk)
8. TSR may require TSR members/entrants/judges/registrations to remove postings, comments or any other submissions made using social media that are deemed to be in breach of this Policy. Failure to comply with such a request may in itself result in disciplinary action.
9. TSR will not accept any form of criticism or complaint posted on any social media before it has been through the proper channels.

Any breach of this policy may constitute a breach of TSR Rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against you.

TSR reserves the right to monitor, intercept and review without further notice, Social Media postings and activities that include reference to it or any persons involved at a TSR event or member, to ensure that its rules and this policy are being complied with and for legitimate purposes. All persons consent to such monitoring by their agreeing to abide by all the rules, codes and policies in the TSR Rulebook.

TSR accepts no liability for legal breaches by TSR members/registrations on Social Media. Content published by those associated with TSR are fully accountable for their own actions. All TSR members/entrants/judges/registrations hereby indemnify TSR in respect of any loss, liability, costs (including reasonable legal costs), damages or expenses it may suffer as a result of any breach of the terms of this Policy.

## **2g. Disclosure Under Law Regulation**

You should be aware that TSR will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting or directing TSR 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, TSR is entitled to do so.

## **2h. Policy Statement on Child Protection**

Child Protection is defined in the Children's Act 1989 and legislation is in place to protect children from significant harm, abuse (physical/sexual/emotional) neglect and exploitation. TSR takes its responsibilities seriously and is committed to providing a safe and protected environment for children when competing at TSR's own shows. It takes all reasonable practical steps to protect children from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and respect their rights, wishes and feelings. In pursuit of this TSR requires all its judges and officials to voluntarily disclose whether they have any convictions, cautions or outstanding matters that would prohibit or make them unsuitable to be in the close proximity of children or vulnerable adults.

Expected standards of behaviour and practice are demanded through compliance with TSR Codes of Conduct and General Guidelines for Judges, Stewards, Officials, Volunteers and Competitors. In all circumstances parents remain accountable and responsible for the safety of their children and their

own actions and behaviour towards their own and other people's children whilst competing in TSR competitions. It is everyone's responsibility to report and take action, if they believe any child is being subject to abuse. In such circumstances, TSR will report these matters to the Police and relevant child protection agencies immediately upon receipt of the information.

Information of this nature will not and cannot be kept confidential.

## **2i. Data Protection**

Your privacy and the protection of your personal information is very important to you and us. We make sure that not only do we have appropriate security measures in place, but that any other organisation that we work with provide a service that also meets the same standard as us.

The Showing Register is a data controller, we collect different types of information about our users for five main reasons:

1. To enable individuals to register as members of The Showing Register, and send them the information they require in relation to this
2. To enable individuals to attend or compete at our events or register and enter for our events or qualifier events, and send them the information they require to attend
3. To help us to monitor and improve the services that we offer
4. To allow you to go ahead with your use of a particular part of the Site
5. To keep our customers up to date about the products and services that they have registered for and/or purchased
6. In order to fulfil contracted services
7. For the purposes of obtaining material from us, uploading material onto the Site, and to advertise if we have the appropriate permission from the user to market products and services to them.

To view our full Privacy Policy please visit the website [www.theshowingregister.co.uk](http://www.theshowingregister.co.uk)

## **3. HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW (HOYS)**

Please see the HOYS Rules at [www.hoys.co.uk](http://www.hoys.co.uk) for full details about Horse of the Year Show and eligibility.

### **3a. TSR Members**

Under HOYS Rules TSR Members are eligible to compete in the following classes:

- Plaited Ponies: Children's Riding Pony (CRP), Show Hunter Pony (SHP), Lead Rein Pony of Hunter Type (LRHT), Mini Show Pony - Lead Rein Pony & First Ridden Pony (LRFR), Intermediate Show Horse of the Year - Working Hunter Pony (WHP), Ridden Part Bred Pony (PB)
- M&M: M&M Open Ridden, M&M Lead Rein (Welsh and Non-Welsh) & First Ridden, M&M Junior, M&M WHP
- Coloured Horse & Pony
- Hunters: Working Hunter Horse, Small Hunter, Hunter Weights
- Horses: Ladies Side Saddle

### **3b. Height Certificates**

Under HOYS rules for height restricted classes all animals competing in pony classes will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate within 28 days of the notification of qualification from HOYS or by the closing date of HOYS entries, whichever is sooner.

Except Mountain and Moorland Ridden, Mountain and Moorland WHP and Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein and First Ridden ponies who may be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate (according to their breed type) for the HOYS final and must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant breed Societies.

Mountain & Moorland Ponies - Under HOYS Rules Mountain & Moorland Native Breeds must be registered in, and comply with the showing requirements of, the main body of their respective stud books.

### **3c. Coloured Horse & Pony Qualifiers**

Under HOYS Rules TSR Members are eligible to compete in HOYS Coloured Horse & Pony qualifiers. To compete in HOYS qualifiers the horse or pony MUST be registered in the stud books of either TGCA or CHAPS (UK). You do not have to be a member of TGCA or CHAPS (UK) to register a horse/pony in their stud books, you can do this as a non-member.

Solid Colours, appaloosa or spotted animals with belly markings are not eligible for HOYS qualifiers.

Height Certificates - For height restricted classes they will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate within 28 days of the notification of qualification from HOYS or by the closing date of HOYS entries, whichever is sooner.

Coloured Stallions - Coloured Stallions MUST be graded with CHAPS (UK) to be eligible to compete in HOYS qualifiers.

### **3d. Amateur Ridden HOYS Qualification (TSR Amateur Summer Show)**

The Amateur Ridden HOYS Qualification classes taking place at the TSR Amateur Summer Show is open to combinations eligible as defined by the amateur definition of TSR (section 4b).

Combinations entered in Horse of the Year Show qualifiers for the following sections/classes will be eligible to gain qualification:

- Lightweight Show Hunter of the Year
- Middleweight Show Hunter of the Year
- Heavyweight Show Hunter of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden New Forest
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Connemara
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Fell
- Mountain & Moorland Dales
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Highland
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Dartmoor
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Exmoor/Shetland
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh A
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh B
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh C
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh D
- Mountain & Moorland First Ridden Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein Pony of the Year
- Ladies Side Saddle Horse of the Year

- Small Hack of the Year
- Large Hack of the Year
- Junior Mountain & Moorland 122cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland 122cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland 133cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland Exc. 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Working Hunter of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Junior Non-Native and Native/Cob/Traditional Pony of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Non-Native Pony of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Non-Native Horse of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Pony of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Horse of the Year
- Ridden Purebred Arab of the Year
- 128cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
- 138cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
- 148cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
- Lightweight Cob of the Year
- Heavyweight Cob of the Year
- Intermediate Show Hunter of the Year
- Intermediate Show Horse of the Year
- Small Show Hunter of the Year
- 123cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
- 133cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
- 143cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
- 153cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
- Lead Rein Pony of Hunter Type of the Year
- Small Riding Horse of the Year
- Large Riding Horse of the Year
- 133cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- 153cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Intermediate Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- First Ridden Pony of the Year
- Lead Rein Pony of the Year
- Maxi Cob of the Year
- Ridden Partbred Pony of the Year
- Small Breeds Junior Mountain & Moorland Pony of the Year
- Large Breeds Junior Mountain & Moorland Pony of the Year
- British Ridden Heavy Horse

**Details:**

- The combination must all satisfy the TSR definition of an amateur to be eligible to enter and compete at the TSR Amateur Show and the Amateur HOYS Ridden Qualification. The rider, owner and animal must meet the TSR definition of an amateur for the full duration of the season.

- Only combinations that have not already qualified for Horse of the Year Show in the current year in the respective class, will be eligible for the Amateur HOYS Ridden Qualification at the TSR Amateur Summer Show.
- If the horse/pony has already qualified then they may take part in other qualifying classes or sections with a rider and owner who meets the TSR amateur definition.
- Combinations cannot take more than two qualifications in two separate classes with the same animal at the TSR Amateur Summer Show.
- One animal may qualify for two classes with two different riders.
- All qualifications will be awarded in accordance with the current Horse of the Year Show rule book. Qualification will only be awarded upon verification by Grandstand Media.

Further information only for terms and conditions:

- Each Amateur HOYS Ridden Qualification winner will be able to enter HOYS in the same manner as any other competitor, and with the same entitlements.
- Each Amateur HOYS Ridden Qualification winner will only be entitled to enter the class in which they gained the Qualification, and they must be eligible in accordance with the Horse of the Year Show rulebook for the current year.
- In the event that the horse/pony is sold prior to Horse of the Year Show, the qualification at Horse of the Year Show may be withdrawn or passed down, at the discretion of the organisers of Horse of the Year Show. In this circumstance we advise that guidance is sought from TSR about eligibility as this will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.
- The Amateur HOYS Ridden Qualification is not transferrable and there is no cash alternative.
- The Amateur HOYS Ridden Qualification is awarded in accordance with the Horse of the Year Show rulebook in the current year.

### **3e. AMATEUR POINTS LEAGUE**

The Amateur Points League Award is open to eligible Amateurs as defined by the amateur definition of TSR (section 4b) of the Rulebook

Registration is complimentary for Amateur members of The Showing Register (HOYS level membership required). Non-TSR members are not applicable for this Points League.

Exhibits entered in the designated Horse of the Year Show 2026 qualifiers that have been allocated the TSR Amateur points scheme for the following sections/classes only will be eligible to gain points for the Premier Amateur Points League:

- Lightweight Show Hunter of the Year
- Middleweight Show Hunter of the Year
- Heavyweight Show Hunter of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden New Forest
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Connemara
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Fell
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Dales
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Highland
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Dartmoor
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Exmoor/Shetland
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh A

- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh B
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh C
- Mountain & Moorland Ridden Welsh D
- Mountain & Moorland First Ridden Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein Pony of the Year
- Ladies Side Saddle Horse of the Year
- Small Hack of the Year
- Large Hack of the Year
- Junior Mountain & Moorland 122cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland 122cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland 133cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Mountain & Moorland Exc. 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Intermediate Show Hunter of the Year
- Intermediate Show Horse of the Year
- Working Hunter of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Non-Native Pony of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Non-Native Horse of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Pony of the Year
- Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Horse of the Year
- Junior Coloured Ridden Native/Cob/Traditional Pony and Non-Native Pony of the Year
- Ridden Purebred Arab of the Year
- 128cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
- 138cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
- 148cm Children's Riding Pony of the Year
- Lightweight Cob of the Year
- Heavyweight Cob of the Year
- Small Show Hunter of the Year
- 123cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
- 133cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
- 143cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
- 153cm Show Hunter Pony of the Year
- Lead Rein Pony of Hunter Type of the Year
- Small Riding Horse of the Year
- Large Riding Horse of the Year
- 133cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- 153cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- Intermediate Working Hunter Pony of the Year
- First Ridden Pony of the Year
- Lead Rein Pony of the Year
- Maxi Cob of the Year
- Ridden Partbred Pony of the Year
- Small Breeds Junior Mountain & Moorland Pony of the Year
- Large Breeds Junior Mountain & Moorland Pony of the Year
- British Ridden Heavy Horse of the Year



### Scoring:

Eligible Amateurs placed in the top six at the designated Point Scoring Qualifier Shows. Points will not go below 6<sup>th</sup> place.

#### Placing Points

1st	10
2nd	8
3rd	6
4th	4
5th	2
6th	1

Points are not applicable at the TSR Summer Amateur Show as this show is dedicated to Amateurs and a qualification place for Horse of the Year Show is guaranteed via this route.

A minimum of 10 points in total must be obtained from the top five placings by the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2026 in order for the animal to be eligible to qualify for Horse of the Year Show through the Amateur Points League Scheme. The minimum 10 points are required for each classification the animal is eligible for and points will not be totalled across different sections or classes

Each winner of the TSR Amateur Points League will receive a prize as specified in the year they are awarded and are not transferable. There is no cash alternative to these prizes.

### **3e. Premier Amateur HOYS Ridden Award**

The top five results for each amateur exhibits from the designated point scoring shows will be totalled to give an amount for the season.

The eligible amateur exhibit with the greatest number of points from the top five placings, which has not already qualified for HOYS, will be deemed the winner of the Premier Amateur HOYS Ridden Award for the class and will gain qualification for Horse of the Year Show 2026 in the relevant class.

This may not be the winner of the Premier Amateur Points League as it is based only on the top five placings.

### Details:

- The exhibits must **all** (owner, rider, horse/pony) satisfy the definition of an amateur to be eligible for the Premier Amateur Points League and the associated HOYS Ridden Award to therefore earn points. Points will be awarded to the horse/pony.
- All exhibits must be members of TSR. For clarity, points are awarded to the pony. A pony can compete with two riders in the same or different sections; points are allocated to that pony
- All exhibits must be members of The Showing Register (TSR) by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 in order to be eligible for points in the 2026 season. These must be purchased from the HOYS/TSR memberships on the website. The parties must remain as amateurs under the definition until 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026.
- Only combinations that have not already qualified for Horse of the Year Show in the current year in any HOYS class will be eligible for the Premier Amateur HOYS Ridden Award.
- If the horse/pony has already qualified in the same class, then the direct qualifier would take precedence.

- If the horse/pony has already qualified with another rider that does not meet the TSR definition of an amateur, then the Premier Amateur HOYS Ridden Award would be passed down to the next eligible exhibit.
- In the event of a tie-on points and placings for the Premier Amateur HOYS Ridden Award then points beyond the top five shows will be considered, if this does not determine an outright winner a draw to decide which horse/pony is the winner of the Award will take place. Please note this is for the HOYS allocated place via the Award, see below for information if there is a tie for the winner of the Premier Amateur Points League.
- Each Premier Amateur HOYS Ridden Award winner will be able to enter HOYS in the same manner as any other competitor, and with the same entitlements.
- Each Premier Amateur HOYS Ridden Award winner will only be entitled to enter the class in which they gained the place, and they must be eligible in accordance with the Horse of the Year Show rulebook for the current year.
- In the event that the horse/pony is sold prior to Horse of the Year Show, the awarded qualifier for the 2026 Horse of the Year Show will be passed down to the next eligible combination
- Previous owners must inform TSR prior to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2026 of any horses/ponies that have been sold.
- If the same combination wins more than one section, then the qualifier will be given to the section that has obtained the most points, and the other qualifier will be passed down accordingly in the relevant section.

Further information only for terms and conditions:

- Each of the eligible sections/classes will have their own league table. Points for each horse/pony will be added together to give a total amount for the season. The horse/pony combination with the greatest number of points will be deemed the winner of that class/sections most consistent Premier Amateur exhibit. Only one award will be given per eligible class/section in any one year. In the event of equal points, the winner of the Premier Amateur Points League will be determined by the greatest number of higher placings.
- In the event of there being less than six placings in a class, points will not be given to other combinations competing in the class, combinations who have withdrawn from the class or combinations who have been eliminated.
- Points cannot be refused and/or moved down the line.
- The Amateur HOYS Ridden Award is not transferrable and there is no cash alternative.
- The Amateur HOYS Ridden Awards are awarded at the discretion of Grandstand Media Ltd.
- For Horse of the Year Show qualifying places that are decided as a result of a Championship, all exhibits eligible for that Championship will be awarded points as follows – please note that the exhibits must be the same throughout the class and the Championship:

Placing Points:

Champion	10
Reserve Champion	8

Championship animals not placed Champion or Reserve Champion will receive an equal share of remaining points applicable to the number of horses eligible in the championship. For example, in the Working Hunter qualifier where there is a Lightweight and Heavyweight section followed by a Championship where four animals are eligible for the Championship; the Champion will be awarded 10 points, the Reserve Champion 8 points and the other two animals will both be awarded equal share of the applicable 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed points (6 and 4), therefore both exhibits will receive 5 points.

In the event of allocating points via the Championship, points will not be given to other exhibits competing in the class, exhibits who have withdrawn from the class or exhibits who have been eliminated.

## 4.TSR DEFINITIONS & CLASSIFICATIONS

### 4a. General TSR Definitions

Member	A member is a person who has purchased a TSR Membership which entitles the person to receive TSR benefits for the term as stated on the website. TSR Membership does not confer holding any shares in The Showing Register or Grandstand Event Management Limited or voting rights.
Owner	The legal owner of the horse/pony is the name of the person in the passport or in the case of a lease agreement the lessee shall be deemed the owner. The person named on the passport and the lessee remain responsible for all past and present connections.
Producer	A person who keeps horses/ponies, including training, livery, schooling, rides or handles equines for the show ring for more than one exhibitor/owner paid or unpaid.
Exhibitor	A person who has entered a TSR Event or Show

#### Immediate Family

The following are defined as immediate family:

Grandparents	Step Grandparents
Parents/Parents Partners	Brothers and Sisters
Husband/Wife and Partners	Legal Guardians
Brothers and Sisters	Father/Mother In Laws
Sons and Daughters	Sister/Brother In Laws
Step Parents	Nieces and Nephews

### 4b. TSR Amateur Definitions

Amateur/Home Produced	Applicable to TSR Talent Spotting, TSR Summer Amateur Show, Amateur HOYS Ridden Award Qualification and Amateur Points League the following are defined as amateur/home-produced:
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You are eligible for TSR Amateur Shows including Amateur Hoys Summer Show unless you are a Professional.

You are a Professional in relation to Showing if you derive ANY income (main or part time) from working with horses/ponies in connection with Showing OR if you fall into one of the following Professional definitions as detailed below:

Professional Producer	A person who keeps horses/ponies including training, livery, schooling, rides or handles equines for the show ring other than their own, paid or unpaid since 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024.
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Professional Rider                      A person of any age who rides horses/ponies in the show ring for more than one owner paid or unpaid since 1st January 2024.

***For Clarification,***

that of one other owner in the show ring ensuring that all parties are Amateurs.

Professional Handler                      A person of any age who handles horses/ponies in the show ring for more than one owner paid or unpaid since 1st January 2024.

***For Clarification,***

As an Amateur, a person of any age may handle their own animal(s) and that of one other owner in the show ring ensuring that all parties are Amateurs.

Professional Breeder                      A person who breeds from 5 or more broodmares and stands more than 1 stallion at Stud on a commercial basis in relation to showing since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Professional Show Groom                      A person who receives any remuneration for employment in connection with Showing since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Professional Owner                      A person who exhibits any horse/pony in their name which is professionally produced for the show ring in the current year (2026). All other horses/ponies in their name/care or those of an immediate family members even if they are kept at home will **NOT** be eligible for Amateur classes in that year.

Professional Trainer/Instructor                      A person who teaches and/or trains in the **Showing** discipline paid or unpaid.

***For Clarification:***

Instruction or training carried out with riders on their own horses or ponies who seek professional tuition, but who do not compete in Showing is accepted.

A person who owns or runs a Riding School which also hires out its facilities for Showing purposes (excluding Clinics) is considered a Professional.

All children/juniors not to have attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year (2026) will fall under their parents/guardian's status.

Immediate Family as defined in 4a, Partners and Spouses of a Professional will be considered Professionals if they are engaged or involved with the Professionals business in any capacity.

For the avoidance of doubt, you are eligible for the TSR Amateur classes if you:

1. Keep your horse/pony on livery on a non-showing yard
2. Work in racing, riding school, non-showing yard or other non-showing discipline
3. Are a brand ambassador up to a limit of benefits worth £200 in one calendar year
4. Receive remuneration for ancillary services for example as a farrier, vet, physio
5. Have lessons/training either one to one or at clinics
6. Loan/lease a horse/pony as long as there is a formal agreement, and it is shown and/or exhibited in your name
7. Send a horse/pony to be broken to be ridden during the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 with a professional as defined above. This horse/pony is not eligible to compete in the TSR Amateur HOYS Ridden Qualification classes in the current year but this does not affect any other animals already in the ownership, lease or loan in the current season by those who meet the amateur definition.
8. Sell a horse/pony through a professional between November 2025 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 which is sold and does not return to or remain in your ownership whether that be part or full, or through a lease or loan agreement.
9. **Horses attending clinics in preparation for a Ride Judge may be ridden by a professional rider during 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026.**

#### Horse/Pony Eligibility

A horse or pony is **NOT** eligible for TSR Amateur classes, including Amateur Hoys Qualifiers if it is:

1. Stabled, schooled or competed with/by a Professional as defined above in the current year (2026).
2. Ridden/lead by a Professional in the current year
3. Shown in the name/owned or sponsored by a company or commercial firm
4. **Attended by a professional as defined above at a show, by means of warming up, exercising, familiarising or attending in the show ring.**
5. If the owner and/or rider and/or handler has another horse/pony stabled with a Professional as defined above in the current year
6. If either the owner, rider or handler is a professional
7. Shown by a person for which that person's immediate family is a Professional
8. Animals which have been produced in the current season that have been purchased, leased or loaned from a professional are not eligible to compete under the amateur definition in the current year. This does not affect any other animals already in the ownership, lease or loan in the current season by those who meet the amateur definition.

9. Broken to be ridden by a professional and during this period are competed in showing classes of any kind.
10. Placed on Sales Livery with a professional at any time in the calendar year, which returns to the owner or rider having not been sold, will not be eligible under the amateur definition in the current year. This does not affect any other animals in your ownership, lease or loan.
11. A horse/pony purchased or leased in the current year (2026) that has been professionally produced during or prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 is not eligible until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027. This does not affect any other animal/s already in the ownership, lease or loan during the current season (2026) that meet the Amateur definitions.
12. Ridden and competed by a Professional in any showing class after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

**TSR takes very seriously the spirit of these amateur conditions any member found to be contravening them may be subject to exclusion from the society with immediate effect. If you are in any doubt about your status please ask the office for guidance, the decision of The Showing Register on eligibility will be final.**

#### **Amateur Status for Horse of the Year Show 2026**

**Any member or competitor wishing to compete under the TSR amateur definition in relation to any qualification gained for Horse of the Year Show ridden classes, must ensure they maintain their amateur status from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, up to and including the last day of Horse of the Year Show Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026.**

**TSR reserve the right to refuse entry to Horse of the Year Show should it become aware through eligibility checks or concerns that this ruling has not been adhered to. This applies to owner, rider and animal. If you have any queries relating to the TSR Amateur Definition, please contact the office directly.**

## **5. TSR GENERAL RULES OF SHOWING**

Below are the general Rules and Regulations of TSR. All Members, Exhibitors and any persons at TSR events or affiliated shows shall be considered as having read this rulebook and the following regulations.

1. All ridden animals must be four years old and over. The age of an animal shall be calculated from the 1st of January in the year of its birth.
2. An animal must be shown in the registered owner's name as stated on its National Identity Document. In the case of a lease agreement the lessee shall be deemed the owner. However, the owner and the lessee remain responsible for all past and present connections.
3. All lease or loan agreements must be submitted to the office, if requested, at point of membership acceptance or during the period of membership. This must detail a written and signed agreement to which the owner and lease or loaner are clearly outlined including details to what name the animal is to be shown under. Any animal which is exhibited at Horse of the Year Show must be that of the name under the exhibitor given at which point it qualified.

4. Mountain and Moorland ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society Stud Books to compete in the Mountain and Moorland classes. Unless the schedule states that unregistered ponies can enter.
5. All ponies exhibited in Mountain and Moorland classes are to be trimmed only within their Breed Society specification. Manes must not be plaited, and tails not braided. No false hair or hair dyeing are allowed.
6. The identification of the animal must always be in accordance with their National Identity Document.
7. Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them National Identity Document for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling.
8. Mares with a living foal born during the current season may not be shown in any ridden classes.
9. Stallions should always wear a Stallion disc when at an event. This applies to all Stallions regardless of if they hold a license/grading or not. TSR advises stallion owners that unless the stallion is of suitable merit and is to be used as a stallion they should be gelded.

#### **5a. General Class Conduct**

1. No animal or rider may leave the ring without permission of the judge or ring steward.
2. No rider may ride more than one animal in a class except for the jumping phase of the Working Hunter classes.
3. Once a class has commenced there shall be no change of rider, except in a championship when a rider finds they have more than one exhibit eligible to compete. The substitute rider must be eligible for the class and the ring steward informed of the change of rider.
4. A fall of animal or rider whilst mounted in any class will result in disqualification and they MUST leave the ring dismounted. If an animal gets loose from its handler whilst in the ring it is at the judge's discretion to decide if the animal's behaviour should result in disqualification. Animals that get loose resulting in disruption to the class will be disqualified.
5. Animals displaying continued disobedience may at the discretion of the judges be disqualified.
6. In all classes the rider must complete all phases unless they have a dispensation card from a relevant society or prior permission from the organisers. Riders must be mounted for the presentation of rosettes.
7. On health and safety grounds all competitors must be in good general health and physically fit to take part. It is advised that any competitors found to be under the influence of excess alcohol or drugs will be immediately disqualified.
8. All riders must be suitably mounted for the type/height of horse/pony they ride.

#### **Age**

- Riders and handlers of stallions must have obtained their 12th Birthday (small breeds) or 14th birthday (large breeds) before 1st January in the current year, with the exception of the British Ridden Heavy Horses where riders of stallions must have obtained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- Riders in all pony classes must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of competition, unless otherwise stated in class specific wording.
- Riders must be 15 years of age or older in the Working Hunter, Show Hunter, Small Show Hunter, Ladies Side Saddle, Hack, Cob, Maxi Cob, and Riding Horse Classes.
- Handlers of Lead Rein animals must have obtained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

## 5b. Dress & Hats

### Riding Hats

- Correctly secured British Standard Skull Caps/Riding Hats that meet current approved BSI or European Safety Standards MUST be worn by riders 18 years and under, riders competing in Veteran, Intermediate, Mountain and Moorland classes and riders in the jumping phase of the Working Hunter Horse/Pony.
- Correctly secured British Standard Skull Caps/Riding Hats that meet current approved BSI or European Safety Standards MUST be worn by all handlers 16 years and under.
- Competitors are reminded that hats should have a plain cover and should be as per the guidelines set out in the specific class and/or society ruling; black, navy, blue, brown, grey or green as appropriate.
- A rider whose hat **falls** off will be disqualified.
- A rider, whose strap comes undone whilst competing must on penalty of disqualification, replace it or fasten it before continuing. The rider may stop without penalty to refasten the strap.

### Dress

- All riders when competing must be suitably attired for the Class or Championship as per the guidelines set out in the specific class and/or society rulings. Please note gaiters may be worn however chaps are not permitted in any Class or Championship.
- Body protectors are recommended whilst competing in all Working Hunter, M&M Working Hunter Pony and Working Hunter Pony classes, including in the practice ring.
- It is prohibited for Competitors and Grooms to have advertising or team branding on any item of clothing or hat when competing in the ring, manufacturers names/labels common to the product are excluded.

## 5c. Tack/Equipment

1. Under no circumstances may tack be changed during the judging of a class.
2. If competing in a championship the same tack used in the class must be worn. Whips are not considered tack.
3. Show canes are not to exceed 75cm (30") in pony classes. Hunting crops are permissible.
4. Mobile telephones, earpieces and communication devices MUST not be used in the ring.
5. Bitless bridles and running gags are not permitted unless otherwise stated in the class specific rules or the show organiser has given permission.
6. No bandages or protective pads on any animal's legs or feet are permissible in any class.
7. Competitors must only use tack or spurs that are allowed in the ring whilst on the showground and mounted.

### Lead Rein/First Ridden Classes

- In Lead Rein classes riders will not be asked to dismount, the ponies will not be stripped; however they will still be assessed for conformation. First Ridden ponies can be stripped at the discretion of the judge unless on health and safety grounds it is unsafe to do so. This will be agreed at the discretion of the organiser and judge.



- In Lead Rein and First Ridden classes, Reins must be of a normal length and not knotted or stitched together in a short loop. In Lead Rein classes the reins must not be attached to the saddle and must run directly from the bit to the child's hands with no interruption.
- In Lead Rein classes handles on saddles are permitted.
- All Lead Rein and First Ridden ponies must be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle only with the exception of Mountain and Moorland First Ridden when they may use any suitable bridle.

#### Junior Classes & Stallions

- Junior Riders and handlers of Stallions not exc. 138cm – Riders/handlers must be 12 years old & over on 1st January in the current year to ride/handle any Stallions not exceeding 138cms or Small Breed Mountain & Moorland Stallions inc Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Sec A & B.
- Junior Riders and handlers of Stallions exc. 138cms – Riders/handlers must be 14 years & over on 1st January in the current year to ride/handle any Stallions exc 138cms or Large Breed M&M Stallions inc Welsh Sec C & D, Connemara, New Forest, Highland, Fells & Dales.
- Junior Riders and handlers of Stallions Heavy Horses - Riders must be 16 years & over on 1st January in the current year to ride/handle any Heavy Horse Breed Stallions.

#### Working Hunter Pony (WHP) / Working Hunter (WH)/ M&M Working Hunter Pony (M&M WHP) Classes

- In WH, WHP, M&M WHP classes the use of any nosebands and martingales are permitted.
- In all WH, WHP, M&M WHP classes, boots of a plain colour only may be used for the jumping phase of Working Hunter Pony classes on the ponies/horses front legs. NO Hind Boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm up area or in the actual class.

#### **5d. Shoeing**

- Only normal shaped shoes that do not cover the frog are permissible. Normal shaped open heeled plastic stick-on shoes are permissible. No Bar Shoes, pads or gel pads are allowed.

#### **5e. Judging of Classes**

1. In all cases the judge's decision is final.
2. Ridden animals must NOT be escorted beyond the entrance to the ring.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Exhibits will not be allowed into the ring after the ponies/horses have been asked to trot, unless permission has been granted by the judge/steward.
6. A class is deemed to be over when the judge has given permission for the class to leave the ring.
7. If classes are judged using marks these must be recorded in ink; judges must not alter marks unless in extreme circumstances, if the marks are altered the Judge MUST sign the mark sheet and initial the alterations.
8. Judges have the right to alter placings if an animal misbehaves after the marks have been awarded.

9. If a mistake in the marks is discovered, even after dismissing a class, it **MUST** be corrected and any qualification/result amended.
10. In the event of a ride judge falling from an exhibit, they must not remount that exhibit in that 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 an exhibit 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 may be found, or competitors will be asked to do an individual show. The organisers retain the right to over-ride a decision should they think the judge is un-fit to continue.

## **5f. Measurement**

1. In height restricted classes the Rules on the measurement of animals are in accordance with the Joint Measurement Board (J.M.B.) Rule Book, copies may be obtained from the J.M.B. unless otherwise stated in the class specific rules
2. TSR do not require height certificates to register an animal. However if animals will be competed in HOYS qualifying height restricted classes they are required to be in possession of a JMB height certificate in line with current ruling.  
All animals in ridden height restricted **Horse** classes will be required to be in possession of a JMB height certificate in accordance with regulations stated in the class specific rules. A valid JMB number must be submitted at time of registration to the relevant society.  
All Animals in ridden height restricted **Pony** Classes will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate within 28 days of the notification of qualification from HOYS or by the closing date of HOYS entries, whichever is sooner.
3. M&M Animals competing in HOYS Mountain and Moorland Ridden, Mountain and Moorland WHP and Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein and First Ridden classes may be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate for the HOYS final, please see HOYS rule book for requirements of specific breeds.

## **5g. TSR Show**

The Rules stated in the TSR Rulebook plus the following show rules apply to any person attending the TSR Summer Shows and any further shows that TSR organise.

By submitting an entry a person consents that they have carefully read the Rules and Regulations contained within the rule book of TSR and Horse of the Year Show (as applicable) and that they make these entries in accordance with them. They agree in all respects to comply with and be bound by these Rules and Regulations. They understand that the organisers of TSR or the Horse of the Year Show have no liability to them for any accident, injury, damage, illness, disease, or other loss occurring to their property and/or animals and shall only have liability to them for personal injury or death to the extent caused by or contributed to by their negligence. They understand that they shall be responsible to TSR or the Horse of the Year Show, their principals and Grandstand Event Management and/or Grandstand Media Ltd for losses suffered by the aforesaid to the extent that it arises from or is contributed to in any way by any act, neglect or omission by them or by any person for whom or of any animal for which they are responsible. They confirm they have in place adequate, sufficient third-party insurance cover for the participation at a TSR show or Horse of the Year Show. They agree to their details being shared with Grandstand Media Limited and used in conjunction with any Horse Year Show Qualifier or the final. They are aware that they must comply with any additional rules or regulations as enforced by the show.

1. TSR Reserves the right to refuse any persons entry without reason.
2. **ENTRY FEES are NOT refundable.** All requests for cancellation must be applied for in writing. No requests will be accepted in the 48hrs before the Show.
3. Substitution or nomination entries are NOT permitted.
4. The person who pays for the entry is then deemed as the owner of that entry. Changes of ownership must be submitted in writing by the seller to the TSR office before any change to said entry is made.
5. All entries must be accompanied by full payment.
6. TSR reserves the right to cancel, divide or amalgamate or otherwise change any class or to limit entries in any class or section from any entrant.
7. The Judge's Decision is Final.
8. All times are approximate please check the updated timetable on the website before the show.
9. All Exhibitors at TSR shows are bound by the Rules as detailed in the TSR rulebook. TSR reserves the right to amend these rules when required. Exhibitors shall be deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof by submission of an entry to TSR.
10. 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 TSR and (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.
11. Failure to observe any of the rules may result in disqualification of the animal concerned and the instigation of disciplinary proceedings by TSR, against the person breaking the rules in accordance with the disciplinary procedure of TSR. In the event of disqualification any cup, rosette, prizes in kind or prize money will be forfeited.
12. The decision of TSR (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 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.
13. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to any Judge, Steward or to any Show Official on the part of the competitor groom, rider, driver or agent of an animal, will, at the discretion of such Official disqualify that animal from being judged, in which case entry fees, prizes and charges will be forfeited. Competitors are reminded of their responsibility for the actions of others within their party.
14. All exhibitors are asked to be aware of animals on the Showground and ensure that all exhibits are fit and well. If any exhibitor has reason to believe that an animal is unfit, please report this to the Show Office.
15. The organisers of this show have taken all 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 they must obey the instructions of the Organisers and Officials and Stewards. TSR do not hold themselves responsible for any loss or damage to persons, animals or property, prior to, during and after the events in this schedule/programme.
  - a. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to insure all property and livestock on the Showground or elsewhere which is his own, or for which he is responsible.
  - b. TSR requires exhibitors to have Employers Liability insurance where this is required by statute.

- c. TSR also requires all persons to have Public Liability and Products Liability insurance with a minimum indemnity of £1,000,000 to protect their liability.

Equine Influenza Vaccination Requirements		
Vaccination	Animals starting their primary vaccinations prior to 1st January 2024	Animals starting their primary vaccinations as of 1st January 2024
Primary Course	V1 (initial vaccination): Day 0 V2 (second vaccination): Day 21-92	V1 (initial vaccination): Day 0 V2 (second vaccination): Day 21-60
First Booster	V3 (first booster): Day 150 - 215	V3 (first booster): Within 6 months and 21 days of V2
Subsequent Boosters	Within 12 months of previous booster vaccination.	Within 12 months of previous booster vaccination.

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Change of Ownership - Changes in ownership must be submitted in writing by the seller before any change to an entry is made.

#### Equine Influenza Vaccination Requirements

It is recommended that all TSR registered horses and ponies and those attending the TSR Summer Show and Spring Show on should be in possession of a valid flu vaccination certificate. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the horse's vaccinations are up to date and correctly recorded. There were new vaccination requirements for animals starting their primary course from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

## 6.JUDGES

### 6a. Requirements for Membership

For 2026 Judges appointed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 will automatically be given a TSR Judges Membership whilst they are on the TSR Panel for an administration charge of £30 for non-competing judges and £50 for judges using TSR as their eligibility to compete in HOYS qualifiers.

Unless the judge contacts TSR to decline membership, it will be assumed the judge accepts the membership and the TSR Rules and Regulations. TSR reserves the right to refuse/withdraw any persons membership or other benefits without having to state a reason.

All information on the process of judges' appointment, fees and application forms can be found on the TSR website.

It is the responsibility of the judge to check their listing and contact details are correct. TSR will primarily contact judges via email, unless they request otherwise.

## **6b. Judges Appointment**

Judges will be annually appointed to the TSR Judges register by the TSR Judges Independent Panel. TSR will email all judges listed on the panel to confirm they have been reappointed. TSR reserves the right to refuse appointment to the judges register without reason. Judges will not be appointed if:

- They are not a TSR Judges Member
- They are found to be in breach of rules.

## **6c. TSR Judges Panel and Registers**

There are two Registers the 'O' register for Judges eligible to judge all open classes excluding HOYS qualifiers and the 'H' register for judges eligible to judge HOYS qualifiers.

The judges panels are available on the TSR website.

Within each register judges can be listed to judge the following sections:

TSR Judges Registers – (includes In-Hand and Ridden)

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|-------------|--|
| • Pony      | SP, SHP, Intermediates, Part Breds                       |
| • Workers   | WHP, WH, M&M WHP   |
| • M&M       | M&M LR & FR, M&M WHP, M&M Open, M&M Junior               |
| • Horse     | Hacks, Cobs, Riding Horses, Part Breds                   |
| • Hunters   | Hunters, Working Hunter                                  |
| • Coloureds | Horses and Ponies, Non-Native and Native/Cob/Traditional |

### TSR O Panel Register

The 'O' Judges Register is for TSR affiliated shows and unaffiliated shows to use, judges on the 'O' register are not eligible to judge HOYS qualifiers.

### TSR H Panel Register

TSR 'H' register is for HOYS accredited judges.

## **6d. Withdrawal of Judges Listing and Complaints**

TSR has recognised other societies panels, through this recognition judges may be appointed to the equivalent sections on the TSR Judges Register, subject to the approval of the TSR Independent Judges Body. It is TSR's policy that if a judge is removed by the society from the said recognised Societies panel OR the panel is no longer recognised by TSR then TSR will withdraw or amend the judges TSR listing accordingly, unless the judge has voluntarily withdrawn without incident or complaint from the said panel. This policy is in place for all judges on the list that have not been independently assessed by TSR.

TSR may also withdraw a judge's listing if the judge is not a TSR Judges Member.

Complaints will be referred to the TSR Judges Independent Panel if required and will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure as stated previously in this Rulebook under Complaints and Objections.

It is TSR's policy that if a complaint is received against a judge who has not been assessed by TSR and appointed to the TSR panel through a recognised panel they may be asked for reassessment.

#### **6e. Judges Insurance**

Whilst TSR offers Personal Accident Cover (refer to documents on the website) it is the responsibility as a TSR Judge to ensure that this is appropriate insurance cover prior to commencing a judging appointment and to also confirm with the show/event that they have suitable insurance cover. Although listed as a Judge on the TSR Register, this does not transfer any responsibility to TSR for my personal safety or any liability in the case of an accident or personal injury whilst judging, however caused.

#### **6f. Judges Conduct and Duty**

It is the duty of all judges on the TSR panel to comply with the classification, rules and requirements of the section that they are officiating in. Judges who fail to observe the TSR Code of Conduct, rules or whose conduct in any respect shall be, in the opinion of TSR derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the perception/ interests of showing in general or TSR, will be referred to the Judges Independent Panel for action and will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure as stated previously in this Rulebook under Complaints and Objections.

#### Social Media and Integrity

TSR strongly advises judges to only use social media for their own personal use and not to comment on shows, judging appointments, exhibitors and photographs of horses and/or ponies. This can lead to misunderstandings and poor perception of a judge's integrity by the showing community. If in doubt do not Post, Like or Share.

Integrity is a vital part of the judging process, to be seen to be fair and independent at all times.

TSR is here to assist judges with their use of all forms of social media, please contact TSR if you have any concerns.

#### Judges Appointment Appeal Procedure

Should any judge wish to appeal against a decision made by the TSR Independent Judges Panel in relation to their assessment/appointment they can do so in writing with a deposit of £250 (which will be refundable if the appeal is upheld). The appeal should be received within 7 days of notification of the decision by the Independent Judges Panel and received by recorded delivery. The appeal shall be referred and determined by the Appeals Committee. The committee shall be appointed by TSR and shall comprise such persons as TSR shall decide but will be made up of three independent persons. The committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented.

#### General Conduct of Classes

1. Judges MUST NOT:
  - a. Judge any horse/pony under the ownership or production of any person for which he/she, his/her partner or business partner has provided or obtained livery or had any other connection (business or otherwise) Since 1st January of the preceding year, stud fees are exempt.

- b. Judge any horse/pony that is or has been owned, bred, produced, trained or exhibited by him/her, a relative, business partner or partner. NB group teach ins or demos are exempt
  - c. Judge any rider who has shown a horse/pony owned or produced by him/her since the 1st January of the preceding year. NB group teach ins or demos exempt
  - d. Judge any horse/pony owned or produced by a person from whom the judge has purchased horses/ponies or to whom he/she sold horses/ponies since 1st January of the preceding year in which he/she is judging.
  - e. Compete in any class and judge at the same show, on the same day. This also includes immediate family. If a judge has reasonable grounds for belief that any section of the above rulings are being contravened, then the judge must ask the rider/handler to leave the ring and they must withdraw.
  - f. If judging with a co-judge at a show, you may then not compete under that judge for the duration of the show.
2. In the event of a ride judge falling from an exhibit, they must not remount the exhibit in that class, the 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 an exhibit 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 may be found, or competitors will be asked to do an individual show. The organisers retain the right to override a decision should they think the judge is un-fit to continue.
  3. It is good judging practise to carry this rulebook when judging for reference if any questions or problems on rules arise.
  4. If judging HOYS qualifiers, you MUST judge them according to the HOYS Rules which can be found on the HOYS website [www.hoys.co.uk](http://www.hoys.co.uk).
  5. It is the duty of all Judges to understand and comply with these rules and to ensure they are fit and well to judge.
  6. Untrimmed ear hair and whiskers should not be penalised by the judge.
  7. Judges are expected to pay particular importance to manners, type, and the suitability of the animal for the class in which they are competing whilst judging. If a judge considers an animal to be ill-mannered/unsound/unsuitable he/she may ask the exhibit to retire from the ring.
  8. Exhibitors are under the judge's jurisdiction until they are asked to leave the line, after the presentation.
  9. All judges must be aware that they may fall under the scrutinization of Stipendiary Stewards at any point during their time on the showground. TSR asks all judges for their cooperation with this process.
  10. Judges should be advised that you may be contacted by the TSR office to seek clarification of classes judged.
  11. When judging HOYS qualifying classes the Horse of the Year Show rules for showing apply. Judges may accept Horse of the Year Show qualifying rounds as set out in the class specific guidelines in the HOYS rules. Judges may judge an additional qualifier, if shows have been let down at short notice, providing the show asks Horse of the Year Show for approval.
  12. When judging classes at TSR affiliated shows holding non-HOYS qualifying or training selection classes the rules of the show apply or failing a satisfactory rule the TSR General Rules should be referred to.

#### **6g. Shows holding HOYS Qualifiers**

Shows selected by Grandstand Media Ltd to hold Horse of the Year Show qualifiers, can register for free and use the TSR 'H' judges register.

Shows can choose judges from the TSR H register for all Pony qualifiers including WHP and M&M and the TSR Coloured Register of judges, they do not need to have any further affiliation to any other pony society.

TSR Affiliated shows holding Horse of the Year Show qualifiers must use the Horse of the Year Show rules for showing including Heights for WHP classes

**6h. Guideline Fence Heights for TSR WHP/WH/M&M WHP Classes - These are classes specific to TSR – please refer to the HOYS rule book for heights of Horse of the Year Show qualifying classes**

M&M Open WHP

	Min	Max	Spread Max
Not exc 122cm (Junior)	45cm	60cm	50cm
Exc 122cm not exc 133cm	65cm	80cm	65cm
Exc 133cm not exc 143cm	75cm	90cm	75cm
Exc 143cm	85cm	100cm	85cm

M&M Novice WHP Classes

	Min	Max.	Spread Max
Not exc 122cm	47cm	53cm	47cm
Exc 122cm not exc 133cm	55cm	65cm	55cm
Exc 133cm not exc 143cm	65cm	75cm	65cm
Exc 143cm	75cm	85cm	75cm

Open Plaited WHP

	Min	Max	Spread Max.
Not exc 122cm	55cm	70cm	75cm
Nursery	60cm	75cm	85cm
133cm	80cm	90cm	100cm
143cm	90cm	100cm	110cm
153cm	95cm	105cm	115cm
Intermediate	105cm	115cm	125cm
Working Show Horse	85cm	95cm	110cm
Working Hunter	92cm	122cm	132cm

Novice WHP

	Min	Max	Spread Max
Cradle Stakes	38cm	55cm	61cm
Nursery Stakes	46cm	60cm	64cm
133cm	53cm	75cm	70cm



143cm	69cm	85cm	80cm
153cm	76cm	90cm	85cm
Intermediate	76cm	100cm	95cm
Working Hunter	76cm	99cm	122cm
Working Show Horse	71cm	92cm	95cm