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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 1st January 2024.

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,

As an Amateur, a person of any age may ride their own animal(s) and 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 1st January 2024.

Professional Show Groom A person who receives any remuneration for employment in connection with Showing since 1st 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 18th birthday before 1st 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 1st January 2026 to 1st 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 1st 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 1st January 2026 and 1st 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 1st January 2026 is not eligible until 1st 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 1st 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 1st January 2026, up to and including the last day of Horse of the Year Show Sunday 12th 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.