

SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY



NATIONAL SPRING SHOW 2026

SCHEDULE

PATRON:

HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

PRESIDENT:

H F Whitbread Esq.

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

KELSALL HILL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE,
ORGANSDALE FARM, MIDDLEWICH RD, TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE, CW6 0SR

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RING PROGRAMME

(timings subject to alteration depending on sizes of classes)

<u>SATURDAY 21st MARCH</u>					
MAIN RING			MAIN RING 1A		
8.00 AM	CLASS 1	SENIOR GELDINGS			
8.45 AM	CLASS 4	YEARLING COLTS	8.45 AM	CLASS 2	YEARLING & 2 YO GELDINGS
9.30 AM	CLASS 5	2 YO STALLIONS	9.30 AM	CLASS 3	3 YO GELDINGS
10.00 AM	CLASS 6	3 YO STALLIONS			
10.30 AM	CLASS 7	SENIOR STALLIONS			
11.15 PM	CLASS 8	YOUNG HANDLER			
12.15 PM	CLASS 9	YEARLING FILLIES			
1.00 PM	CLASS 10	2 YO FILLIES			
2.00 PM	CLASS 11	3 YO FILLIES			
3.00 PM	CLASS 12	SENIOR MARES			
3.45 PM		GELDING CHAMPIONSHIPS			
4.00 PM		FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS			
4.30 PM	CLASS 13	SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFIER - MARES			
4.45 PM		STALLION CHAMPIONSHIPS			
5.15 PM	CLASS 14	SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFIER - STALLIONS			
5.30 PM		GRAND PARADE – BEST SHOD CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDED			
		SHOW CLOSE			

JUDGES

STALLIONS:

Mr L M Fountain
Mr J Verhoeven

MARES:

Mrs S Ford
Mr A Franklin

GELDINGS:

Mr J Goodwin
Mr P Williams

YOUNG HANDLER:

Mrs D Nulty

BEST SHOD:

Mr S Beane FWCF

The President, Board and Council gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution towards the National Spring Shire Show from the Judges and Stewards.

REFEREES

STALLIONS:

Mrs S Ford

MARES:

Mr L M Fountain

GELDINGS:

Mr A Franklin

APPEARANCE AWARDS

IN HAND (Colts, Mares & Geldings) £50 per class (minimum)
IN HAND (Stallions) £200 per class (minimum)
Exhibitors of stallions will receive a travel contribution of 40p/mile where the journey exceeds 120 miles (round trip)
YOUNG HANDLER £40 per young handler (given on the day.
Young Handlers or their representatives, will be required to show their prize cards at the Show Office and sign to receive their money)

All appearance money and prize money (except young handlers) will be paid by BACS after the Show. Claim forms will be available from the cashier's office at the show. Payments will be conditional upon production of the appropriate award cards and parade cards presented to exhibitors forward in their Class(es)/Grand Parade. All exhibits are required to parade. Failure to parade without permission from the Chief Steward will result in forfeiture of payment. Cards must be submitted no later than 4 weeks after the date of the Show. Payment will not be made for cards submitted after this time.

ENTRY FEE: £20.00 (Payable for all Classes (Excluding Young Handler).

For Horse of the Year Show qualifiers, an additional £20.00 Horse of the Year Show contribution is payable.

(All exhibitors must be full Members of the Society. Young Handlers to be Junior Members.)

Completed entry forms and payment to be sent to:

Shire Horse Society,
The Old Dairy, Rockingham Castle,
Market Harborough, LE16 8TH

Email: info@shire-horse.org.uk
www.shire-horse.org.uk

STABLE BOOKINGS:

PLEASE COMPLETE SEPARATE BOOKING FORM
STABLES THAT ARE BOOKED AND USED BY STALLIONS WILL HAVE THE BOOKING FEES REFUNDED AFTER THE SHOW (This does not apply to stables booked for stallions that are then used for mares or geldings)

**NOTE: OWNERS/EXHIBITORS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SLEEP IN STABLES.
ANYONE FOUND DOING SO WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE SHOW.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTRICAL POWER (OTHER THAN LIGHTING) WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE STABLE AREA

HORSE BOX CLEANING:

EXHIBITORS ARE ASKED TO USE THE DESIGNATED MANURE AREAS WHEN CLEANING HORSE BOXES
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MANURE ON THE CAR PARK, EXHIBITORS FOUND DOING SO WILL BE FINED £150

EXHIBITOR CARAVANS:

Due to space limitations, caravans will not be permitted in the horsebox parking area. Please book places for the caravan area on the entry form.

ENTRIES CLOSE – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY **2026**

EQUINE FLU

All horses present at the Show are required to be fully up to date with their flu vaccinations.

Horses must have received either:

- a) A full course of vaccinations within a year of the Show

OR

- b) The initial course of two vaccinations, the second of which to have been administered no later than 8 days prior to the show.

Vaccinations must have been recorded in the horses passports and the passports must be made available for inspection on entry to the Showground if requested.

Horses found not to have the required vaccinations will not be permitted entry to the Show.

PRIZE FUND DONATIONS AND SPECIAL AWARD ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The President, Board and Council gratefully acknowledge the valuable and generous contribution towards the Society from the Horserace Betting Levy Board.

Acknowledgement of class sponsors and contributors will be given in the show catalogue and during the Show.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Principal Sponsor / Partner	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Arena	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Stables	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Collecting Ring	£1,000
Sponsorship of Championships	from £500
Sponsorship of Rosettes	£500
Sponsorship of Trophy Engraving	£500
Sponsorship of Exhibitor Wristbands	£300
Sponsorship of Individual Classes	from £300
Sponsorship of Exhibitor Vehicle Passes	£100
General Prize Fund donations	from £50.00

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Catalogue Advertising A5 colour	
Cover pages	£300 + VAT
Full page	£150 + VAT
Half page	£90 + VAT
Ringside Banner (banner only)	£50.00 + VAT

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality (per person)	£85.00 (inc VAT)
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Please contact the office for further details.

BREEDER OF THE YEAR POINTS AWARD 2026

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR BREEDERS OF WINNING HORSES AT THE NATIONAL SPRING AND SUMMER SHOWS AND AFFILIATED SHOWS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. Points to be allocated to the breeders of horses in all In-hand classes as follows: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points 3rd = 1 point. The breeders with the highest number of points at the end of the season will receive prizes as follows: 1st £500, 2nd £300, 3rd £100

The Richard Reynolds Memorial Cup, kindly donated by his Great Great Granddaughter, Liz Cade, will be presented at the National Spring Show

CLASS 1 SENIOR GELDINGS, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.

(Foaled in 2022 or previously). Geldings exhibited in the in-hand classes must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non-Breeding Register.

CLASS 2 GELDINGS, YEARLINGS & TWO YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2025 & 2024). Geldings exhibited in the in-hand classes must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non-Breeding Register. This class may be split if there are sufficient entries.

CLASS 3 GELDINGS, THREE YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2023). Geldings exhibited in the in-hand classes must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non-Breeding Register.

CLASS 4 YEARLING COLTS.

(Foaled in 2025). All exhibits forward on the day will receive a rosette kindly donated by the Lincolnshire Shire Horse Association.

Special 4a Tom Forshaw Medal for the best yearling colt.

Special 4b Arclid Shires Perpetual Trophy for the best yearling colt.

Special 4c £200 Kindly donated by Wisbech Shire Horse Society for the highest placed yearling colt that is owned and bred by the exhibitor.

CLASS 5 STALLIONS, TWO YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2024).

Special 5a Chorlton Perpetual Cup in memory of the Late T. H. Vaughan for the best two-year-old stallion.

Special 5b The Arthur Gray Smith Award of a rosette and £10 in memory of the late Arthur Gray Smith, for the highest placed two-year-old stallion bred by the exhibitor.

CLASS 6 STALLIONS, THREE YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2023).

CLASS 7 STALLIONS, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.

(Foaled in 2022 or previously).

CLASS 8 YOUNG HANDLER.

Over 12 years of age and not exceeding 18 years of age (i.e. not to have attained 18th birthday on day of Show). In hand class, no entry fee payable. Name and age

of handler to be stated on the entry form. Stallions cannot be exhibited in this class. ONLY the Young Handlers name will be printed in the catalogue - not the name of the horse. Exhibitors are NOT expected to prepare their horses under the eye of the Judge, in advance of the ring judging.

This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse Young Handler of the Year Championship at the Midland Shire Foal Show 26th September 2025.

Special 8a David Simonds Perpetual Trophy - Shire Horse Sculpture for the best Young Handler under 18 years of age.

Special 8b Baker Marsh Perpetual Memorial Cup for the best Young Handler of opposite sex to the winner under 18 years of age.

Special 8c Wooden shield for the best young handler 16 years or under.

CLASS 9 FILLIES, ONE YEAR OLD.
(Foaled in 2025).

Special 9a The Late Miss Jane Smith Silver Jubilee Perpetual Loving Cup for the best yearling filly.

Special 9b Tom Forshaw Medal for the best yearling filly.

Special 9c £200 Kindly donated by Wisbech Shire Horse Society for the highest placed yearling filly that is owned and bred by the exhibitor.

CLASS 10 FILLIES, TWO YEARS OLD.
(Foaled in 2024).

Special 10a The Late Miss Jane Smith Perpetual Salver to the best two-year-old filly in the Show.

CLASS 11 FILLIES, THREE YEARS OLD.
(Foaled in 2023).

CLASS 12 SENIOR MARES, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.
(Foaled in 2022 or previously).

GELDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES 2 AND 3 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES 1, 3 AND 5 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Special GC1 The Society's Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Junior Champion Gelding.

Special GC2 The Mrs Stanton Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup for the Champion Gelding and £100.

Special GC3 The Society's Silver Spoon to the Champion Gelding.

Special GC4 £50 for the Reserve Champion.

Special GC5 Special GC6 Headcollar kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Saddlers for the Champion Gelding.

FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES, 9, 10, AND 11 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES, 9, 10, 11 AND 12 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP

THE BEST GREYS FROM CLASSES 9, 10, 11 AND 12 ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE GLENYS M F DODD TROPHY

JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION

Special MC1 Champion Perpetual Challenge Cup generously donated by the "National Pedigree Shire Foal Society" for the best female, three years old or under and £100.

Special MC2 £50 for the Reserve Junior Champion

Special MCG Glenys M F Dodd Trophy presented by the Dodd Family and Michael Martin for the best Grey Filly 3yo and under. The best greys from classes 9, 10 and 11 are eligible to complete for this award.

CHAMPION MARE

Special MC3 Henry Young Perpetual Memorial Cup for the Champion Mare together with the Society's Silver Spoon and £100

Special MC4 H. Eady Robinson Perpetual Cup for the Champion Mare generously donated by his son.

Special MC5 Perpetual Challenge Cup generously donated by Mr and Mrs J Goldsmith for the Champion female.

Special MC6 £50.00 for the Reserve Champion Mare

CLASS 13 SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR supported by the Shire Horse Society QUALIFYING CLASS - FEMALES

This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship Supported by the Shire Horse Society, to be held at the NEC, Birmingham, 7th – 11th October 2026. This class is open to pure bred fully registered shire mares of two years old and over that are entered and exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at the National Spring Show. This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

Exhibitors please note that the HOYS entry fee of £20 is payable for this class and the HOYS entry form is required in addition to that for the Show.

Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Official Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the Official Identity Documents must be in the name of the legal owner within 30 days of ownership. This must be registered with the breed society, relevant Stud book or ID issuing agency, dependant on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.

The Shire Horse Society reserve the right to share membership data with Grandstand Media Limited in compliance with the Horse of The Year Show (HOYS) Rules and Regulations. This sharing is for the purpose of HOYS matters to include, but not limited to, qualification or disciplinary. For further details regarding the use of data for Horse of The Year Show qualifiers please refer to www.hoys.co.uk

STALLION CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES 4, 5 AND 6 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES 4, 5, 6 AND 7 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE BEST GREYS FROM CLASSES 4, 5, 6, AND 7 ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPLETE FOR THE MORLEY CHALLENGE CUP.

JUNIOR CHAMPION STALLION

Special SC1 Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best Junior Stallion and £100.

Special SC2 £50.00 for the Reserve Junior Champion.

Special SC3 The Morley Challenge Cup for the best grey colt, one, two or three years old. The best greys from classes 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to complete for this award.

CHAMPION STALLION

Special SC4 The “King George V” Champion Challenge Cup for the Champion Stallion in the show together with the Society’s silver spoon and £100.

Special SC5 Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Stallion.

Special SC6 Silver Salver donated by Mr and Mr J. Goldsmith for the Champion Stallion.

Special SC7 Tankard presented to the breeder of the Champion Stallion kindly donated in memory of Dr P. W. Bowden.

Special SC8 £50 for the Reserve Champion.

Special SC9 The J. W. Hiles Champion Stock Stallion Award for stallions available to serve Shire Horse Society members mares in the United Kingdom during 2026. Points will be awarded on the basis of Stallion Progeny exhibited at the 2026 National Spring and Summer Shows and at the Final of the Shire Horse of The Year Championship 2026 (except turnouts and ridden).

THREE CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Stallion gaining the highest number of points - £50 together with the J. W. Hiles Champion Stock Stallion Perpetual Trophy.
2. Stallion gaining the second highest number of points - £25.
3. Stallion gaining the third highest number of points - £12.

Points will be awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prize winners. Class awards will only count towards points not special prizes.

THE HILES AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED DURING THE GRAND PARADE AT THE NATIONAL SUMMER SHOW

Champion Stallion, Junior Champion Stallion, Reserve Champion Stallion, and Reserve Junior Champion Stallion are required to attend the Grand Parade.

CLASS 14 SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR Supported by the Shire Horse Society QUALIFYING CLASS - STALLIONS

This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship Supported by the Shire Horse Society, to be held at the NEC, Birmingham, 7th – 11th October 2026. This class is open to pure bred fully registered Shire stallions of two years old and over that are entered and exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at the National Spring Show. This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

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BEST FEET AND BEST SHOD HORSE COMPETITION.

A competition sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Farriers, for the Best Shod Horse in the In Hand Section, Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

The Judge will examine each horse before or during the line-up for preliminary judging, taking into consideration:

- a) Condition of the feet*
- b) The Making (or preparation) and fitting of the shoes*
- c) Nailing and position of clips.*

Normal shoes and showing plates are equally acceptable, providing they are suitable for the horse.

The Worshipful Company of Farriers will award:

- A Rosette and an Inscribed Card to the Winner in each Class
- A brass plaque to the overall winner
- A brass plaque to the Registered Farrier responsible for its feet and shoeing.

The Shire Horse Society will award rosettes to the Best Shod and Reserve Best Shod in each of the designated classes and to the Champion and Reserve Champion.

GRAND PARADE

A parade of every entry from the day. Failure to parade, or parading horses that are unplaited will result in the forfeiture of appearance money. This rule will be strictly enforced. Exhibitors will be given a Parade Card in the ring and must present it with class cards in order to qualify for payment of awards.

BEST SHOD HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Special BS1 The Sir Charles H. Tidbury Perpetual Trophy for the owner of the horse with the best feet and shod in the best manner. To be presented during the Grand Parade.

Special BS2 The Worshipful Company of Farriers kindly offers a plaque for the owner and the farrier of the horse with the best feet and shod in the best manner.

Special BS3 £250 to the exhibitor of the Champion Best Shod and £50 to the farrier of the Champion Best Shod. These awards are kindly donated by Steve Ledsham and Paul & Yvonne Simmons.

THE FOLLOWING POINTS AWARDS WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO AND PRESENTED AT THE NATIONAL SUMMER SHOW

Special SC9 **THE J. W. HILES CHAMPION STOCK STALLION AWARD** for stallions available to serve Shire Horse Society members mares in the United Kingdom during 2026. Points will be awarded on the basis of Stallion Progeny exhibited at the 2026 National Spring and Summer Shows and at the Final of the Shire Horse of The Year Championship 2026 (except turnouts and ridden).

THREE CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st Stallion gaining the highest number of points - £50 together with the J. W. Hiles Champion Stock Stallion Perpetual Trophy.
- 2nd Stallion gaining the second highest number of points - £25.
- 3rd Stallion gaining the third highest number of points - £12.

Points will be awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prize winners. Class awards will only count towards points not special prizes.

Special WAK **W A KING PERPETUAL POINTS CUP**

Presented by Matthew Gregory King to the exhibitor breeder gaining the most points across the in-hand classes for homebred animals. Points will be awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prize winners. Only class awards will count towards points not special prizes.

Points will be awarded as above, and will be carried forward to the Summer Show, where points will also be awarded. The W A King Cup will be presented at the Summer Show to the exhibitor gaining the most points across both the Spring and Summer Shows.

Special GRC **GEORGE ROBERTS CHAMPION POINTS MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CUP.**

Presented by Mr Martin Roberts to the exhibitor gaining the most points in all classes. Points will be awarded 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th prize winners.

CLASS AWARDS ONLY COUNT TOWARDS POINTS (NOT SPECIALS)

Trophy gifted to the Shire Horse Society by Messrs. Peter and Geoffrey Roberts in memory of their Grandfather George Roberts, Esq.

Points will be awarded as above, and will be carried forward to the Summer Show, where points will also be awarded. The George Roberts Cup will be presented at the Summer Show to the exhibitor gaining the most points across both the Spring and Summer Shows.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL SPRING SHOW

1. **ENTRIES**

The Council or Stewards may call upon any exhibitor to prove the correctness of his entry form, and if he shall fail to do this by the date of the Show, the Chief Executive shall report the facts of the case at the next meeting of the Council and the Council shall determine not only whether the exhibitor shall be entitled to any prize won by him, but whether he shall be allowed to exhibit in future at the Shows of the Society. The Council shall not be required to give any reason or explanation for any such determination as to entitlement of any exhibitor to any prize or refusal of the right to exhibit.

All entries of horses shall be subject to acceptance by the Council which shall have power to refuse or cancel at any time any entry as it, in its own absolute discretion may think fit and shall not be required to give any reason or explanation whatsoever for any such refusal or cancellation. In such cases any entry fees paid will be refunded to the owner.

2. **REGISTRATION**

All stallions, mares and fillies must have been registered or notified in the Shire Horse Stud Book, or an entry must have been accepted for registration.

3. **GELDINGS**

Geldings must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non-Breeding Register.

4. **OWNERSHIP**

All horses must be registered in the correct ownership. Where this has not been done, passports may be submitted for transfer with the entry form. Entries will not be accepted without correct registration.

5. **D.N.A. TESTING**

All animals exhibited at the National Spring Show (except geldings) must be D.N.A. tested and parentage verified with the Society's chosen testing lab or a recognised International Lab.

6. **STALLIONS TO LET AND HORSES FOR SALE**

Exhibitors of stallions desiring to notify in the catalogue that their horses are "to be let for the season" and exhibitors of any horse which they are desirous of offering "for sale privately", must fill in the spaces provided on the entry form and must remit the non-refundable notification fee as stated on the entry form.

7. **YOUNG HANDLER CLASS**

Competitors will not be expected to fully prepare the animal for the Show Ring.

8. **SOAP AND RESIN**

Soap, resin or other substance designed to give an artificial appearance, used above the knee for turning up coats will be permitted. This applies only to the National Spring Show and does not extend to other Affiliated Shows. This ruling does not apply to foals.

9. **HORSE TAILS**

The dock must be covered with a fan of hair.

10. **DRESS FOR SHOWING**

All exhibitors **MUST** wear a suit or smart jacket with a tie. In cold conditions, a suitable smart topcoat is acceptable. Exhibitors should only discard jackets by the express permission of the Judge.

Ladies are reminded that the dress code also applies to them. Please note that bare arms are not acceptable. Gilets (tweed or other colour) are not acceptable in the show ring. We also remind in-hand handlers that smart trousers should be worn. Denim jeans are not acceptable.

Suitable footwear should be worn. Wellington boots, trainers, slip on shoes and open toe shoes are unsafe and are not acceptable.

The dress code will be enforced for classes and for the Grand Parade.

DRESS CODE FOR WOMEN

The dress code above also applies to women. Showing of horses in short sleeves, gilets, jodhpurs/breeches (except ridden classes) is not permissible.

11. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

- 11.1 Exhibitors in all competitive classes (yearlings) are strictly prohibited from receiving any help, assistance or change of handler unless in the case of an emergency or serious threat of harm or risk to the exhibitor, other exhibitors, horses or any other individual. Exhibitors of yearlings are permitted to have an assistant if needed for the individual "show". All assistants must be dressed appropriately for the show ring. They must not enter the ring until required and must leave the ring as soon as the relevant animal has completed its "show" and returned to the line-up. In the event of a breach of this rule the Exhibitor and person / persons providing such assistance will be disqualified from the class. For the avoidance of doubt, this also includes 'whipping up'.
- 11.2 No persons, other than exhibitors, or Society officials or others with the express permission of the Show Director shall be allowed to remain in the ring during any showing classes (except for the young handler class). A suitable viewing area will be provided for exhibitors and grooms only.

12. JUDGE'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Judges must not exhibit a horse in any competitive class and then judge the same horse in the same showing year, whether the horse is owned by you or someone else.

Exhibitors in all competitive classes are not permitted to enter any animal in any class, which is to be judged by a person who has owned, loaned, bred, produced (including those produced by family members) or has financial interest in the animal, or is a family member. The onus of complying with the regulation rests entirely on the exhibitor. All classes are exempt from this rule after a period of three years, except for horses competing in the Horse of the Year Championship or its qualifiers, where Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) rules preside.

"Family members" include the following, but this is not an exhaustive list. For any further guidance, please contact the Society office.

- Grandparents and Step-grandparents
- Parents, Stepparents or other partners of parents
- Uncles and Aunts
- Cousins
- Siblings, stepbrothers and stepsisters
- Nephews and Nieces
- Partners, including married partners (husband / wife), civil partners and co-habiting (living together) partners
- Children, whether adult or junior, including Stepchildren
- Grandchildren, including Step-grandchildren
- Legal Guardians

The onus of complying with the above rests on the exhibitor. The Judges Rule is as follows:

"If an exhibitor or horse does appear in front of you that you have had an interest in as above, you must not judge it. You must inform the Steward, who will ask the exhibitor to leave the class."

13. SHOEING REGULATIONS

The Society's shoeing regulation document will be in place for the show. Inspections will take place in line with the regulations.