

# SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY

## BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### 1. INTRODUCTION

As part of its commitment to encouraging and supporting Shire horse breeders, the Society runs an Annual Breeder of the Year Award (“the Award”) for UK breeders. The Award recognises and rewards breeders through the quality of Shires they have bred, based on those horses doing well in the show ring.

### 2. HOW IT WORKS

During the showing season each year (1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> October), points are awarded to pure-bred Fillies, Mares, Colts, Stallions and Foals (filly and colt foals) that were bred in the UK, reside in the UK and are placed first, second or third in selected competitive classes at the following shows:

- The Society’s National Show
- Affiliated Shows in the UK
- The Midland Shire Foal Society’s Midland Shire Foal Show and Sale
- The North West & Wales Shire Foal Society’s Shire Foal Show
- In-hand Shire Horse of the Year Championship at the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS)

At the end of the showing season, the number of points a horse has won is added up and allocated to its breeder, provided that the breeder is based in the UK. The allocations to each breeder are then added up. The breeders with the highest, second highest and third highest number of points win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively.

The breeder does not have to own or exhibit the horse. S/he accumulates points regardless of who owns the horse concerned at the time of the show concerned and who exhibits it.

### 3. PRIZES AND PRESENTATION

The winners are announced and presented with their prizes at the Society’s National Show the following year.

For all three places, there is a cash prize and rosette. There is a trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place. The cash amounts may vary from year to year. For the first year of the Award, 2024, they are:

1<sup>st</sup> place £500      2<sup>nd</sup> place £300      3<sup>rd</sup> place £100

If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, both breeders will receive the full amount of 1<sup>st</sup> place prize money and no 2<sup>nd</sup> prize will be awarded. If there is a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, both breeders will receive the full amount of 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize money and no 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded. If there is a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, both breeders will receive the full amount of 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize money.

### 4. CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

#### 4a. Breeders

The Award is open to Shire horse breeders based in the UK. For the purposes of the Award, a “breeder” is an individual who meets the following criteria in the whole of the showing

season concerned:

- a. Is a fully paid up Annual or Life member of the Society.
- b. Resides in the UK.
- c. Has a prefix registered with the Society.
- d. Bred a horse eligible for this scheme that wins points.
- e. Is alive.

If, during any showing season, a breeder ceases to be a member of the Society for any reason, or is suspended from membership, they will forfeit any points accumulated in that season and will no longer be eligible for the Award scheme.

If, in the period between the end of any showing season and the date of the first day of the National Show the following year, a breeder ceases to be a member of the Society for any reason, or is suspended from membership, they will no longer be eligible for the Award scheme (including any prize). If a breeder is undergoing the Society's Misconduct process during this period, they will be eligible; if the outcome is their removal from, or suspension of, membership of the Society, they will not be eligible.

If a breeder dies at any time up to the beginning of any showing season, their estate or next of kin will not be eligible for the Award scheme. If a breeder dies during a showing season and is entitled to a prize, the prize will be awarded to another party. Depending on the circumstances, this is likely to be their estate or their next of kin.

#### **4b. Horses**

Horses that are eligible for points are pure-bred Shire Mares, Fillies, Stallions and Colts that are registered in the "full book" part of the Stud Book, or have had an application for such registration accepted, and that were bred in the UK and reside in the UK. Foals (filly and colt foals) that were bred and reside in the UK are eligible but are exempt from the registration requirement if under 6 months old.

#### **4c. Points system**

Points are awarded to eligible horses as follows in competitive classes for pure-bred Shire Fillies, Mares, Colts, Stallions and Foals (filly and colt foals). Classes for Mares with Foals at Foot count as Mare classes.

##### *At the Shire Horse Society National Show*

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Class 1 <sup>st</sup> place | 6 points |
| Class 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | 4 points |
| Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | 2 points |

##### *At Affiliated Shows, except in-hand Shire Horse of the Year Championship at HOYS*

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Class 1 <sup>st</sup> place | 3 points       |
| Class 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | 2 points       |
| Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | 1 point        |
| Champion                    | 3 extra points |
| Reserve Champion            | 2 extra points |

##### *At the Midland Shire Foal Society's Midland Shire Foal Show and Sale, and the North West & Wales Shire Foal Society's Shire Foal Show*

**Note:** Classes for Filly Foals, Colt Foals, and Champion Foal only at these shows

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| Class 1 <sup>st</sup> place | 6 points |
| Class 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | 4 points |

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| Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | 2 points       |
| Champion                    | 6 extra points |
| Reserve Champion            | 4 extra points |

*At the in-hand Shire Horse of the Year Championship at HOYS*

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | 6 points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | 4 points |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | 2 points |

There is no limit on the number of points that any one animal can win in a showing season.

There is no limit on the number of animals that count towards the points total for any one breeder.

To record points won by horses, the Society relies on Affiliated Show organisers reporting the results of their Shire horse classes to the office. The office uses its best efforts to obtain any missing results from organisers. If, after such efforts, the show organisers still do not provide the results, the points earned at the show concerned will not be counted in the points system for the prizes.

The Society office does not check the accuracy of results that are reported by show organisers; the results are accepted as reported.