

SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY



NATIONAL SHOW 2020

SCHEDULE

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**FRIDAY 20TH, SATURDAY 21ST
AND SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020**

BINGLEY HALL, STAFFORDSHIRE SHOWGROUND, STAFFORD, ST18 0BD

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RING PROGRAMME 2020

(May be subject to alteration depending on sizes of classes)

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 4.30 PM – 6.00 PM RIDDEN ARENA WARM UP £5 PER HORSE				
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH				
MAIN RING				
9.00 AM	CLASS 1	NOVICE RIDDEN		
9.45 AM	CLASS 2	OPEN RIDDEN		
10.45 AM	CLASS 3	SINGLE AGRICULTURAL		
11.15 PM	CLASS 4	CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE		
12.00 PM	CLASS 5	TWO WHEELED CARTS		
12.45 PM		TWO WHEELED CARTS CHAMPIONSHIP		
1.00 PM	CLASS 6	NOVICE DRIVER		
1.30 PM		RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP		
1.45 PM	CLASS 7	NEWCOMERS HANDLER CLASS		
2.45 PM	CLASS 8	PAIRS TRADE		
4.00 PM	CLASS 9	DRESSAGE		
4.45 PM		FINISH (DEPENDS ON NUMBER OF DRESSAGE ENTRIES)		
SATURDAY 21ST MARCH				
MAIN RING			MAIN RING 1A	
9.00 AM	CLASS 10	SENIOR GELDINGS		
10.15 AM	CLASS 11	2 YO GELDINGS	10.00 AM CLASS 12	YEARLING COLTS
10.30 AM	CLASS 13	3 YO GELDINGS	11.00 AM CLASS 14	4 YO STALLIONS
11.00 AM		GELDING CHAMPIONSHIP		
11.30 AM	CLASS 15	2 YO STALLIONS		
12.20 PM	CLASS 16	AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS	12.15 PM CLASS 17	PRE-JUDGE SINGLE TRADE
12.45 PM	CLASS 17	SINGLE TRADE		(IN COLLECTING RING)
1.10 PM	CLASS 18	3 YO STALLIONS		
1.40 PM	CLASS 19	SENIOR STALLIONS	1.40 PM CLASSES 20/21	PRE-JUDGE HARNESS (IN COLLECTING RING)
2.40 PM	CLASSES 20/21	HARNESS		
3.10 PM		STALLION CHAMPIONSHIP		
3.35 PM	CLASS 19A	SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER CLASS - STALLIONS		
4.35 PM		GRAND PARADE		
5.05 PM – 6.15 PM - RIDDEN ARENA WARM UP £5 PER HORSE				
SUNDAY 22ND MARCH				
MAIN RING				
8.00 AM	CLASS 24	BRITISH RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFER		
9.00 AM	CLASS 22	YEARLING FILLIES		
10.00 AM	CLASS 23	2YO FILLIES		
11.00 AM	CLASS 25	3 YO FILLIES		
12.00 PM	CLASS 26	TEAMS		
12.30 PM	CLASS 27	YOUNG HANDLERS		
1.10 PM	CLASS 28	PAIRS AGRICULTURAL		
1.30 PM	CLASS 29	SENIOR MARES		
3.00 PM		LONG SERVICE AWARDS		
3.10 PM		TURNOUT CHAMPIONSHIP		
3.25 PM		FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP	3.30 PM	BEST SHOD CHAMPIONSHIP
				(MAIN RING 1A)
3.45 PM	CLASS 29A	SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER CLASS - FEMALES		
4.45 PM		GRAND PARADE		
5.15 PM		FINISH		

JUDGES

STALLIONS:

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YOUNG HANDLER:

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Dressage: TBC

PREMIUM AWARD PANEL:

Ms L Archer (Chairman)
J Worthington Esq
G Robinson, Esq

The President and Council gratefully acknowledge the most generous contribution towards the Shire Horse Show from the Judges and Stewards.

APPEARANCE AWARDS

IN HAND	£40 per class
RIDDEN	£40 per horse
(ie the same horse in multiple ridden classes will only receive one appearance award)	
HARNESS	£60 per class
SINGLE TURNOUT	£75 per class
PAIR TURNOUT	£125 per class
THREE HORSE TEAM	£150 per class
FOUR HORSE TEAM	£200 per class
YOUNG HANDLER	£40 per young handler (given on the day)

All appearance money and prize money 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 card presented to Exhibitors forward in their class. Only exhibits forward in the parade will receive an appearance award (except Turnouts). In Hand and Ridden Horses may only be permitted ONE appearance award. Payments will not be made unless the appropriate BACS form has been completed. Trophy winners will have £20.00 per trophy deducted from payments (except for trophies that cannot be engraved), unless sponsorship is obtained.

ENTRY FEE: £15.00 (Payable for all Classes (Excluding Young Handler). For Horse of the Year Show qualifiers, an additional £13.00 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
<http://www.shire-horse.org.uk>

STABLE BOOKINGS:

PLEASE COMPLETE SEPARATE BOOKING FORM

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

SHAVINGS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IN 2020.

EXHIBITORS WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE THESE ON SITE IF NECESSARY

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 £50

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 31ST January 2020

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.

STALLION GRANTS AND PREMIUMS:

The value of Grants and Premiums will be decided by the Editing Committee in April 2020.

THESE AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE PREMIUM SCHEME CONDITIONS SET OUT HEREIN. ALL STALLIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A PREMIUM MUST BE ENTERED IN THE IN-HAND CLASS, INCLUDING STALLIONS ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PREMIUM AT HOME. STALLIONS ENTERED FOR PREMIUM AT HOME MUST BE INSPECTED AT A CENTRE DURING THE STALLION INSPECTION WEEK (WEEK COMMENCING 27TH JANUARY).

PRIZE FUND DONATIONS and SPECIAL AWARD ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The President and Council gratefully acknowledge the most valuable and generous contribution towards the Society and the Shire Horse Show from the Horserace Betting Levy Board for their grant to the Stallion Premium Scheme.

Acknowledgement of Class Sponsors and contributors will be given in the Show Catalogue and at the Show.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Principal Sponsor / Partner	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Arena	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Stables	Please contact office.
Sponsorship of Grandstand	£2,500
Sponsorship of Official Merchandise	£2,500
Sponsorship of the Annual Dinner	£2,500
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 £250
Sponsorship of Exhibitor Vehicle Passes	£100
General Prize Fund donations	from £50.00

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Catalogue Advertising A5 colour	
Cover pages	£250 & VAT
Full page	£150 & VAT
Half page	£90 & VAT
Ringside Banner (banner only)	£40.00 & VAT

HOSPITALITY

Annual Dinner (per person)	£35.00
Corporate Entertainment (per person)	£60.00
Party Night (per person)	£10.00

Please contact the office for further details.

RETURNING FOR THE NATIONAL SHIRE HORSE SHOW 2020:

DRAYMAN'S



The venue for food and drink in 2020, will be the Drayman's. Open for food and drinks from 5pm on Friday (food will be served in a stockman's style) and on Saturday the Drayman's will host the Shire Horse Party night. Located in the Showground Pavilions it will take over from The Gallery Bar and Café from 5pm.

The Saturday party evening will again be a ticketed event. Live music from the "Five Dollar Shakes" and Bucking Bronco will again feature. Food will be available to purchase.

Tickets are on sale now and can be booked using your entry form, or direct via the SHS office. Tickets remain at £10.

BEST DRESSED HANDLER/GROOM

A SPECIAL AWARD OF £25 AND A TANKARD WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST DRESSED HANDLER/GROOM ON EACH DAY OF THE SHOW

Kindly donated by Eversley Shires, Essex

ANTIQUE VEHICLES/IMPLEMENTS

A SPECIAL ROSETTE WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH TURNOUT EXHIBIT (TRADE & AGRICULTURAL) BUILT IN OR BEFORE 1960

Kindly donated by Angela Whiteway

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2020

Exhibitors please note: appearance awards for the ridden classes will be paid per horse, not per class.

SPECIAL AWARD – RIDE AND DRIVE:

A Special Rosette and Tankard will be presented to the horse gaining the most points for riding and driving. Only horses entered and exhibited in both a ridden class (either class 1 or 2) and a driven class (either class 5 or 6) will be awarded points. Points to be awarded as follows: 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 1 NOVICE PURE BRED RIDDEN.

Open to exhibitors riding a pure bred Shire horse of any age that have not won a ridden class at County level or have been shown in ridden classes the previous season, including the National Show Novice Ridden Class. Horses that have not previously been shown in ridden classes are able to enter this class. The spirit of this class is to encourage those horses that have been genuinely broken over the winter, to come forward. The class is for genuine novice ridden horses, not those who have campaigned previously.

The class will be judged on performance and obedience as a riding horse. Horses in this class will be ridden by the ride judge, then stripped for the conformation judge.

CLASS 2 OPEN PURE BRED RIDDEN.

Open to exhibitors riding a pure bred Shire horse of 6 years old or over. The class will be judged on performance and obedience as a riding horse. Horses in this class will be ridden by the ride judge, then stripped for the conformation judge.

CLASS 3 SINGLE AGRICULTURAL TURNOUT.

In harness with wheeled vehicle. A handler must walk on the ground beside the horse if the turnout is driven from a standing position. Horses should not trot. Vehicles should **NOT** have any of the following: high seats, commercial advertising (other than the name of the owner or exhibitor)

Special 3 Baker Marsh Perpetual Memorial Cup for the best Agricultural Single Turnout.

CLASS 4 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse and rider. Attention may be paid to the rider's personal appearance, but detailed inspection of rider or tack is not required. Horses can be ridden astride or side saddle. Period costumes are not compulsory for side saddle (side saddle habits are required however if not in Period costume). Please note that ball gowns and bridesmaid dresses are not acceptable as period dress.

Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. A short show of no more than 2 minutes is required. **Special rosettes** will be awarded as follows:

- Special 4a* to the highest placed Adult rider wearing a "silk hat"
Special 4b to the highest placed Adult rider wearing a bowler hat
Special 4c to the highest placed side saddle competitor
Special 4d to the highest placed Junior rider (under 18 years of age)

NB: Silk hats are permitted to be worn by Adults IN THIS CLASS AT ANY TIME OF DAY. Juniors **must** wear hats to current British Safety standards or above for this class. Adult riders not wearing such hats do so at their own risk. Juniors are those who have not attained their 18th Birthday by the day of the show.

CLASS 5 TWO WHEELED CARTS.

Single Turnout in harness with two wheeled vehicle driven by a lady or a gentleman. Exhibitors may not compete in Classes 8 or 17 with the same vehicle. This class will be split between ladies and gentlemen. The winners from each section will compete for the Championship, which will take place at the end of the class.

CLASS 6 NOVICE DRIVER.

Open to anyone over the age of 13 years who has never won a 1st prize in a driving class, driving a single shire, with any suitable vehicle. To be judged on driving ability, the type of vehicle to be taken into consideration (eg two wheels, four wheels). An experienced driver must accompany the Novice driver.

Special ANCD Andy Cook Memorial Trophy for the best Novice Driver

RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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First and second prize winners from Classes 1 and 2 are eligible to compete for the Championship. The Champion will qualify for the British Ridden Heavy Horse Society Championships to be held at Equifest, August 2020.

CLASS 7 NEWCOMERS HANDLERS CLASS

Open to Exhibitors of 18 years and over, at the date of the show. The spirit of the class is to encourage and assist newcomers into the Shire Horse Society. Stallions are not permitted. Exhibitors will be judged primarily on turnout and handling skills. Regard will be given to the horse. The number of entries in this class may be restricted and subject to a first come first served basis. **Entrants will be expected to wash, plait and prepare the animal from 11.45am to 1.45 pm**

Special 7a The winner of the Newcomers class will receive the Barbara Meddings Memorial Perpetual Trophy

CLASS 8 PAIRS TRADE TURNOUT.

In harness with vehicle. **This class will be pre-judged in the collecting ring area prior to completion in the Main Ring.**

Special 8a A pair of gloves kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Glovers to the drivers of three prize winners in each class. Note: any driver may only win one pair of gloves.

Special 8b Alfa Laval Perpetual Cup for the Best Brewery Turnout in the Pairs Class.

Special 8c The Jane Smith Perpetual Salver for the winner of the Pairs Turnout Class.

Special 8d The Cyril Knowles Memorial Trophy for the winner of the Pairs Turnout Class.

CLASS 9 DRESSAGE - BE100 Dressage Test 108 (2016)

Horses must be ridden in a snaffle bridle.

Copies of the test will be sent when entries are received, however the test is available on the British Eventing website.

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020

- CLASS 10 SENIOR GELDINGS, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.**
(Foaled in 2016 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 11 GELDINGS, TWO YEARS OLD.**
(Foaled in 2018). Geldings exhibited in the in-hand classes must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.
- CLASS 12 YEARLING COLTS.**
(Foaled in 2019).
- Special 12a Tom Forshaw Medal for the best yearling colt*
Special 12b Arclid Shires Perpetual Trophy for the best yearling colt
- CLASS 13 GELDINGS, THREE YEARS OLD.**
(Foaled in 2017). Geldings exhibited in the in-hand classes must be by an approved Shire Stallion and registered in the Society's Non Breeding Register.
- CLASS 14 STALLIONS, FOUR YEARS OLD.**
(Foaled in 2016).

GELDING CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES, 10, 11, AND 13 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 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

- CLASS 15 STALLIONS, TWO YEARS OLD.**
(Foaled in 2018).
- Special 15a Chorlton Perpetual Cup in memory of the Late T. H. Vaughan for the best two year old stallion.*
Special 15b 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 who receives a Grant.
- CLASS 16 AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT.**
In harness with a wheeled implement.

CLASS 17 SINGLE TRADE TURNOUT.

In harness with vehicle, (2 wheeled carts are not permitted).This class will be pre-judged in the collecting ring area prior to completion in the Main Ring.

Special 17a A pair of gloves kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Glovers to the drivers of three prize winners in each class. Note: any driver may only win one pair of gloves.

Special 17b The Freckleton Memorial Trophy presented in memory of the late Mr Forester Stenson, for the best Open Single Trade Turnout.

CLASS 18 STALLIONS, THREE YEARS OLD.

(Foaled in 2017).

CLASS 19 STALLIONS, FIVE YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.

(Foaled in 2015 or previously).

CLASS 20/21 HARNESS CLASSES. (Class 20 - Decorated with traditional brass / Class 21 - Decorated with other regional style decorations, flowers, ribbons, wool, etc).

The harness classes will be together in the collecting ring area for pre-judging and the main ring for final judging. They will however be awarded separately.

Special 20a National Horse Brass Society brass for the winner of the Harness class decorated with traditional brass.

Special 20b Mary Ann Scales Memorial Prize Presented by her daughter Mrs P O'Connor for the winner of the Harness class decorated with traditional brass.

Special 21 The W H Hart Perpetual Trophy presented to the winner of Harness class decorated with regional style decorations

Special 21b Heavy Horse Enthusiast brass for the winner of the Harness class decorated with regional decorations..

STALLION CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES 14, 15, 18, AND 19 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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 12, 15 and 18 are eligible to complete for this award.

CHAMPION STALLION

Special SC4 The "King George V" Champion Challenge Cup for the best stallion in the show together with the Society's Silver spoon and £100.

Special SC5 Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best stallion.

Special SC7 Silver Salver donated by Mr and Mr J. Goldsmith for the Champion Stallion.

Special SC8 Tankard presented to the breeder of the Champion Stallion kindly donated in memory of Dr P. W. Bowden.

- Special SC9 'A Pictorial History of Champions', presented to the breeder of the Champion Stallion by Dr J Jung and Miss R Wallenfang.
- Special SC10 £50 for the Reserve Champion
- Special SC11 The J. W. Hiles Champion Stock Stallion Award for stallions available to serve Shire Horse Society members mares in the United Kingdom during 2020. Points will be awarded on the basis of Stallion Progeny exhibited at the 2020 National Shire Horse Show and at the Final of the Shire Horse Of The Year Championship 2019 (except geldings and turnouts).

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 ON SUNDAY

CLASS 19A SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFYING CLASS - STALLIONS

This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship, to be held at the NEC, Birmingham, 7th – 11th October 2020. This class is open to pure bred fully registered shires stallions of two years old and over that are entered and exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at the National 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 £13 is payable for this class and the HOYS entry form is required in addition to that for the National Show.

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

GRAND PARADE

A parade of every entry, excluding Turnouts. Failure to parade or parading horses that are unplaited will result in the forfeiture of appearance money. This rule will be strictly enforced. Ridden and Newcomer class exhibitors are invited to take part in the grand parade on Saturday and Sunday if they wish. 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.

A Special Prize of a £100 raffle kindly donated by Mr Robert Peacock of Staffordshire County Showground Services.

Each exhibitor/handler/rider/ will be given a raffle ticket on entry to the parade and the prize will be drawn before exhibitors leave the ring.

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020

CLASS 22 **FILLIES, ONE YEAR OLD.**
(Foaled in 2019).

Special 22a *The Late Miss Jane Smith Silver Jubilee Perpetual Loving Cup for the best yearling filly.*

Special 22b *Tom Forshaw Medal for the best yearling filly.*

CLASS 23 **FILLIES, TWO YEARS OLD.**
(Foaled in 2018).

Special 23a *The Late Miss Jane Smith Perpetual Salver to the best two year old filly in the Show.*

Class 24 **BRITISH RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE OF THE YEAR.**

This competition is for pure bred mares, geldings and stallions 4 years old or over, that are registered in the main British Stud Book of the Shire Horse Society, to be ridden. Part bred are not eligible to compete. All Riders and Owners must be Members of the Shire Horse Society. This class will be run in accordance with the British Ridden Heavy Horse Society however the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook will take precedence, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk. This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2020. Qualification will not pass below 5th place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office. The Horse Of The Year Show Contribution of £13.00 is payable at the time of entry. **Exhibitors please note that the Horse Of The Year Show entry form is required in addition to the National Show entry form.**

This is a Horse of the Year Show qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries system. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.

THIS CLASS IS INCLUDED IN THE BEST SHOD HORSE COMPETITION. HORSES FEET WILL BE JUDGED WHILST THEY ARE STANDING IN LINE.

CLASS 25 **FILLIES, THREE YEARS OLD.**
(Foaled in 2017).

CLASS 26 **TEAM OF THREE OR FOUR HORSES.**
In harness with vehicle, (2 wheeled carts are not permitted).

Special 26a *Pat Flood Memorial Cup for the winner of class.*

Special 26b *White Horse Perpetual Trophy for the best team of four heavy horses.*

Special 26c *A pair of gloves kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Glovers to the drivers of three prize winners in each class. Note: any driver may only win one pair of gloves.*

CLASS 27 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. The Young Handler will be expected to wash, plait and prepare the animal from 10.45 am to 12.45 am

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

Special 27a David Simonds Perpetual Trophy - Shire Horse Sculpture for the best Young Handler under 18 years of age.

Special 27b Baker Marsh Perpetual Memorial Cup for the best Young Handler of opposite sex to the winner under 18 years of age.

Special 27c Wooden Shield for the best young handler 16 years or under.

CLASS 28 PAIRS AGRICULTURAL TURNOUT.

In harness with a wheeled vehicle. A handler must walk on the ground beside the horses if the turnout is driven from a standing position. Horses should not trot. Vehicles should **NOT** have any of the following: high seats, commercial advertising (other than the name of the owner or exhibitor).

CLASS 29 SENIOR MARES, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS.

(Foaled in 2016 or previously).

Special 29 Anson Franklin Memorial Prize £50 & Silver Salver to be won outright for the highest placed female In Class 29 that is owned and bred by the Exhibitor. Kindly donated by his Daughter and Grandsons.

THE GEOFFREY DURRANS TURNOUT CHAMPIONSHIP

Special TCa The Captain Peter E. Courage Perpetual Cup (previously the Weir Trophy) presented in memory of the late Captain Peter E. Courage for the Champion Turnout.

Special TCb The Late Gilbert Lidstone Memorial Award of £25.00 for the driver of the Champion Turnout.

Special TCc £50 kindly donated by Mr Robert Peacock of Staffordshire County Showground Services, to the driver of the Champion Turnout.

Special TCd Bronze Model Trophy for the Champion Turnout, presented by Young and Co's Brewery Plc in memory of the late Mr. H. T. L. Young. This trophy will be awarded in succession in each section and be held for one year by the exhibitor of the Champion stallion, female, gelding and turnout

FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM CLASSES, 22, 23, 25, AND 29 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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 *Glennys M F Dodd Trophy presented by the Dodd Family and Michael Martin for the best Grey Filly 3yo and under.*

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 MC7 *‘A Pictorial History of Champions’, presented to the breeder of the Champion Mare by Dr J Jung and Miss R Wallenfang.*
- Special MC8 *£50.00 for the Reserve Champion Mare*
- Special MC9 *Headcollar kindly donated by the Worshipful Company of Saddlers for the Champion Stallion.*

CLASS 29A SHIRE HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFYING CLASS - FEMALES

This class is a qualifier for the Shire Horse of the Year Championship, to be held at the NEC, Birmingham, 7th – 11th October 2020. This class is open to pure bred fully registered shires females of two years old and over that are entered and exhibited in their appropriate breed classes at the National 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 for the best shod horse in the In Hand Pedigree & Ridden Classes. 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, PROVIDED they are suitable for the horse.

Rosettes will be awarded to the Best Shod Horse and Reserve in each of the In-hand classes (except Young Handlers and Newcomers), and the Horse Of The Year Show Ridden Qualifier.

The THREE best overall on Saturday and Sunday will go forward to the BEST SHOD CHAMPIONSHIP on Sunday.

BEST SHOD HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

MAIN RING 1A

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.*

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.*

GRAND PARADE

A parade of every entry from the day (excluding Turnouts) including the Champion Stallion, Junior Champion Stallion and reserve Champion Stallion and Reserve Junior Champion Stallion from Saturday takes place in the main ring. Exhibitors in the harness classes are required to parade in- hand without harness. 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.

Special SC11 ***The J. W. Hiles Champion Stock Stallion Award*** will be presented during the parade. Please see Stallion Championship (Saturday) for details.

Special 28 ***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 Messers. Peter and Geoffrey Roberts in memory of their grandfather George Roberts, Esq.

A Special Prize of a £100 raffle kindly donated by Mr Robert Peacock of Staffordshire County Showground Services.

Each exhibitor/handler/rider/ will be given a raffle ticket on entry to the parade and the prize will be drawn before exhibitors leave the ring.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SHOW AND THE STALLION PREMIUM SCHEME

1. MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND REGULATIONS

The Show is held under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, By-Laws, Regulations and Registration Conditions of the Shire Horse Society, which accordingly bind all exhibitors, members and all others attending the Show. Exhibitors' attention is also drawn to the regulations and competition conditions printed in this prize list. Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, By-Laws, Regulations and Registrations Conditions can be obtained on request from the Chief Executive of the Society.

COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS AND ALL CODES OF PRACTICE:

The Show is subject to any relevant orders issued by Government Departments and Local Authorities and all Codes of Practice and also Codes of Practice issued by the Shire Horse Society with which all exhibitors and others attending the Show must comply. Copies of Codes of Practice can be obtained on request to the Chief Executive of the Society.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. GELDINGS

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

5. D.N.A. TESTING

All animals exhibited at the National Show (except geldings) must be D.N.A. tested and parentage verified with the Animal Health Trust at Newmarket, Weatherbys 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 of £12 for each.

7. EQUINE VIRAL ARTERITIS

Exhibitors of all stallions must have signed the declaration confirming that they have implemented the common Codes of Practice as published by the Horserace Betting Levy Board, before service books can be issued.

8. PREMIUM STALLIONS

Premium stallions must parade if a Premium Stallion Parade is scheduled. Stallions must be presented as they would be for their show classes (ie if plaited in their show class they must be plaited for the parade). Failure to parade or parading with different turnout to that in the show class, will result in the forfeiture of appearance money. These rules will be strictly enforced.

9. YOUNG HANDLER CLASS

All competitors will be expected to fully prepare the animal for the Show Ring. They will be required to wash, plait and prepare the animal under the eye of the Judge. Preparation will be considered in the final judging line up.

10. SOAP AND RESIN

Soap, resin or any other substance designed to give an artificial appearance used above the knee for turning up coats will act as disqualification. This ruling does not apply to foals. Only the damping of the animals coat with clean water will be permitted.

11. HORSE TAILS

The dock should be covered with hair.

12. **TURNOUT EXHIBITORS**

Turnout Exhibitors are expected to carry a whip in the hand and not in the socket. The style of driving will be taken into consideration in the Judging. Traditional Carriage Hand is expected.

13. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

All riders of horses must at all times on the Showground wear properly approved / recognised protective headgear.

14. **DRESS FOR SHOWING**

All exhibitors **MUST** wear a suit or smart jacket with a tie. In cold conditions, a suitable smart top coat 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. Jeans are not acceptable.

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

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

DRESS CODE FOR WOMEN

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

15. **RULES FOR RIDDEN CLASSES**

These rules apply to all ridden classes. **Where additional/alternative rules apply, these are stated with the class they apply to.**

NOVICE RIDDEN

Open horses of any age that have not won a ridden class at County level or have been shown in ridden classes the previous season, including the National Show Novice Ridden Class. Horses that have not previously been shown in ridden classes are able to enter this class. The spirit of this class is to encourage those horses that have been genuinely broken over the winter, to come forward. The class is for genuine novice ridden horses, not those who have campaigned previously.

a) Tack:

1. General purpose/dressage or show saddle, either without numnah or with dark coloured unobtrusive numnah. Square shaped saddle cloths, brightly coloured numnahs eg white/red/high viz etc are not permitted. Logos and embroidery are not permitted.
2. Snaffle, Pelham or Double bridle according to the age and level of training of the horse. Pelhams and/or doubles to be used with two reins ie no roundings. Please note: Gags, Liverpool bits and hackamores are not permitted.
3. Cavesson noseband only. Other nosebands can be used for warm up but must be removed before entering the ring.
4. Other equipment – exercise boots, martingales or other training gadgets eg market Harborough, harbridge, de gogue, etc may be used for warm up but must be removed before entering the ring. Ear guards, visors, blinkers etc are not permitted.

b) Horse turnout:

1. Horses may be shown unplaited or plaited as a shire in-hand class. Flights are not permitted (flights that are folded down can still be dangerous to a rider who falls onto the horse's neck).
2. Neck bands for numbers are not permitted.
3. Tail plaits are permitted.
4. Quarter marks are permitted.

c) Rider Turnout:

Turnout should be natural and traditional, similar to that worn in a hunter or mountain moorland class.

Day Classes

1. Hard hat complying with **one of the following** current Safety Standards/specifications (All PAS 015; VG1; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; SNELL E2016; AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards) **MUST** be worn by riders under 18 years when mounted and be securely fastened. This is optional for adults however failure to comply is strictly at the rider's own risk.
2. Long hair should be tied up and/or netted for neatness
3. Cream/beige/fawn jodhpurs.
4. Tweed show jacket.
5. Collared shirt with Tie.
6. Gloves, if worn, should be of a dark colour to match jacket.
7. Boots should be black or brown in colour. Long boots are preferable but short boots with gaiters (not suede half chaps) are permitted.
8. Whips/canes must not exceed an overall length of 76 cms (30 inches)

9. Spurs may be worn. Rowels are not permitted.
10. Earrings are not permitted.

Evening Classes

The above applies in general, however, please note the following:-

11. Competitors who qualify or take part in an evening performance may dress in hunting dress with tail coats for evening (5pm onwards).
12. Ladies may wear black or blue hunting coat. Gentlemen may wear white breeches with top boots with red or black coats.
13. Hunting Whips may be carried.
14. Top Hats are permitted for Evening Championships. These are worn at the riders own risk and only applies to competitors over the age of 18.

d) Judging Procedures:

1. The horses will be ridden together in the ring in walk, trot and canter, with a single change of direction. The Judge(s) will be looking for correctness in schooling, and correctness in action for the breed. The Judge(s) may ask for an extension or gallop, either as a whole or in groups of 4.
2. The horses line up on 3/4 line or as directed by the judges.
3. The Ride Judge will ride each of the horses in turn, and will go through the paces i.e. walk, trot and canter. An extension will be at the discretion of the judge.
4. The Conformation Judge will strip the horses of their saddles in order to examine conformation more closely.
5. Ride / manners marks to be awarded out of a possible 50.
6. Conformation / type assessment to be awarded marks out of a possible 50. In the event of a tie in marks, the ride mark will take precedence. In the event of a tie on both sets of marks, the judge's preference will prevail. The judge's decision is final.

e) General:

1. A fall of horse or rider will result in disqualification. The rider must not remount in the ring.
2. Stallions should display a stallion bridle marker.
3. No Ridden Horse may be shown on a Leading Rein.
4. Riders of Stallions are to be 16 years and over.
5. The judge may require that a horse which constitutes a danger leaves the ring; the judge's decision is final.

16. CONCOURS CLASS

The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse and rider. Attention may be paid to the rider's personal appearance, but detailed inspection of rider or tack is not required. Horses can be ridden Astride or Aside (side saddle). Period costumes are not compulsory for side saddle (side saddle habits are required however). Please note that ball gowns and bridesmaid dresses are not acceptable as period dress.

Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. A short show of no more than 2 minutes is required.

Special rosettes will be awarded as follows:

to the highest placed Adult rider wearing a "silk hat";
to the highest placed Adult rider wearing a bowler hat;
to the highest placed side saddle competitor;
and the highest placed Junior rider.

NB. Silk hats are permitted to be worn by Adults IN THIS CLASS AT ANY TIME OF DAY. Juniors must wear hats to current British Safety standards or above for this class. Adult riders not wearing such hats do so at their own risk. Juniors are those who have not reached their 18th Birthday as at the day of the show.

17. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

17.1 Exhibitors in all competitive classes (except foals, yearlings and ridden classes if the horses are stripped) 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 foals and yearlings are permitted to have an assistant if needed for the individual "show", and exhibitors of ridden horses are permitted to have an assistant if the horse is required to be stripped of the saddle. 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'.

17.2 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 (with the exception of the young handler class). A suitable viewing area will be provided for Exhibitors and Grooms only

18. JUDGES INTEREST IN A HORSE

Exhibitors in all competitive classes are not permitted to enter or exhibit an animal in any class, which is to be judged by a person who has owned, loaned or bred the animal, or is a blood relative or spouse. The onus of complying with this regulation rests entirely on the exhibitor.

For classes eligible for the Stallion and Female Championships, and the HOYS Ridden class, HOYS rules will prevail.

Geldings and turnouts are exempt from this rule after a period of three years.

19. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

It is an offence under the Society's regulations to exhibit an animal which is under the influence of any prohibited substance at a Shire Horse Show or Sale. Horses may not take part in any competition or exhibition while under the influence of any stimulating or calming drugs in any shape or form.

It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that his horse is exhibited only when free from abnormal substances. The security and integrity of the animals under his care is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

The term "Prohibited Substance" shall apply to any unnatural chemical or drug which could affect the performance, appearance or behaviour of a horse, and include:

- (a) Analgesics (pain-relieving substances, including steroids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs).
- (b) Stimulants.
- (c) Depressants and sedatives.

The Society reserves the right to detain a horse at any time during a Show or Sale for the purpose of taking urine and blood samples by a Veterinary Surgeon for analysis at an Approved Laboratory, in accordance with the International Equestrian Medication Control Programme of the International Equestrian Federation. The Shire Horse Society nominates LGC Ltd (formerly the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory) at Newmarket for this purpose.

In the event of a sample being found to contain a prohibited substance, the exhibitor of the horse shall be automatically disqualified from the Class and the Show, and all Appearance money shall become forfeit. As a result, the Society may impose on the owner/exhibitor further penalties which in its view is appropriate to the offence

20. POSITIVE DRUGS TEST RESULT - AT ANY SHS AFFILIATED EVENT

Any Shire horse found to have a positive sample following testing on behalf of the Shire Horse Society, at any affiliated Show or Event, will be subject to the following penalties:

- 1. ALL Costs incurred will be borne entirely by the owner/exhibitor of the horse in question.
- 2. Should the horse have been awarded a Stallion Premium, all payments of Premium money for the said stallion shall be forfeited for that year.
- 3. The Disciplinary Committee may at their discretion levy a further financial penalty
- 4. The Disciplinary Committee retain their existing power to decide whether persons found guilty should have their Council and Judges Panel privileges removed for up to 5 years

SHOEING REGULATION

The whole ground bearing surface of the foot must be covered by the shoe.

At the National Show all Exhibits will have their feet checked before the start of their classes by an appointed Farrier. The inspecting Farrier may lift feet in order to complete inspection if deemed necessary.

Any exhibits found not to be complying with the Society's Shoeing Regulations will be immediately disqualified from the Class. The exhibitor may be contacted by the Society after the Show for further investigation

During the year, at the discretion of the Chairman of the Editing Committee, inspections may take place at other shows. These will be carried out by a Farrier in a similar way to those at the National Show.

SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY
PREMIUM STALLION SCHEME
(SPECIAL REGULATIONS)

**REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION OF THE SCHEME AND SERVICE OF MARES BY SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY
PREMIUM STALLIONS**

1. PREMIUMS AND GRANTS

a. Grants and/or Premiums are offered to Shire stallions entered in the Stud Book as follows:

- i. A grant to two year old stallions.
- ii. A premium to three year old stallions.
- iii. A premium to four year old stallions.
- iv. A premium to stallions five years old and over.
- v. All values will be decided at the first Editing Committee Meeting following the National Show.
- vi. Stallions will not be called Premium Stallions until they have received a Premium as a three year old or over. Grant Stallions will rank as equal for the purpose of the Scheme conditions.
- vii. Subject to HBLB Grant Funding travelling allowance will be paid to all stallions of two years old and over at a rate of 40p per mile (in excess of 120 miles round journey), for each vehicle conveying stallions to the showground. If exhibitors will be transporting stallions in more than one vehicle, this should be stated at the time of submitting the entry form.
- viii. All foals registered by a Premium Stallion will qualify for a grant.
- ix. Senior stallions, 10 years old and over, having been awarded 3 premiums in previous years can be inspected at the Stallion Approval Centres in February. The Premium will be less than other Senior Stallions.

b. Payment of Grants and Premiums

- i. All Premiums and Grants will be awarded at the value stated and will be made in single payments.
- ii. Two year old Grants will be paid after 30th October provided a service book is received in the office showing the stallion has served a minimum of three registered mares.
- iii. Three year old Premiums will be paid after 30th October provided a service book is received in the office showing the stallion has served a minimum of six registered mares.
- iv. Four year old and over stallion premiums will be paid after 30th October provided a service book is received in the office showing the stallion has served a minimum of eight registered mares.
- v. Senior stallions covering less than ten mares will have 10% of the Premium deducted per mare less than ten. They must have covered at least six registered mares to qualify.

ALL SERVICE BOOKS to be returned immediately on completion of service season but **NOT LATER THAN 30TH OCTOBER.**
Failure to submit service books by this date will result in forfeiture of the Premium payment

c. Premium and Grant Awards

These will be made at the Shire Horse National Show annually and will be in accordance with the Society's Standard of Points. Stallions must be entered in the appropriate In Hand Classes for their ages at the National Show, in order to be considered for a Premium.

The premiums will be awarded by the Premium Panel. They will be allowed to award premiums to horses placed further down the line, if they feel the premium is justified. It is acknowledged that the criteria for premiums is very different in some respects to those considered by the judges. Awards further down the line would be made after the class so that it would not interfere with the Judge's decision.

VERY IMPORTANT

The Panel will be provided with detailed records of all stallions entered for grants and premiums. Awards will be made having regard to the number of mares served, progeny registered, success of progeny, location, previous number of premiums and any other information which might be available. The premiums will therefore be awarded to the stallions based on their records and not solely on conformation. A form will be sent to exhibitors which must be completed in full if stallions are to be considered for a premium.

Failure to complete and submit the form will mean that a premium cannot be awarded. Stallions must be entered in their appropriate class. Stallions owned by Judges and Premium Panel Members will be inspected at the Approval Centres in February.

d. Withholding premiums

Judges and Panel have been requested to withhold premiums where insufficient merit has been shown and where stallions do not comply with the Society's Standard of Points and Conformation. The Panel's decision shall be final and there is no right of appeal.

e. Change of ownership of stallions

Where a stallion changes ownership during the period 1st April to 31st August in the year of the grant or premium award, this will be paid to the new owner. Notification of the sale must be made to the Society.

2. **ENTRIES**

Exhibitors may enter any number of stallions for premiums at the National Show for which stallions are eligible. Stallions eligible for Premium at Home must be entered as such and must be inspected at a centre during the February Stallion Approvals.

3. **STALLION APPROVAL SCHEME**

Every stallion must have a certificate/licence number issued under the Society's Stallion Approval Scheme before it can be accepted into the Show.

4. **BREEDER**

The name and address of the breeder of each stallion entered for exhibition must be stated on the entry form.

5. **INTERPRETATION OF CONDITIONS**

The Council of the Society reserves the sole and absolute right to interpret the conditions and regulations and arbitrarily to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to the National Show or during the subsequent season of service and foaling. Also to refuse and to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries and cancel awards of premiums, as the Council may deem expedient.

In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Council will not make any award of a premium or will cancel any such awards if made, if it appears that the payment of a premium will conflict with Clause 4 of the Society's Memorandum of Association relating to the application of the Society's funds, and in the event of such cancellation the owner will repay in full to the Society the amount of any such award received by him or her.

6. **SERVICE REGULATIONS**

a. Service

Every stallion to which a premium has been awarded shall be available for service as the Council may direct from time to time, and shall serve any Shire or other heavy horse or hunter type mare which is presented for service. Service may be refused to mares which in the opinion of a Veterinary Surgeon or the stallion leader are not fit for service because of disease or otherwise.

b. Service fees

The amount of the service fee is to be fixed at the owner's discretion. All service fees are payable at the time of first service. If a mare, subsequent to payment of the service fee becomes unfit for service, any fee so received shall be refunded to the owner of the mare on production by him of a veterinary certificate to the effect that the mare in question is unfit for service.

Trials are not to be entered in the service book and are not chargeable. The collection of fees due from the owner(s) of the mare is a matter to be arranged between him/her and the owner of the stallion. Fees are not refundable.

c. Service book

£50 inclusive of VAT per season for all approved stallions two year old and over,

A record of the services of all mares (shire, other heavy horse, hunters and ponies) are to be correctly entered in the service book provided by the Society. The service book details will also be required for checking pedigrees of animals for entry in the Stud Book.

A DNA sample will have to be taken from all stallions prior to allocation of service books if a sample has not already held.

d. Payment of service book fees

This must be paid at the time the owner applies for a service book. **Applications must be made before the end of April each year. For stallions with foals on the ground, a completed mare returns form is also required. EVA testing is no longer mandatory however testing is recommended in the interests of disease control.**

e. Inspection of service books

The service book is to be submitted to a member of the Editing and Training Committee for his information at any time at his request.

f. A receipt from the stallion owner, or his representative, for the payment of the service fee will, on production to him, entitle the mare in respect of which it is issued to a second and third service if necessary, should she come into use on two future occasions during the service season.

g. A mare can only be served at the risk of her owner or his representative.

h. The owner of a stallion or his representative may require hobbles to be used for any mare served.

i. Completion of service register

On completion of the first service the owner of the stallion and mare respectively, or their representatives, are to sign and countersign the service book. On completion of second and third service, the owner of the stallion or his representative, is to enter the date in the space provided for the purpose.

j. Barren mares

All mares except those with foal at foot and maiden mares should be accompanied by a veterinary certificate stating that the mare has had a swab taken and that she is free from infection and fit to breed.

k. Artificial Insemination

(a) A. I. is an acceptable means of breeding.

(b) There is no difference between the registration of an animal either as a result of natural covering or by A. I.

(c) Service certificates, duly signed by the collector and the inseminator will be required.

(d) In the case of frozen semen, documentation must accompany all straws.

(e) Blood testing or D.N.A. will be used to confirm accurate pedigree at the time of registration.

l. Embryo Transfer

The Society accept progeny resulting from embryo transplants as an acceptable means of breeding. Blood testing or D.N.A. will be used to confirm accurate pedigree at the time of registration.

7. **SALE OF PREMIUM STALLIONS**

There is no restraint on owners selling premium stallions in this country or for export after the close of the current season for which a grant/premium has been awarded.

8. **PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS AND GRANTS**

Grants and premiums will be paid in accordance with regulations under 1b to the owner of the stallion.

9. **STALLION PREMIUM COMMITTEE**

The Council gives power to the Stallion Premium Committee to supervise arrangements for each stallion and the stallion owner must comply with the instructions of that Committee.

10. **EQUINE VIRAL ARTERITIS**

Though no longer mandatory, Negative blood testing/vaccination of Stallions for EVA is still recommended in the interests of disease control. Horserace Betting and Levy Board Codes Of Practice for Control of Infectious Diseases can be found using the following link on the Society's website: <https://codes.hblb.org.uk>

11. **SERVICE BOOKS**

ALL STALLION OWNERS MUST HAVE THEIR SERVICE BOOKS BY THE END OF APRIL IN EACH BREEDING YEAR. **DOUBLE FEES WILL APPLY AFTER THE 30TH APRIL THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**