

Somerset County Show special regulations applying to all horse entries and livestock exhibitors:

Health and Safety and terms and conditions:

1. **Hard Hats** - It is mandatory for all riders (including judges) to wear a protective helmet to the approved BSI standard whilst mounted on the Showground. Such headgear must be worn with the chinstrap securely fastened. Any person riding a horse anywhere on the showground is to wear a hard hat and ensure the chin strap is fastened.
2. **Grooms** - In classes where grooms/attendants are permitted to enter the ring during judging, they must be smartly and professionally turned out. Grooms must wear a hat when in the ring.
3. **Stallions** - All stallions, three years old and over, must at all times be wearing a bit or chifney whilst moving around on the Showground. Stallions must be led by an attendant of 16 years of age or older.
4. **Falls** - A fall of horse or rider in any class will result in retirement from the class and must leave the ring dismounted.
5. **Ill Treatment/Use of the Whip** - No person shall ill-treat animals at any time whether by misuse/excessive use of a whip, bit or any item of saddlery or in any way whatsoever.
6. **Strangles/Ringworm** - It is a condition of entry that no exhibitor or horse/pony have shown any symptoms or been in contact with horses/ponies exhibiting signs of Strangles or Ringworm within 15 days prior to the Show.
7. **Smoking** - The Show operates a no smoking rule in all marquees, judging rings and in the Main Ring.
8. **Mobile Phones** - No mobile phones are permitted in the Judging Areas or in any of the arena's
9. **Entry Tickets** - Each person must give up an admission ticket when entering the Showground on Show days.
10. **Access to the Showground** - Exhibitors are asked to follow the directional signs to the Showground and to allow adequate time for entry to the Show site, parking and unloading of their entries. Designated parking for vehicles with horseboxes will be from the Orchard Portman entrance which will be clearly signposted at the Taunton Racecourse.
11. **Safety** - Exhibitors are reminded to comply with all safety regulations relating to themselves, their exhibits and the public. No horse is to be ridden or led through the showground except on designated horse walks. No children or push chairs permitted in the collecting ring of the main arena or any other arenas

12. Accidents - The Show will not be responsible for any loss, illness, damage or accident that may occur to any animal or article exhibited at the Show. It is a condition of entry that the exhibitor shall hold the Show harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from any such accident, loss or illness. All accidents must be reported to the Show Office near the ticket office.

13. Veterinary & Medical Cover - These are on site between 9.00am and 5.30pm on Show days. Exhibitors are responsible for any treatment costs incurred. It is a condition of entry that the Society's Veterinary Surgeons may on their own authority give such emergency treatment as they may consider appropriate in the event that the owner or representative cannot be found.

14. Security - 24-hour security is on site from 9am on the Saturday 21st September until Sunday 22nd September 2019 till 5.30pm. The Show cannot accept responsibility for any loss, theft or damage during this time.

15. Closing Dates - No entries will be accepted after the relevant closing date and all entries must be on an official entry form or via the online entry system and signed by exhibitor, owner, agent or if under 16 years of age, the exhibitor and parent/guardian. All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of making entries. This rule obviously is superseded where exhibits are required to be bred, made or produced by the exhibitor. No refunds can be made for any entry after the relevant closing date.

16. Timing of Classes - Competitors must present themselves to the judging rings in adequate time for the relevant competition. The Somerset County Show will not be responsible for any loss where an exhibitor has made entries in more than one class and because of a time over run it is not possible for him/her or the horse/pony to compete in one or more later classes. No claim for refund of fees paid or other loss, direct, indirect or consequential will be accepted or paid. Once a class has commenced trotting it is deemed the class is closed and no further exhibitors may enter the ring.

17. Age: It is only necessary to state the year of birth in respect of all horses except that of foals, where the exact date of birth must be stated on the entry form. No foals under the age of THREE WEEKS will be allowed on the showground.

18. Height: All certificates must be available with the horse/pony for inspection, failing which the horse/pony will be measured. Failure to pass this height test or to comply with the Joint Measurement Scheme Rule Book will disqualify the horse/pony from competition.

19. Eligibility; In all classes, animals must be practically sound and no veterinary inspection will be required except where it may be considered necessary by the Judges, or on a protest being lodged. The owner of the animal rejected for unsoundness may remove the animal from the showground at once upon rejection.

20. Breeding classes: Mares whose foals have died or are prevented from being exhibited owing to accident or illness CANNOT be exhibited.

21. Judging - No public will be allowed in the judging rings while judging is in progress. The Judge's decision is final. The decision of the Show on any point not covered by the rules is final. Prizes - As printed in the schedule except where the Judge or Chief Steward reserves the right to change for whatever reason. The Judge need not award a first prize.

22. Stalling of Exhibits: Exhibitors and their employees must see that their exhibits are stalled or penned in their allotted space.

23. It is a condition of entry that exhibitors ensure that handlers must have the necessary strength and experience to cope with foreseeable problems. Animals should not be left unattended. All exhibitors must hold a current public liability policy at the time of the show

24. Rugs and sheets: Except by special permission of the Steward of the Section, no rug or sheet shall be hung up so as to conceal any animal in a horsebox, stall or pen. All sheets used for this purpose must be removed before the opening of the show on each day to the general public and must not be replaced until after the closing of the Show each day.

25. Fodder and Straw: Free fodder and straw is not provided and will not be available. Exhibitors are strongly advised to bring their requirements with them to the show.

26. Water: taps are on site, please bring your own container to fill and use.

27. Stabling facilities: There is no stabling facilities at the show.

28. Equine influenza: In order to attend the show all equines need to have been vaccinated and any horse or pony showing clinical signs of equine influenza is to be immediately removed from the showground. In the event of a serious outbreak the Show reserves the right to require vaccination certificates to be produced. Do not send passports and vaccination certificates to the show office prior to the event. Passports must accompany all equines arriving at the Showground and random checks may be carried out.

Please note Equines may attend having received the primary course, and prior to the first booster, but not within 7 days of receiving a vaccine dose. The primary source is 1st vaccination and then 2nd vaccination 12-92 days later. This should be followed by the first booster (150-215 days) and all subsequent boosters. Equines must have been vaccinated within the 6 months prior to the show. Foals: In Foal mares that have already had vaccinations of primary Equine Influenza should be vaccinated 4-6 weeks before the foal is due to be born and should be vaccinated for Equine Influenza at 6 months to commence their primary course. We urge all owners to adhere to strict biosecurity at all times

Additional information can be found at <https://bef.co.uk/News-Detail.aspx?news=latest-bef-advice-to-shows.> :

29. Animals suffering from disease: Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Somerset County Show against all actions, claims, proceedings and demands by any person, company or other representative body of whatsoever nature in respect of any matter, directly or indirectly connected with the bringing onto the showground of any animal which may have been suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or which develops such a disease whilst on the showground and in addition the exhibitor shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Show in connection with any such claim. The Show's Veterinary Officers are authorised to refuse permission for any animal to be admitted to, or have removed from the showground any animals affected with contagious or infectious disease. The exhibitor or such animal may obtain a certificate from the Show stating the nature of such disease or infection. The onus of proving the freedom of any such animal from contagious or infectious disease shall rest on the exhibitor of the animal concerned.

30. Defra regulation: Exhibitors should be aware of and conform to the regulations in place by DEFRA at all times

31. Owners/handlers: All horses must have a competent person in charge and persons in charge of stock will be subject to the orders of the Show's Officials. Employees must be in attendance each day during the Show, at least half an hour prior to the time appointed for the examination, exhibition or parade of the animals in their charge. Exhibitors will be held responsible for the behaviour of their employees and for the consequence of any misconduct of such employees.

32. Ownership: All exhibits shall be bona fide property of the exhibitor at the original date of entry closing, except where the regulation is varied by any condition applicable to specific classes stated in the schedule. In the event of the death of the exhibitor between the date of entry closing and date of the show, the executor of the deceased shall be deemed to be the exhibitor.

33. Public liability insurance- All livestock exhibitors should ensure they have adequate public liability insurance cover.

34. Lorry passes - Livestock: Please ensure vehicles entering showground are not "Dirty" . Exhibitors will be provided with a pass to enable them to bring their stock into the showground. Upon offloading of stock such lorries will be required to be parked in the designated area and will not be permitted to return to the vicinity of the stock lines until departure time on the afternoon of the last day of the show. Exhibitors must state on entry forms the additional number of such lorry passes required. Please note: A one-way traffic system will be in operation.

35. Transit of animals: From January 2007, Welfare in Transport Regulations (EC) no. 1.2005 will apply. NOTE: It will be an offence to transport any female animal for whom 90% or more of the gestational period has already passed or female

animals that have given birth in the previous week. PLEASE NOTE: if you are transporting animals over 65Kms you will require an Animal Transporter Authorisation, and as from January 2008 it is now a legal requirement to have a Certificate of Competence for transporting animals over 65Kms. (Please check with your local authority).

36. Dogs: are allowed on a short lead at the showground but not in the arena's with the exception of Assistance Dogs and those taking part in competitive classes or events

37. Stoves: Use of stoves will not be permitted under any circumstances near livestock or at the show without written consent from the Show organisers.

The Somerset County Show Officers and Servants, shall not be responsible to any person whatsoever whilst entering on, or leaving the Show's premises, for any damage or loss, however caused to the property of such person, or for any injury, fatal or otherwise, to any such person. The Show, its Officers and Servants shall not be responsible for any accident, damage or loss however caused that may occur to any exhibitor or his employee or to any animal, article or property brought into the showground, or whilst entering or on leaving, or being carried into or out of the said showground. The exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may be done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal, article or property exhibited or brought into the showground by him/her and he/ she shall indemnify and hold harmless the Society from all action, suits, expenses and claims on account of, or in respect of any such damage or injury which may be so caused or occasioned.