

Totnes & District Show General Regulations 2026

General Regulations for Traders

1. The Totnes Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any application without assigning a reason.
2. **Charges:** The fee paid shall not be refundable and the trader agrees not to make any claim for repayment thereof on any account including the partial or total abandonment or postponement of the show. The frontage booked must include room required for tent, tow bars, guy ropes etc. The fee paid is for space only, exhibitors must supply their own tent or covering. Gazebo/party tents are not recommended – if they are used exhibitors must ensure that they are sufficiently anchored to withstand foreseeable weather, inspected before opening and covered under your own insurance and risk assessment.
3. **Traders and Auctions:** The trader shall not do or allow to be done on the Stand anything directly or indirectly detrimental to the Show or persons attending the Show. This includes the sale by MOCK AUCTION or AUCTION, or similar activities of goods on the stand.
4. **Catering and Food & Drink Village:** No trader (except for the invited Caterers) shall sell or allow to be sold any drink, ice cream, confectionary, or food for immediate consumption on the stand. Exhibitors may make such arrangements regarding hospitality regarding on their own stand, providing that they do not sell any foods or drinks. Those providing alcohol as part of their hospitality are reminded of their safeguarding duties with regards to supply of alcohol to those under 18. **In the Food & Drink Village you may only offer tastings and not selling of food/drink for immediate consumption.** The Show Committee may, on breach of Clause 3 & 4, have the right to terminate the Agreement and evict the Trader from the Stand and from the Show ground without compensation of any sort, and the decision of the show shall be binding and final to both parties.
5. **Admission:** Exhibitor's Admission E-tickets will be allocated as follows:

Trade Stands:	6m frontage – 2 Admission Tickets
	9 m frontage – 3 Admission Tickets
	12m frontage – 4 Admission Tickets
Craft Marquee & Lifestyle Pavilion:	3.5m-5.5m frontage – 2 Admission Tickets
Food & Drink Village	3m frontage – 2 Admission Tickets

Further Admission Tickets may be purchased at a reduced pre-paid price of £15.00 each and should be applied for when making your applications.
6. **Car Parking:**
 - **Free car parking** is available in an adjacent field for **ALL** exhibitors.
 - **All trade exhibitors' vehicles MUST be parked in the designated car park and away the Show Site by 8.45 am.**
 - **Parking in front of or behind the Craft Marquee, Lifestyle Pavilion and Food & Drink Village or within their immediate vicinity is strictly PROHIBITED.**
 - **All vehicle movement on the show field after 8.45am is PROHIBITED with the exception of Official Show Vehicles. The earliest vehicle movement at the end of the Show will be 5.30pm or at the Show Manager's discretion.**
 - Exhibitors must comply with the Show's traffic management arrangements, speed limits, steward instructions, and safe vehicle movement protocols at all times.
 - If the vehicle is part of the **trade display** it may be parked within the space booked, **but this must be indicated on the booking form.**
7. **Draw / Lotteries/leafleting/Games of Chance:** No draws or lotteries are to take place on the Trade Stand sites unless previously agreed by the Show Committee. No leafleting distribution around the showground or car parks is permitted. Games of Chance are prohibited.
8. **Times of Opening:** **All Trade Stands must be opened and be manned throughout the time the Show is open to the public (9.00 am to 5.00 pm). No dismantling to take place before 5.00pm or at the Show Manager's discretion.**
9. **Services:** Electricity: Trade exhibitors and caterers with outside sites are to make their own arrangements for electricity supply. **Only Silent generators may be used, this must be stated on the application and their operation must not interfere with other exhibitors or traders.** No generators are allowed in the Craft Marquee or Lifestyle Pavilion, but electricity is available in these areas upon request on the appropriate application. Petrol generators are not permitted unless an integral part of the unit. Diesel and LPG generators are permitted. Generators must be safely positioned, securely protected if accessible to the public, operated by competent persons, and included in the exhibitor's risk assessment. The Show reserve the right to refuse the use of any generator causing a nuisance to others without any claim against the Society.
10. **Responsibility of Exhibitors:**

Insurance: The Show Committee will not be responsible in any way for any articles, plant, machinery or objects of any kind exhibited at the Show ground. Where Trade Stands are erecting their own or appointing third party contractors to erect their marquee or display, the trader/exhibitor is responsible for ensuring that they appoint competent contractors. A copy of the Shows Construction Phase Plan is available on our website and contains information that will be useful to you or your contractor. Please ensure that you read this document or pass it to your contractor. The exhibitor shall assume full responsibility therefore including liability for all claims arising out of the exhibition handling or housing of such exhibits and the conduct of the Stand generally.

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- **Trade Stand, Craft & Lifestyle exhibitors, Food & Drink Village exhibitors and Caterers:** must have at least £5 million current Public Liability Insurance. A copy of their current PUBLIC liability insurance MUST be supplied with their Application and a current copy on their stand on the day of the show for inspection if required.

11. **Overhead Power Cables**
There is an area of the Showground where overhead power lines are present (near the exhibitor's entrance) under no circumstances should any at height equipment or flags be displayed within a 10m arc of these power lines No work at height may be carried out near overhead lines.

12. **Disclosure and Barring checks** Organisations working with children on show site must ensure that their staff hold the appropriate disclosure and barring certificate and responsible for ensuring they have safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

13. **Balloons:** Due to the injury that balloons can cause to livestock the Show has taken the decision not to permit the selling or gifting of balloons on their showground. Balloons may be used as part of a display but these must be removed by the exhibitor at the end of the Show.

14. **Environmental:** Caterers and Trade Exhibitors are reminded that they are responsible for clearing all litter, grass cuttings etc in the area of their stand at the close of the show. If excessive litter is found, the cost of removal will be invoiced to the applicant. Waste oil, wastewater, chemicals, and hazardous substances must not be discharged onto the land.

15. **Health & Safety:** All Caterers and Exhibitors are responsible for their compliance with all current Health & Safety and Covid Legislation, Regulations and Guidance.
Totnes Show's suitably qualified staff will undertake H&S compliance checks, in line with Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations of applications and on the day, but it remains the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that all aspects of their operations are always fully compliant. **Those that are not will be expected to comply where advised and the Show reserves the right to ask any non-compliant operation to cease set up or trading immediately and leave without refund or recourse.**
ALL CATERERS AND TRADE EXHIBITORS MUST submit a copy of their own H&S Risk Assessment with their application, including food hygiene rating and managing allergens. It is the responsibility of the trader/exhibitor to ensure that their risk assessments are suitable and sufficient for the activities that they will be undertaking from when they arrive on site to set up to when they dismantle their stand and leave. **No trader / exhibitor will be permitted to attend if their own "suitable and sufficient" risk assessments have not been made available with their application together with a copy of their current public liability insurance cover.**
All relevant details of health and safety related inspections, training, risk assessment and communication must also be made available (for inspection) on site on the day of the show to support any statement made.
All Caterers and Trade Exhibitors must ensure that they have suitable firefighting equipment available and ready for use on their stand or exhibit. Caterers and Trade Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring that they have completed a fire risk assessment for their exhibit. Advice is available from H M Government Guidance on Fire Safety Risk Assessment for Open Air Events and Venues.
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/14891/fsra-open-air.pdf
Any Gas appliances used on site must have been subject to an inspection by a competent Gas Safe Engineer – evidence of these checks may be requested by our on-site safety advisors.
All Caterers, Food Traders and stands providing hospitality must ensure that they comply with Food Safety and Food Hygiene legislation including the Consumer Information Regulations.
All personnel operating machinery must be experienced, trained and competent in their use. The HSE Guidance Sim 01/2001/04 Health and Safety Guidelines for Agricultural Machinery Working Demonstrations will be used for displays of static and machines in motion.
Static machinery may be displayed with guards missing provided that the exhibitor has a sign pointing out to visitors that certain guards are not fitted and inaccessible to the public.
All raised components must be securely supported by mechanical means. Under no circumstances should raised components rely solely on hydraulic pressure to remain in position. Tines and other protruding objects must be protected to prevent contact by visitors

Totnes Show General Rules and Regulations For Livestock and Horses 2026

1. All competitors' entries are to be made online or by downloading an entry form from the website. If necessary, paper certificates of entry may be obtained from the Show Manager, PO Box 220, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 9EN and must be correctly filled in and returned before 12 noon on Monday 22 June 2026. Entries will not be accepted after this date. By entering the Show the exhibitor/competitor is agreeing to abide by the Shows Rules and Regulations
2. No entry will be accepted unless correctly completed on the prescribed form and accompanied by entrance fee but see No. 5 of rules for horses. Information about exhibitors and their animals may also be provided to DEFRA, Trading Standards, Council Departments, BCMS, SAC, Breed Societies and others having regulatory functions as well as the Society's veterinary advisors. The making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.
3. No entrance fee shall be refundable on any account including the partial or total abandonment or postponement of the show. All entry fees are published in the schedule.

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4. In applying for paper certificates of entry, the exhibitor must state the class or classes in which he/she intends to exhibit and the number of entries he/she proposes making stating the name and age of exhibit(s).
5. All cattle and sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitors and must have been in their possession at least three months before the day of the exhibition. Where applicable entries must comply with the rules of their relevant Breed Societies.
6. The committee will not entertain any protest, unless the same is in writing and delivered to the Secretary within one hour of the publication of the judges' decision. Every protest must be accompanied by a deposit of £25 and signed by one exhibitor. The £25 will be forfeited if the committee decides the objection to be frivolous.
7. In all cases where prizes are given conditionally, they will be withheld until the exhibitor shall have proven to the satisfaction of the committee that the conditions have been complied with.
8. Exhibitor's assistants must see that the stock under their care is properly placed.
9. The show field will be open for the reception of cattle and sheep from 7am to 8.45am on the morning of the show and none will be admitted after that hour. Horses, to be on the ground by 10am. No stock to be removed from the show field until after the Grand Parade has concluded and exhibitors breaking the rule will, in the case of prize winners, forfeit their prizes, and the non-prize winners pay a fine of £25 each respectively. This rule will be strictly adhered to.
10. All animals must be shown at the scheduled time and presented without rosettes.
11. All horned exhibits must be marked as such on the entry form.
12. All cattle to be led into the show field. All bulls over 15 months old to be led into the show field by a clamp or ring in the nose. It is recommended that all bulls are led by a minimum of two attendants. Exhibitors must also provide chains or ropes with all bullocks to fasten them onto cattle lines, as all cattle classes will be judged in the appropriate ring. Exhibitors are requested to make their exhibits halter trained and suitably behaved before the show. The committee cannot be held responsible for any damage caused to or by any exhibits.
13. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that the handler of any animal is of suitable physical capability, experience, and age to be in charge of that animal. Junior exhibitors leading animals in the Grand Parade must be accompanied by a competent adult who is NOT handling other animals. Correct dress code must be adhered to at all times.
14. It is recommended that ANY stallion or colt, 3 years of over, should wear a bit or chifney at all times when being handled.
15. All prize winners taking part in the grand parade must NOT be decorated with rosettes, etc. other than those won at the current Totnes & District Show.
16. The committee reserves the right to amalgamate or cancel any class that in their opinion has insufficient entries.
17. The judges may withhold any ordinary or special prize where there is an evident want of merit, and where there is only one animal or pen of animals shown in a class, the judges may award the first, second, or third prize according to the merit of the animal or animals exhibited.
18. If at any time whatever during the show the judges shall have the cause to doubt the soundness of a horse, notwithstanding the same may be provided with a certificate, they shall order such horse to be examined by the Society's veterinary surgeon, whose decision shall be final.
19. All riders must wear protective headgear which complies with the relevant current British Standard. The Totnes Show Society recommends the wearing of protective headgear when leading any horse or pony on the showground. Protective headgear MUST be worn when mounted.
20. While the Officials take every care, the Society will not in any case or under any circumstances be responsible for any accident, loss, damage, or injury to the competitors or the public attending the show, or for stock or produce which may be exhibited at the show. All exhibitors and competitors must hold a minimum of £5m public liability insurance which is to be valid on the day of the show.
21. It is the responsibility of Exhibitors erecting their own gazebos on site to ensure they are anchored and secured, posing no risk.
22. Any person entering an animal or animals in the wrong class will be disqualified.
23. No person shall enter the judging area or have communication with the judges or examining veterinary surgeon without permission from the steward.
24. A full description as to name, colour, marks, etc. must be stated for every horse entered.

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25. Prize winners in the Cattle and Supreme Champion and Breed Champions in the Horse Sections must take part in the Grand Parade. Failure to do so may mean forfeiture of prize money. Prize Winners are asked to collect their prize money before 4:00pm on the Show day, from the ticket booth at the pedestrian entrance gate in the main Show field. Failure to do so entitles the Show to retain the prize money forthwith. No prize money will be posted after the Show.
26. Any exhibitor not responding to the request to return the cup(s) and/or trophy on time will not be entitled to take away any cups that they win in the future.
27. Rosettes will be awarded as follows: Cattle and Sheep to third place. Horses to sixth place. A Fourth place in the sheep classes will be awarded, only if 10 or more entries are forward in a class on the Show day.
28. Mobile phones must not be used when handling any livestock or equine in the Grand Parade or in any area of the Showground.
29. Quad Bikes or mini motorbikes are not permitted in any area of the showground, car, or lorry park, other than those authorised and used by Show Officials
30. Tampering with animals: Any artificial contrivance or device of any description found on or proved to have been used on an animal at any time whilst that animal is in the Showground, either for preventing the flow of milk or for any other improper purpose, will disqualify that animal from being awarded a prize, and any prize awarded prior to discovery will be forfeited. The Instigator or The Owner of the said animal may be prohibited from again entering Stock for any of the committee's Shows, for such period as the Committee may see fit. For the purpose of this Regulation, the term 'improper practice' shall be held to include setting of teats, and generally any other practice including tampering or of their own or any other animal by the exhibitor or any other person which results in the animals being shown other than in a natural state, and the Committee reserves the right to have all animals inspected by the Committee's Veterinary Officers, either prior to, during, or after judging.

The Committee will not tolerate the administration to show exhibits (entered either for competition or sale/demonstration) of tranquillisers or other drugs which may in any way affect the performance of the animal in question to have the effect of making it behave in the show ring in a manner which is not natural. The Committee reserves the right to take any necessary samples. Any Person or Exhibitor (or his representative) who is found to have administered or permitted the administration of any such tranquilliser or drugs to any Show exhibit will be reported to the Organising Committee and dealt with at their discretion. In addition, the matter will be referred to the appropriate Breed Society or Organisation.

Any Exhibitor wishing to lodge an objection, having reference to Livestock exhibited at this Show, must make the same in accordance with the objection requirements of the Committee. If, on investigation, the objection is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Committee, the sum thus deposited shall, at the discretion of the Committee, be forfeited to the funds of the Society. All objections must be lodged on the same day as the alleged incident occurred in accordance with the objection regulations, and no objection will be SUBSEQUENTLY received, unless a reason, satisfactory to the Committee be assigned for the delay

31. Biosecurity measures in place will be strictly adhered to. Livestock vehicles must arrive having been cleaned and disinfected before leaving the holding. The Show reserves the right to turn away any vehicle which they (in partnership with the Veterinary expertise on site) feel is not in a clean state and has the potential for the spread of infection. Exhibitors may be required to comply with additional biosecurity measures on the day, including cleansing and disinfection of footwear and equipment.
32. While Officials take every reasonable care, the Society shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage except where arising from its own negligence.
33. In the event of an emergency, animals must be managed in accordance with instructions from Show Officials, Stewards and the attending Veterinary Surgeon.
34. Exhibitors must take suitable precautions to manage risks arising from uneven ground, wet grass, mud, animal waste, ropes and equipment, particularly in areas accessible to the public.
35. Exhibitors have a duty of care to ensure that animals are managed, handled and displayed in a manner that does not present a foreseeable risk to members of the public, Show officials or other exhibitors.