

SPS-BS Breed Show 2023 General Rules and Conditions of Entry

Ponies entered must be registered in, or in the case of foals, be eligible for registration in the SPS-BS Stud Book.

1. All ponies must be named on the entry form.
2. No entries will be taken on the show field.
3. The show committee reserves the right to split, amend and/or amalgamate classes as necessary depending on entries and to replace a Judge if necessary.
4. Judging to commence at 8.00 am and will not be delayed under any circumstances.
5. Classes in the three In-Hand rings will run concurrently.
6. Once judging of a class has commenced, no late arrivals will be admitted to the ring. It is the responsibility of the competitor to be in the ring on time.
7. Any objection must be made IN WRITING to the Secretary within ONE HOUR of the alleged incident, together with a deposit of £50, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
8. Foals must not be exhibited under 3 weeks of age and must accompany their dam in the ring in Broodmare classes.
9. Three-year-old fillies with foal at foot may not be shown.
10. Brown ponies are classed as black.
11. Ridden and driven ponies must be 4 years old or over, and no lactating mares may be shown in ridden or driven classes.
12. To enter a stallion in **ANY** class (in-hand or performance) at an affiliated show, entire males aged 4 years old and over must have an "S" number and have been successfully through either the SPS-BS Stallion assessment prior to 2006 or the current SPS-BS Voluntary Veterinary Examination. Ridden stallions MUST display a stallion bridle badge. In hand colts/stallions of two years old or over must be shown bitted and are advised to display a stallion bridle disc which are available to purchase from the SPSBS.
13. Colts and stallions 2 years old and over must be shown bitted.
14. There must be no colts or stallions in Young Handler classes.
15. Stallions and colts (except foals) may not be shown in hand by children under 14 years; stallions and colts may not be ridden by children under 12 years.
16. All riders, drivers and handlers aged 14 years and under must wear a correctly secured, current British Standard skull cap or riding hat.
17. A Novice pony is one not to have been placed 1st in any class prior to the closing date of entries.
18. A pony is eligible to compete in ONE RING ONLY with the exception of the Ridden, Driven, Young Handler, Progeny and Veteran classes.
19. If a pony is found to be suffering from an infectious or contagious disease, it must be removed from the Showground immediately upon the request of the Show Committee or the Vet.
20. The organisers shall not be liable for injury or loss from any cause or circumstance whatsoever to any person, animal, or property. It is a condition of entry that each exhibitor and competitor shall indemnify the show against any such matters and is acknowledged by the signing of the entry form. By signing the entry form exhibitors agree to abide by the rules, code of conduct and procedures of The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society.
21. Only one handler per pony is permitted in the In-Hand classes.
22. Exhibitors must be appropriately dressed, in line with the SPS-BS Showing Rules for Exhibitors and no individual stud, person or pony names displayed in the ring.
23. All riders in the Open ridden classes must be of a suitable height and weight for the pony they are riding.
24. Ponies in the ridden classes must be shown in a suitable bridle.
25. Whips/show canes may be no more than 30 inches long and spurs are not permitted.
26. In ridden classes the rider will be required to perform an individual show. All ponies shall be in the ring for the whole duration of the class (except WHP). Should a rider fall off at any time whilst in the ring, both pony and rider must leave the ring with the rider dismounted and take no further part in the class.

27. Exhibitors should be aware, a Judge may not:

- a. Place a pony which to her/her knowledge has been bred, sold, leased, or produced by the judge or his/her immediate family, partner, business partner or employer.
- b. Place a pony in which he/she has had a financial interest since 1st January of the preceding year.
- c. Place a stallion by whom he/she has had a mare stunted in this season.
- d. Judge any rider/handler who has shown a horse/pony owned, produced, or trained by him/her since 1st January of the preceding year. Should a situation arise when such a pony appears a referee, preferably on the appropriate panel of judges, should be appointed by the Show Secretary to place the pony in question in its position in the class.

28. No ponies to be left on a parked vehicle overnight.

29. Mobile phones must be switched off whilst in the ring.

30. Where classes are affiliated to societies other than the SPS-BS the other society's i.e., NPS (National Pony Society) and BDS (British Driving Society) rules take precedence.

EQUINE INFLUENZA

As the 2023 Breed Show is being held at the Black Isle Showground, the Black Isle Farmer's Society has asked us comply with its' current recommendations relating to Equine Influenza which are as follows:

- All ponies entered into the Breed Show must be in good health. No pony suffering from any contagious disease will be allowed on the showground. The Veterinary Surgeon's decision will be final (see also Rule 19 of SPS-BS Breed Show Rules and Conditions of Entry)
- The Black Isle Farmer's Society recommends that all ponies attending the Breed Show should have a current Equine Fly vaccination. Ponies attending the Breed Show, do so entirely at the owners' risk.