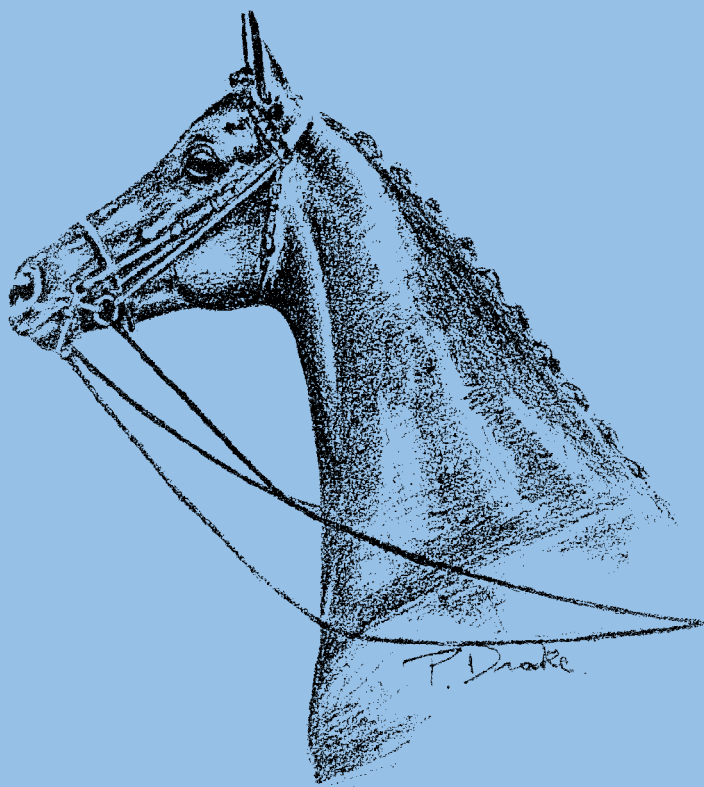


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SECTION A ABBREVIATIONS

AHS	Arab Horse Society
B.E.F.	British Equestrian Federation
B.H.S.	British Horse Society
B.S.	British Show Jumping
B.S.P.S.	British Show Pony Society
HR	Heritage Mountain & Moorland Ridden.
HW	Heritage Mountain & Moorland WHP
H.O.Y.S.	Horse of the Year Show
I.P.S.	Irish Pony Society
J.M.B.	Joint Measurement Board
M. & M.	Mountain & Moorland
NPS	National Pony Society
R.I.H.S.	Royal International Horse Show
S.H.P.	Show Hunter Pony
S.P.	Show Pony
W.H.P.	Working Hunter Pony
WH	Working Hunter
SHT	Show Hunter Type
SRT	Show Riding Type
DEFRA	Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs
FEI	Federation Equestre Internationale
EPSL	Equine Prohibited Substances List
	Indicates a new, changed, or amended Rule.

DEFINITIONS

Member - Member of the B.S.P.S.

Affiliated Shows - Shows affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Showing Member - A Member 18 years or older on 1st January of the current year, who has paid his subscription at the appropriate rate for that year or who is a Life Member or who is a Professional Producer - see Rule 3

Non Showing Member - A Member 18 years or older on the 1st January of the current year, who has paid his subscription at the appropriate rate for that year, but is not eligible to register, ride and show ponies.

Junior Member - A Member under 18 years on 1st January of the current year, who has paid his subscription at the appropriate rate for that year. No child under the age of 3 years may become a Member.

Life Member - An adult who is a Life Member of the B.S.P.S. with the same rights as a Showing Member.

Exhibitor - An Owner, or Professional Producer or other person responsible for a pony at a Show.

Professional Producer Trainer – A person who undertakes the preparation / training / keeping at livery or production of ponies / horses including at a show for more than one exhibitor / owner.

Groom – A person who is employed full, part-time or self-employed (whether paid or unpaid) in the preparation/training/keeping or production of ponies/horses for the show ring including at a show.

Words importing the masculine shall include the feminine, words importing pony shall include horse, words importing animals shall include pony and horse, and words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.

JUDGES

Must be B.S.P.S. Life, Adult or Non Showing Members

IMMEDIATE FAMILY

The following are classed as immediate family for the purpose of clarification on Rule 477

Grandparents
Parents/Parents Partners
Husband/Wife and Partners
Brothers and Sisters
Sons/daughters
Step Grandparents
Step Parents
Step brothers/sisters
Legal Guardians
Father, Mother, Sister & Brother In-Laws
Niece & Nephew

SUBSCRIPTIONS & FEES

(Fees payable from 1st January)

<u>Life Member 18yrs - 30yrs</u>	1000.00
<u>Life Member 31yrs – 49yrs</u>	800.00
<u>Life Member 50yrs and over</u>	400.00
<u>Showing Member</u>	53.00
<u>Non-Showing Member</u>	35.00
<u>Junior Member</u>	27.00
<u>Pony Registration (inc Heritage)</u>	36.00
<u>Transfer Fee</u>	20.00
<u>Lease Fee and Loan Fee</u>	20.00
<u>B.S.P.S. Badges</u>	6.00

For Online renewal please go to www.bsps.com

Affiliation Fees for Shows:-

<u>R.I.H.S. Qualification For EACH CLASS Area Shows</u>	17.00
<u>R.I.H.S. Qualification for EACH CLASS Non Area Shows</u>	20.00
<u>Affiliation Fee for Area Shows</u>	30.00
<u>Affiliation Fee for all other Non Area Shows (Inc Blue Riband)</u>	35.00
<u>OLYMPIA – Final</u>	75.00
<u>Semi Final</u>	50.00

Breed Qualifiers - Free

Affiliation Fee for Winter Shows:-

<u>Areas-including Heritage</u>	10.00
<u>Non Areas-including Heritage</u>	25.00

Memberships and Pony registrations are Half price for members joining on or after 1st October 2020 until 31st December 2020 - this does not include Life Membership.

Membership and Registrations will be suspended immediately, and ponies may be disqualified from any class and lose their qualification if cheques payable to the B.S.P.S., the B.S.P.S. Championships Show, a B.S.P.S. Area or any B.S.P.S. Affiliated Show are not honoured by the bank or if there is any money owing to the B.S.P.S., the B.S.P.S. Championships Show, a B.S.P.S. Area or a B.S.P.S. Affiliated show, or if ANY TROPHIES belonging to the B.S.P.S., the B.S.P.S. Championships Shows or a B.S.P.S. Area that are not returned by the requested date.

A surcharge of £10 will be charged if cheques have to be represented.

SECTION B.

Membership Requirements

1. If a pony is registered with the B.S.P.S. it must be registered in the name of the legal owner who must be a B.S.P.S. Showing Member, or in accordance with Rule 31. If there is more than one legal owner, their registration must be in all names and all such owners must be B.S.P.S. Showing Members.
Ponies must be entered at Shows in the name of the registered owner.
2. A rider under 18 years on 1st January must be a B.S.P.S. Junior Member. A rider 19 to 25 years must be a B.S.P.S. Adult Showing Member. In all classes held under B.S.P.S. Rules **no child under the age of 3 years may compete in Leading Rein Classes, and no child under the age of 5 years may compete in any other classes** (inc Tiny Tots Section)
3. If a pony is produced or trained by a person other than the Owner, such person must be a Showing Member.
The B.S.P.S. Office must be notified in writing of any change of Producer.
Leaders in Lead Rein classes at R.I.H.S./Blue Riband Qualifying Shows and the B.S.P.S. Summer, Winter and Heritage Championships Shows must be a B.S.P.S. Member 16 years old or over.
4. Owners and Riders MUST be CURRENT B.S.P.S. Members to qualify for the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships. (also see Rule 522)
5. Exhibitors in qualifying positions, who have never been members of the B.S.P.S. are allowed 7 working days in which to become members and register their ponies.
N.B. This Rule does not apply to classes with H.O.Y.S., R.I.H.S, OLYMPIA or Blue Riband qualification.
6. Non members competing in B.S.P.S. classes must be aware of and comply with the B.S.P.S. Rules.
7. If it is established to the satisfaction of the Council upon receipt of a certificate memorandum of conviction before a Court of Law of an offence of cruelty towards a Horse or Pony, then that member shall be expelled and their membership withdrawn.

Scottish Section

8. All Scottish Membership fees must be sent to the Scottish Secretary.
9. Pony registration fees are payable to the B.S.P.S. Office in Sawtry.
When registering a pony.
10. All affiliation fees and draft schedules for Shows held in Scotland must be sent to the Scottish Secretary.

SECTION C **PONY REQUIREMENTS**

Age of Ponies

11. Ponies must be four years old and over in all B.S.P.S. classes. The age of a pony shall be calculated from the 1st January in the year of its birth.
12. Ponies four years old and over may be registered from the 1st January in the current year.

Measurement of Ponies

13. The Rules on the measurement of ponies are in accordance with the B.S.P.S. and the J.M.B. Rule Book. Copies of the J.M.B. Rule Book may be obtained from the J.M.B. www.thejmbonline.co.uk
14. All animals (except Heritage M&M or Anglo PBA) competing in the R.I.H.S. (HOYS / Blue Riband) qualifiers must have a J.M.B. Full Height Certificate or a valid J.M.B. Annual Height Certificate issued in the current year.
15. Ponies must be measured before the date of any R.I.H.S. (HOYS/ Blue Riband) qualifying shows. Ponies can be called for Measurement by the Society. (See Rule 76)
16. If a pony moves into a different Height Section it takes its CURRENT status in its new Height Section.

Registration of Ponies

17. The registration form for ponies four years old or over must be accompanied by a copy of the pony's passport.
18. Overseas Members Ponies must have their National Pony Passports. They may compete in England, Scotland and Wales on a visitors visa.
19. Members from Ireland, who have their ponies stabled in England, Scotland or Wales must have a valid JMB Height Certificate to compete in England, Scotland or Wales in R.I.H.S. qualifying classes They may compete in Ireland on a visitors visa.
20. Ponies MUST be registered before the date of the show at which they qualify for the R.I.H.S. (including Pretty Polly and Heritage qualifying classes), OLYMPIA and Blue Riband Classes. Pony registration forms and payment must be received in the office no later than the last working day (Monday to Friday) prior to the date of the qualifying show. (see Rule 522)
21. Ponies must be registered before the date of the Show at which they qualify for the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships, except in the case of exhibitors who have never been members before who are allowed 7 days in which to become members and register their ponies. (see Rule 5)
22. Ponies with 2019 registration cards may qualify at Winter & Summer Shows held on or before 31.12.19, but must register for 2020 to be eligible to compete at the B.S.P.S. Winter, Summer & Heritage Championship Shows.

Heritage M&M registration

23. Members must be adult Showing Members to Register Heritage Ponies. Riders under 18 yrs. on 1st. January must be B.S.P.S. Junior members. Riders 19 years and over must be B.S.P.S. Adult members.
24. Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society Stud Books to compete in the Heritage M & M classes.
25. Part Breds are not eligible.
26. Owners, Riders and Ponies must be registered with the B.S.P.S. before the date of the show at which they qualify for the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships, except in the case of exhibitors who have never been members before who are allowed 7 days in which to become members and register their ponies. This Rule does not apply to classes with R.I.H.S. or OLYMPIA qualification.
27. Applications for registration must be accompanied by a copy of the Breed Society Certificate.

Transfer of Ponies

28. If a pony has ever been registered with the B.S.P.S. and is transferred the new owner must notify the B.S.P.S. Office immediately and forward the Transfer Fee of £20.00. A Transfer Fee is payable whether or not the previous registration has lapsed. The Transfer form must be completed and signed by the purchaser.

Leasing or Loaning Ponies

29. If a pony is leased/loaned to another party it will be treated as the property of the Lessee/Borrower by the B.S.P.S., and all benefits and penalties relating to the pony shall be attributable to the Lessee/Borrower. When a lease/loan is negotiated the pony will not be treated as the property of the Lessee/Borrower until the lease/loan fee has been paid to the B.S.P.S. and the lease/loan registered.
30. A form for the registration of the lease/loan of ponies can be obtained from the B.S.P.S. Office and must be completed by both the Lessor/Lender and the Lessee/Borrower. A fee of £20.00 is payable whether or not the previous registration has lapsed.

Name and Identification of Ponies

31. A pony must be shown in the name under which it was originally registered with the N.P.S., M.& M. Stud Books, B.S.P.S., B.S. or any other recognised society. **The identification of ponies must be in accordance with the J.M.B. Certificate or National Passport at all times, disciplinary action will be taken against competitors breaking this Rule. The B.S.P.S. will authorise spot checks at certain shows and riders breaking this Rule will not be allowed to compete.** NB. Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Passports for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling.

Eligible Ponies

32. Exhibitors MUST NOT exhibit a pony under a Judge in circumstances that would constitute a breach of Rule 477 by that Judge. Producers/Trainers **MUST NOT** exhibit under a judge for whom or for whose immediate family they have produced a pony since 1st January in the year in which the class is being held. Lack of knowledge is not a defence to breach of this Rule and Exhibitors and Producers/Trainers must make appropriate enquiries to satisfy themselves that no breach of this Rule will occur. Any breach of this Rule will result in automatic disqualification of the pony concerned and may result in disciplinary proceedings being initiated against the Exhibitor or Producer/Trainer.
33. All B.S.P.S. Classes, except the Heritage M&M, Anglo and Part Bred Arab classes, are restricted to Mares and Geldings.
34. Mares with a living foal born during the current season may not be shown in B.S.P.S. classes.

Entries and Substitutions

35. Substitution or nomination entries are NOT permitted. Phase 1 W.H.P. Hors Concours entries are permitted at the Show Secretary's and Judges discretion. (in accordance with rule 161 - Animals are not allowed to compete Hors Concours and competitively at the same show in the W.H.P. section and neither are they allowed to withdraw without the Judges permission.

Riders and Animals

36. Competitors are NOT allowed to withdraw from any Class without the Judge's permission.
37. No rider may ride more than one pony in a class except that Riders in all WHP Classes that are not qualifiers for H.O.Y.S. or R.I.H.S. Who may ride up to two ponies of the same height in a class, but **ONLY** the first pony to jump will be competitive, and go forward for Phase II judging, the second pony will not go forward for Phase II. In Mixed height WHP/WH and Mixed Height Heritage WHP classes, riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section. Riders must declare if they are competing in the 153cms. or Int WH. Section. For Method of Judging Mixed Height WHP/WH and Mixed height Heritage WHP classes see Rule 484.
38. Once a class has commenced there shall be no change of rider / handler except in a Championship (see Rule 481) In the event of a rider having to leave his pony in the ring, during the judging of a class, to enable him to participate in another class, then the rider must complete his show both ridden and in-hand (unless the Rider has a dispensation card-(Rule 42)
39. The Pony and Rider must return in time for the PRESENTATION of AWARDS, otherwise the pony cannot be considered in the final result. This does not apply to competitors with more than one animal in the Mixed Height WHP/WH or Heritage WHP classes or to competitors **Except in H.O.Y.S. Qualifying Classes** who are competing in another class at the same time at the Winter, Summer & Heritage Championships Shows. IT DOES APPLY TO COMPETITORS IN THE EVENING PERFORMANCES AT THE WINTER, HERITAGE AND SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS SHOWS.

40. A fall of animal or rider in any ridden phase will result in elimination, and the rider must leave the ring dismounted. If a rider / handler let's go of an animal under any circumstances the judge will determine if the animal's manners and behaviour should result in any disqualification.

Animals that get loose resulting in disruption to the class will be disqualified.

41. Animals displaying continued disobedience, or animals leaving the ring whether mounted or dismounted will be disqualified.

42. In all classes the rider must complete all phases including the In-Hand section, unless the Rider has a B.S.P.S. dispensation card. Dispensation cards are available for riders with a permanent or temporary disability. Requests for dispensation cards must be made to the B.S.P.S. Secretary and must be accompanied by a Doctor's letter stating their disability and their fitness to ride in the classes.

43. No Rider may compete in B.S.P.S. classes with any type of broken limb.

44. Grooms must have attained their 12th birthday for stripping in the ring, or for lungeing On the showground except for stallions where the age limit is in accordance with Rules 317 and 318.

HATS

45. Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats Nos. All PAS015,VG1, (BS)EN1384 2017, ASTM F1163 04a onwards, SNELL E2001, SNELL E2016 AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. MUST be worn by riders at all times when mounted. Hats should have a plain cover either Black, Navy Blue, Brown, Grey or Green. Velvet covers are encouraged.

46. A rider whose hat comes off will be eliminated.

A rider whose strap comes undone, whilst competing must on Penalty of Elimination replace it or fasten it before continuing. He may stop without penalty to fasten the strap.

47. In the interest of Health & Safety the B.S.P.S. Council are determined that riders must comply with Rule 45. The B.S.P.S. will authorise spot checks at certain Shows and riders breaking this Rule will not be allowed to compete.

DRESS and ACCESSORIES

48. During a class riders must wear correct Head Gear in accordance with Rule 45 and must wear a Riding Jacket, shirt and Tie or stock, a pair of breeches or jodhpurs and a pair of Top Boots or jodhpur Boots.

49. Gaiters may be worn.

Chaps are not permitted.

Waterproof Jackets are permitted.

In extreme weather conditions a Judge may use his discretion regarding coats on the day.

Body protectors may be worn and are strongly recommended whilst competing in WHP and WH classes.

Earrings and Body studs MUST NOT be worn.

Mobile telephones and ear pieces MUST not be taken into the ring.

SPURS

50. The wearing of spurs in ALL classes held under B.S.P.S. Rules is forbidden, except for riders 16 years old or over in the exceeding 148cms Anglo and Part Bred Arab classes.

WHIPS

51. In ALL classes held under B.S.P.S. Rules whips are not to exceed 75cms (30ins). Hunting Crops are permissible.

TACK

52. In Lead Rein classes Reins must be of a normal length and not knotted together or stitched together at a shorter length.

Handles on saddles are permitted but the reins must not be attached to the handle or to the saddle.

53. Under no circumstances may tack be changed during the judging of a class. If competing in a Championship the same tack used in the class must be worn. N.B. Whips are not considered tack.

- 53(a) Competitors competing in B.S.P.S. classes must only use tack or spurs permissible in B.S.P.S. classes on the showground whilst mounted.

BRIDLES

54. Leading Rein, Lead Rein Hunter Type, First Ridden, Novice Show Ponies, Tiny Tots Lead Rein, First Ridden, Tiny Tots SHP, First Pony SHT/SP, Novice Show Hunter Ponies, Novice Intermediate Show Riding, Novice Intermediate Show Hunters and Heritage Novice Ridden (Flat Classes), and Lead Rein must be shown in suitable Snaffle Bridles. If a Special Prize is awarded in an Open Show Pony class for Novice Ponies those eligible must be shown in a suitable Snaffle Bridle.

Judges will take into consideration the severity of the bit, their opinions on suitable bridles may vary and their decision is final.

55. Bit-less bridles and Running Gags are not permitted.

56. Any suitable bridles may be worn in Working Hunter Pony classes and Heritage Working Hunter Pony and Heritage First Ridden classes, except those mentioned in Rule 55.

57. Martingales and any nosebands are permitted in WHP and WSP classes but Judges must pay particular attention to their effectiveness.

SHOEING and LEG PROTECTION

58. A pony may be unshod at the discretion of the Owner.

Hind Boots are not permitted in any class.

Front Boots including Over-Reach Boots of a plain colour, may be used for Phase I of the W.H.P./W.H. Classes ONLY.

No bandages or protective pads or gel pads on pony's legs or feet are permissible.

Only normal shaped shoes that do not cover the frog are permissible.

Normal shaped open heeled plastic stick-on shoes are permissible.

No Bar Shoes are allowed.

TURN OUT

59. In all classes, except Heritage Mountain & Moorland including Part Bred Heritage Type classes, animals manes must be plaited except animals with hogged manes.

60. **STALLIONS** – Stallion Badges should be worn on ponies bridles (not on the rider).

60a. **EQUINE INFLUENZA**

Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all pony/horses registered with the B.S.P.S. The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows: the first 2 vaccinations 21 – 92 days apart, a third booster between 150-215 days, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of an EI vaccination. This Rule may be subject to change from guidance from the FEI/BEF and any changes will be notified via the www.bsps.com website. The current FEI ruling is for a 6 monthly booster as opposed to annual; therefore it is recommended that you check with shows that fall under FEI regulation before entering e.g. Windsor, Hickstead, etc.

B.S.P.S. CUPS and TROPHIES

61. The winner of a B.S.P.S. cup is held responsible for its safe return the following year. Cups and trophies must be returned to a B.S.P.S. Council Member or B.S.P.S. Area Chairman when notified by Head Office. They MUST NOT be sent by post. Membership and Registrations will be suspended immediately, if ANY TROPHIES belonging to the B.S.P.S., the B.S.P.S. Championships Shows or a B.S.P.S. Area are not returned by the requested date.

B.S.P.S. ROSETTES AND CARDS

62. B.S.P.S. “Binks Family” Champion of Champions Rosettes will be awarded to first prize winners in the Open Show Pony, WHP/WH, Open S.H.P. Intermediate SRT/SH, Lead Rein, First Ridden, Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden, WHP, classes at B.S.P.S. Affiliated Summer qualifying Shows, providing the animal is registered, owned and ridden by a Member of the B.S.P.S.

B.S.P.S. The White Company” Champion of Champions rosettes will be awarded to first prize winners in the Open plaited Cradle and Nursery Stakes classes at B.S.P.S. Affiliated Summer qualifying Shows, providing the animal is registered owned and ridden by a member of the B.S.P.S

All finalists competing at OLYMPIA., B.S.P.S. Championships, and B.S.P.S. Winter Championships will receive finalist rosettes.

B.S.P.S. “Black Country Saddles” Best Riders cards will be awarded at All B.S.P.S. Summer Affiliated Shows, to the Best Rider in the Open Lead Rein and First Ridden, Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Open Show Pony, Open Cradle and Nursery Stakes, Open WHP, Open SHP, Open Intermediate, Open Heritage Lead Rein and First Ridden classes also to Riders 25yrs. and under in the Open Heritage Ridden and WHP classes.

B.S.P.S. Restricted qualification cards will be awarded in B.S.P.S. Winter Championship qualifying classes.

SECTION D. **DOPING and DOPE TESTS**

WARNING TO MEMBERS

In common with other similar bodies, the B.S.P.S. takes a very serious view of doping, whether intentional or unintentional, having particular regard to the safety of children. Members should be aware that many proprietary feeds and preparations contain Prohibited Substances (as defined below) as do many foods such as chocolate. Prohibited Substances can be absorbed through the skin and they are also contained in some homeopathic and herbal remedies including calmers. **It is the responsibility of the Member having custody of a pony, particularly in the twenty four hours before a Show, to ensure that nothing is fed, administered or applied to a pony that contains a Prohibited Substance. Ignorance is not an adequate defence.** The B.S.P.S. Office is not authorized to give guidance but the B.S.P.S. Office follows the Equine Prohibited Substances List (‘EPSL’) as published from time to time by the Federation Equestre Internationale (‘FEI’). Where appropriate the B.S.P.S. will adopt threshold levels published in the EPSL. Please note that the EPSL includes any other substance with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s) as substances specifically mentioned on the list. All substances on the list, whether indicated as ‘Banned’ or ‘Controlled, are prohibited substances under the B.S.P.S. Rules. Also prohibited are ‘Metabolites’ of the substances and ‘markers., both terms being defined below

- 63(1) a) Any pony taking part in classes judged under B.S.P.S. Rules will be liable to Dope Testing (as defined below) in accordance with the Dope Testing procedure laid down by this Rule. A refusal to submit a pony for Dope Testing shall constitute a breach of this Rule.
- b) The presence in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a pony of a Prohibited Substance (as defined below) shall constitute a breach of this Rule by the Owner and/or Producer and/or any other person within Rule 63(1)(e).
- c) “Dope Testing” means the examination of a pony by a duly qualified person appointed by the B.S.P.S. and includes the taking of samples for subsequent analysis of all or any body fluid, tissue, excreta, hair or skin scrapings at the discretion of the person conducting the examination.
- d) “Prohibited Substance” means any quantity of any substance listed as a ‘Banned’ or ‘Controlled’ substance on the Equine Prohibited Substances list (‘EPSL’) as published by the Federation Equestre Internationale (‘FEI’) and in force from time to time excluding any quantity of any substance under any threshold level specified in the EPSL but including any other substance with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s) as any substance on the EPSL and also including any metabolites of such substances and any markers. The terms metabolite and marker shall have the same meaning as in the FEI Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations as published by the FEI from time to time.
- e) Any person who administers or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered or connives or promotes or encourages at the administration to a pony of a Prohibited substance shall be guilty of a breach of this Rule.
- f) (i) Whenever a positive dope test occurs, the matter shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee of the B.S.P.S. within 14 days of either the expiration of the period for requesting confirmatory analysis of Sample B or the receipt by the B.S.P.S. of a positive analysis of Sample B whichever is the later.
- (ii) The Disciplinary Committee shall investigate the matter and decide within fourteen days of referral pursuant to Rule 63 (1)(f)(i) whether or not to institute disciplinary proceedings for a breach or breaches of this Rule against the Owner and/or Producer and/or any other person within Rule 63(1)(e).

Sampling Procedure

- 63.(2) a) Dope Testing may be carried out by personnel authorized with the following Societies: B.S.P.S., B.S.H.A., N.P.S., C.H.A.P.S. UK or Sport Horse Breeding Association and should take place as soon as possible after the participation of the pony in its class provided that it does not interfere with its programme in which case the Dope Testing should take place as soon as possible after the pony has completed its programme.
- b) It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the pony whether it be the Owner or the Producer or other person to supervise the pony from the time of notification of selection for Dope Testing until completion of the Dope Testing.
- c) The Owner, Producer or other person responsible for the pony or his representative shall be entitled to witness the Dope Testing from outside the loose box, horse box or testing area without disturbing the pony but if any such person is not present the Dope Testing will proceed in any event.
- d) All samples taken must be kept in a secure place and dispatched to the laboratory selected by the B.S.P.S. as soon as reasonably possible after collection.
- e) The sample must be divided into two parts hereinafter referred to as Sample A and Sample B and the initial analysis of Sample A must be completed within 21 days of receipt of the sample by the laboratory. If the initial analysis produces a suspicious positive result then the B.S.P.S. may grant such extension as the laboratory requires to complete the analysis.
- f) If the result of the analysis of Sample A is negative then the laboratory may forthwith destroy Sample B.
- g) If the result of the analysis of Sample A is positive then the Owner or Producer may require confirmatory analysis of Sample B, by any laboratory approved by The Horsereading Forensic Laboratory provided that a written request for such confirmatory analysis is received by the B.S.P.S. within 14 days of dispatch by the B.S.P.S. of notification of a positive analysis of Sample A.
- h) The Owner or Producer may request that findings be made in respect of particular matters during the analysis of Sample B on the basis that they will be responsible for all additional costs incurred whatever the result of the analysis of Sample B
- i) Upon receipt of a valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B, the B.S.P.S. shall inform the laboratory immediately and the laboratory shall carry out the analysis of Sample B as soon as reasonably possible.
- j) If the result of the analysis of Sample B is positive then the person requesting the analysis shall reimburse the B.S.P.S. the cost of the analysis of Sample A and Sample B forthwith on demand.
- k) If the result of the analysis of Sample A is positive and no valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B is received, the Owner shall reimburse the B.S.P.S. the cost of the analysis of Sample A forthwith upon demand.

Good Conduct and Discipline

64. The attention of Members and other persons is drawn to the disciplinary provisions of the B.S.P.S. whereby the B.S.P.S. has wide powers to discipline Members and other persons in the event of failure to observe any provisions of these Rules or any other regulations, rules and bylaws made by the B.S.P.S. The Rules are intended to ensure that Members compete against each other in B.S.P.S. competitions under the fairest possible conditions but inevitably circumstances will arise which are not precisely covered. In such circumstances wherever possible the spirit of the Rules will be followed to produce the fairest result for Members.
65. All Members of the B.S.P.S. are bound by its Rules as amended from time to time and shall be deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof by reason of all or any of the following:-
- (a) submission of a membership application form followed by acceptance of membership.
 - (b) submission of a request for annual renewal of membership followed by acceptance of such renewal.
 - (c) registration of a pony.
 - (d) registration of the lease/loan of a pony or its transfer.
 - (e) any other act by a Member pursuant to the Rules of the B.S.P.S.
66. Neither the B.S.P.S. nor any of its National or Area Officials or Judges accept any financial responsibility for its or their decisions.
67. No Member of the B.S.P.S. shall conduct himself in a manner or be guilty of behaviour which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S. and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) no Member shall behave in an offensive or abusive or unpleasant manner to any person at any show or at any other location where B.S.P.S. business is being transacted or via social media or the internet or via any publication in whatever format or via any other written or electronic format. Members' attention is drawn to the B.S.P.S. Social Media and Internet Policy set out in the back of this Handbook.
68. It is the duty of every Member to assist the officers of the B.S.P.S. in their investigations of breaches of the Rules and an unreasonable failure or refusal to assist any such officer in such investigation will itself constitute a breach of the Rules.
69. Members shall not ill-treat ponies at any time whether by misuse or excessive use of a whip or bit or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever and shall not cause or allow a pony to jump any hand held obstacle or to be rapped.
70. Members are responsible for the actions of any non-members who are Family Members (as defined below) or who are friends or friends of Family Members or who are employed by them or assisting, supporting or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf and any action or conduct of such non-member which would be a breach of the Rules were he a Member shall constitute a breach of the Rules by the Member concerned. Family Member shall include a spouse or civil partner, a partner, a direct descendant or ascendant of the Member or his spouse or civil partner, brothers, sisters or adopted children of the Member or his spouse or civil partner, or any other person who is part of the same household as the Member or is in the reasonable opinion of the B.S.P.S. a member of the Member's family in the widest sense
71. Failure to observe any of the rules may result in disqualification of the pony concerned and the institution of disciplinary proceedings by the B.S.P.S. against the person breaking the rules in accordance with the B.S.P.S. Rules. In the event of disqualification of a pony after a cup, rosette or prize money has been awarded, such cup, rosette or prize money must be returned forthwith to the Show or the B.S.P.S. as appropriate.
- 71 a) Any Member or Non-Member or pony or horse that is suspended for any period of time as a result of any disciplinary action taken by the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain, Coloured Horse and Pony Society or the National Pony Society may not compete in a B.S.P.S. Show or a B.S.P.S. affiliated Show during the period of any such suspension unless the Disciplinary Committee, in its absolute discretion, decides otherwise after making such investigations as it deems appropriate.

Objections and Complaints

72. Any objection or complaint relating to the rules of a particular Show Executive should be made to that Show Executive in accordance with the procedure set out in such rules, except a complaint relating to a J.M.B. Certificate or a B.S.P.S. Judge.
73. Members wishing to register an objection or complaint, whether it is against the Judge Course Builder, Exhibitor or the organizer of a Show or otherwise, should write to the B.S.P.S. Office. Two separate letters must be received from unrelated Adult members of different families and they must be received within fourteen days of the date of the event giving rise to the objection or complaint.
THE LETTERS MUST BE SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY OR BY READ RECEIPT EMAIL The matter will then be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in the B.S.P.S. Rules.
- 73 (a) Whilst officiating a B.S.P.S. Judge, Course Builder or Steward, when wishing to register an objection or complaint against a member, should write to the B.S.P.S. Office. **THE LETTERS MUST BE SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY OR BY READ RECEIPT EMAIL** The matter will then be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in the B.S.P.S. Rules.
74. A Show Secretary wishing to register an objection or complaint against a Judge or member, should write to the B.S.P.S. Office.
THE LETTER MUST BE SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY OR BY READ RECEIPT EMAIL and must be received within fourteen days of the date of the event giving rise to the objection or complaint. The matter will then be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in the B.S.P.S. Rules.

J.M.B. Objections

75. Any dispute or complaint in respect of a J.M.B. Certificate must be referred to the J.M.B. Stewards and will be dealt with in accordance with their Rules. If an objection is lodged against a height certificate or the B.S.P.S. requests a re-measurement the pony must be re-measured within 21 days of the notification by the J.M.B. of the objection or request. Unless the pony is re-measured within this time its B.S.P.S. registration will be withdrawn and the matter may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and the membership of the owner, at the time of the request for a re-measurement will be suspended.
76. The B.S.P.S. have the right to request a measurement on any pony whether or not it has a valid J.M.B. Height Certificate. The pony must be measured at the owner's expense within 21 days of notification by the B.S.P.S.
77. Unless the pony is measured within this time its B.S.P.S. registration will be withdrawn and the matter may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and the membership of the owner, at the time of the request for a measurement will be suspended.
- 77 (a) An animal that received an objection to its J.M.B. height certificate which is subsequently upheld will forfeit any previous qualification gained for H.O.Y.S., R.I.H.S., or B.S.P.S. Championships Shows in the current year and the qualification will be passed to the next eligible exhibit with the eligible placings.

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SECTION E

SHOW PONIES and INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE SECTION

78. **GALLOPING** 128cms. Show Ponies may be galloped singly or in their individual shows. 138cms. and 148cms. Show Ponies may be galloped in their individual shows, or not more than 4 at a time.
79. Animals in Intermediate SRT classes or Championships may be galloped altogether
80. **MARKING** - To be used at the R.I.H.S and H.O.Y.S. qualifying shows, Blue Riband classes and the Winter & Summer Championships for Open Lead Rein, First Ridden, Show Ponies and Intermediate Show Riding Type classes.
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| Manners & Way of Going | 50 |
| Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action | <u>50</u> |
| | 100 |
81. In the event of a tie or ties the marks MUST NOT be altered the Mark for Manners and Way of Going will take precedence, followed by Conformation, Type and Freedom of Action mark, if there is still a tie the Judge's decision is final.

NOVICE SHOW PONIES **FOUR and FIVE Year Old Ponies**

82. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Show Pony classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Show Pony classes will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Show Pony classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Shows remain valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Show Pony classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

83. A Show Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Show Pony classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open Show Pony classes will immediately be classed as an "Open Show Pony" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice Show Pony classes, except that any qualification held for the Novice Show Pony classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Shows remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Show Pony classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)
84. A pony that has been de-noviced as a Show Pony (Riding Pony) under E.U. Member State Rules is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice in B.S.P.S.. Show Pony Classes.

Novice Show Pony Exemption

85. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice 128cms., 133cms., 138cms., 143cms., 148cms. Show Pony:- Leading Rein, First Ridden, Open 133 and 143 Show Pony classes, Working Hunter Pony, Pairs, Side Saddle, Show Hunter Pony, Young SP., Intermediate WH. Intermediate SR and Intermediate SH., Heritage, B.S.P.S. Challenge classes, Part Bred classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.
86. A Novice Show Pony winning a Supreme Championship that is open to all Section Champions will not be de-noviced.

NOVICE INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE

FOUR and FIVE year old Animals

87. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Intermediate Show Riding Type classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Intermediate Show Riding classes will immediately be denoviced except that any qualification held for the Novice Intermediate Show Riding Type classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate SRT classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Animals SIX Years Old and Over

88. An Intermediate Show Riding Type animal SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Intermediate Show Riding Type classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Intermediate Show Riding Type classes will immediately be classed as an "Open Intermediate Show Riding Type" Animal for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice Intermediate Show Riding Type classes, except that any qualification held for the Novice Intermediate Show Riding Type classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate SRT classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Novice Intermediate Show Riding Type Exemptions

89. In this connection an animal that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice Intermediate S.R. Type:- Show Pony, Show Hunter, Working Hunter, Intermediate S.H. and W.H., Pairs, Side Saddle, Heritage classes, B.S.P.S. Challenge Young Intermediate, Part Bred classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Show Pony Classes

90. The B.S.P.S. NOVICE SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 128cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 13th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
- The B.S.P.S. NOVICE SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 128cms. but not exceeding 138cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 15th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
- The B.S.P.S. NOVICE SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 138cms. but not exceeding 148cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 17th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Novice Show Pony Championship

91. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in Novice 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms. Show Pony Classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class

92. The B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT NOVICE SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 148cms. Riders must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.

Novice Intermediate Show Riding Classes

93. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE. Mare or gelding 4 yrs old and over, exceeding 146cms. but not exceeding 153cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year
- THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, exceeding 153cms. but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th. birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Novice Intermediate Championship

94. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the Novice Intermediate Show Riding and Novice Intermediate Show Hunter Classes only.

Or Mixed Height Class.

95. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT NOVICE INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE, Mare or Gelding, 4 years. old or over exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
96. B.S.P.S. Novice Intermediate classes. Open to horses and ponies, 4yrs old or over exceeding 146cms, but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. This class to incorporate Intermediate SRT and Intermediate S.H.

RESTRICTED OPEN SHOW PONIES and INTERMEDIATE SRT

97. Animals eligible for Restricted Show Pony classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., (except Pretty Polly) or H.O.Y.S. in the Show Pony classes in **2018/2019/2020**
98. Animals eligible for Restricted Intermediate SRT classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., (except Pretty Polly) or H.O.Y.S in the Intermediate SRT classes in **2018/2019/2020**

Restricted Open Show Pony Classes

99. The B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over not exceeding 128cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 13th. birthday before 1st.January in the current year.
- The B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, exceeding 128cms. but not exceeding 138cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 15th. birthday before 1st.January in the current year.
- The B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED SHOW PONY, Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 138cms. but not exceeding 148cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 17th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Restricted Open Show Pony Championship

100. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms. Restricted Open Show Pony classes only.
- ### **or Mixed Height Class**
101. The B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT RESTRICTED SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 148cms.
Riders must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.

RESTRICTED INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE CLASSES

102. THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE.
Mare or gelding 4 yrs old and over, exceeding 146cms.but not exceeding 153cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year
- THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE,
Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, exceeding 153cms. but not exceeding 158cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th. birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- ### **Or Mixed Height Class.**
103. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT RESTRICTED INTERMEDIATE SRT, Mare or Gelding, 4 years. old or over exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Restricted Intermediate Championship

104. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the Restricted Intermediate Show Riding and Restricted Intermediate Show Hunter Classes only.

OPEN SHOW PONY CLASSES

105. THE B.S.P.S. SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 13th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 128cms. and not exceeding 138cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 15th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 138cms. and not exceeding 148cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Show Pony Championship

106. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the **Open** Show Pony classes only.

Or Mixed Height Class

107. The B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT OPEN SHOW PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 148cms. Riders must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.

Open Intermediate Show Riding Type Classes

108. THE B.S.P.S. INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 153cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year
- THE B.S.P.S. INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE Mare or Gelding, 4years old or over, exceeding 153cms. but not exceeding 158cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year

OR Mixed Height Class

109. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 146cms. but not exceeding 158cms. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Intermediate Championship

110. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the Open Intermediate Show Riding and Open Intermediate Show Hunter Classes only

SECTION F **LEADING REIN PONIES**

(For Leading Rein of Hunter Type Class, see Section P.)

111. No child under the age of 3 years may compete.
112. In Lead Rein classes the leader must be 16 years old or over and may only lead one pony in a class.
113. At shows with R.I.H.S., or BLUE RIBAND qualification and at the B.S.P.S. Summer, Winter and Heritage Championships Leaders must be B.S.P.S. members.
114. In all Leading Rein Classes the rein MUST go directly from the bit to the rider's hand, with no extra aid or attachment to or on the saddle. The reins must be a normal length and not knotted together or stitched together at a shorter length. Handles on saddles are permitted but the reins MUST NOT be attached to the handle or to the saddle.
115. The attendant MUST affix the lead rein to the NOSEBAND ON WHICH IT MUST REMAIN WHILE THE PONY IS IN THE RING.
116. Riders in Lead Rein classes will not be asked to dismount, the ponies will not be stripped.
117. Canter is not allowed.

NOVICE LEADING REIN PONIES

FOUR and FIVE year old Ponies

118. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Lead Rein classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open Lead Rein classes will immediately be denoviced. (Animals may still enter the Novice Lead Rein classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

119. A Lead Rein Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Lead Rein classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Lead Rein classes, will immediately be classed as an "Open Lead Rein Pony" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice Lead Rein Pony classes. (Animals may still enter the Novice Lead Rein classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)
120. A pony that has been de-noviced as a Lead Rein Pony under E.U. Member State Rules is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice in B.S.P.S. Lead Rein Classes.

Novice Leading Rein Exemption

121. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice Leading Rein Pony:- First Ridden, 128cms.Show Pony, Cradle Stakes, Nursery Stakes, 133cms.W.H.P., 122cms.S.H.P., Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Side Saddle, Pairs, Heritage, Tiny Tots LR, FR & SHP, First Pony SHT, Part Bred classes, Challenge classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Leading Rein Class

122. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE LEADING REIN PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 8th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

RESTRICTED OPEN LEADING REIN PONIES

123. Animals eligible for Restricted Lead Rein classes must NOT have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., or H.O.Y.S. in the Lead Rein classes in **2018/2019/2020**

Restricted Open Leading Rein Class.

124. THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED OPEN LEADING REIN PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 8th. birthday before 1st.January in the current year.

Open Leading Rein Class

125. B.S.P.S. LEADING REIN PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Mini Show Pony Championships

126. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Open Lead Rein and Open First Ridden classes only.

Tiny Tots Lead Rein

127. Ponies not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 5th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Tiny Tots Mini Championship

128. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Tiny Tots Lead Rein, Tiny Tots First Ridden or Tiny Tots S.H.P. classes only

SECTION G.

FIRST RIDDEN PONIES

129. No cantering is allowed except for individual performances. Ponies should leave the ring at the walk or trot.

NOVICE FIRST RIDDEN PONIES

FOUR and FIVE Year Old Ponies

130. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open First Ridden classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open First Ridden classes will immediately be denoviced. (Animals may still enter the Novice First Ridden classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

131. A First Ridden Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) First Ridden classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open First Ridden classes, will immediately be classed as an "Open First Ridden Pony" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice First Ridden classes. (Animals may still enter the Novice First Ridden classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)
132. A pony that has been de-noviced as a First Ridden Pony under E.U. Member State Rules is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice in B.S.P.S. First Ridden Classes.

Novice First Ridden Exemption

133. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice First Ridden Pony:- Leading Rein, Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Tiny Tots F.R., Heritage Tiny Tots Lead Rein and First Ridden, 128cms Show Pony, Cradle Stakes, Nursery Stakes, 133cms.W.H.P., Tiny Tots SHP, First Pony SHT, 122cms S.H.P., Side Saddle, Pairs, Heritage, Part Bred, B.S.P.S. Challenge and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice First Ridden Class

134. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE FIRST RIDDEN PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122 cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

RESTRICTED OPEN FIRST RIDDEN

135. Animals eligible for the Restricted First Ridden Classes must NOT have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., or H.O.Y.S. in the First Ridden classes in 2018/2019/2020

Restricted Open First Ridden Class.

136. THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED FIRST RIDDEN PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Open First Ridden Class

137. THE B.S.P.S. FIRST RIDDEN PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

TINY TOTS FIRST RIDDEN

138. THE B.S.P.S. TINY TOTS FIRST RIDDEN. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
139. On the go round ponies will not be asked to change the rein.
140. In their individual shows ponies will be expected to walk up, trot back, cantering is optional but no figure of eight or change of rein required. In this class the Judge will be looking for a pony suitable to take its rider safely off the lead rein at all times.
141. Riders in Tiny Tots First Ridden classes will not be asked to dismount, the ponies will not be stripped.

Open Mini Show Pony Championship

142. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Open First Ridden and Open Lead Rein classes only.

SECTION H.
SIDE SADDLE.

143. Judges may gallop the 153cms.and 158cms. Side Saddle classes at their discretion.

Side Saddle Classes

144. THE B.S.P.S. SIDE SADDLE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 158cms. To be ridden side saddle. Riders any age

If two Classes are held, the following are recommended:-

145. THE B.S.P.S. SIDE SADDLE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 143cms. To be ridden Side Saddle. Riders any age

146. THE B.S.P.S. SIDE SADDLE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 158cms. To be ridden Side Saddle. Riders any age

The B.S.P.S. Mixed Side Saddle Class

147. Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over not exceeding 158cms. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. **OR** Heritage Mountain and Moorland Ponies Mares or Geldings, 4yrs old or over (**Stallions not permitted**) Riders any age

SECTION I.
PAIRS OF PONIES.

148. Ponies on the Leading Rein are not eligible to compete in Pairs Classes unless a separate Lead Rein Pairs class is held

149. THE B.S.P.S. PAIRS OF LEAD REIN PONIES. Mares or Geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms.

OR

Heritage Mountain and Moorland Ponies
Mares or Geldings 4 years old or over not exceeding 128cms (Stallions not permitted)
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

150. THE B.S.P.S. PAIRS OF PONIES. Mares or Geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age

OR

Heritage Mountain and Moorland Ponies
Mares or Geldings 4 years old or over (Stallions not permitted). Riders any age

151. To be ridden in the ring side by side as a pair

SECTION J.

WORKING HUNTER PONY and INTERMEDIATE WORKING HUNTER

152. **GALLOPING** 133cms.and 143cms.W.H.P.s may be galloped individually or four at a time. 153cms.ponies and Intermediate animals may be galloped individually or altogether. In a WHP/WH Championship ponies may be galloped altogether.

153. Animals may NOT compete in the 153cms. and Intermediate WH classes at the same show in the same section, except at the R.I.H.S. (Subject to confirmation from R.I.H.S.)

154. No rider may ride more than one pony in a class except that Riders in all WHP classes that are not qualifiers for H.O.Y.S. or R.I.H.S.

Who may ride up to two ponies of the same height in a class, but **ONLY** the first pony to jump will be competitive, and go forward for Phase II judging, the second pony will not go forward for Phase II.

In Mixed Height WHP/WH and Mixed Height Heritage WHP classes, riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section. Riders must declare if they are competing in the 153cms or Int WH section

There may be no change of rider from Phase One to Phase Two

155. **MARKING**

PHASE ONE

Jumping	50
Style & Manners while Jumping	20

PHASE TWO

Manners and way of going	10
Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	100

156. At the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships Show, in the DESERT ORCHID BLUE RIBAND classes **ONLY** a bonus mark of 20 will be awarded to ponies that have completed a CLEAR ROUND.

157. **PENALTIES - PHASE ONE**

Jumping Knock Down	10
First Refusal	15
Second Refusal	20
Third Refusal	Disqualification
Fall of pony or rider in any phase	Disqualification

158. If the total after Phase I is minus it must be carried forward to Phase II
1/2 or Plus Marks are not permitted.

159. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE OR TIES - The marks **MUST NOT** be altered the **TOTAL MARK** from PHASE 1 will take precedence, followed by the Manners Mark, and then the Conformation Mark. If there is still a tie the Judge's decision is final.

160. In W.H.P/W.H. Championships the class markings should be used as a guide.

161. Phase 1 W.H.P. Hors Concours Entries are permitted at the Show Secretary's and Judge's discretion - Animals are not allowed to compete Hors Concours and competitively at the same Show in the W.H.P/ W.H. Section. Hors Concours entries must be declared when entering.
162. **Hind Boots are not permitted in any class.** Front Boots including Over-reach boots of a plain colour, may be used for Phase I of the W.H.P./W.H. Classes ONLY.
No bandages or protective pads or gel pads on pony's legs or feet are permissible.
(See Rule 58)
163. No change of saddlery is allowed between Phases in a class.
164. N.B. Whips are not considered tack.

Novice Working Hunter Ponies and Novice Intermediate WH FOUR and FIVE Year Old Animals

165. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open W.H.P. Classes a FOUR and FIVE year old pony may win, it retains its Novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open WHP classes will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice WHP classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice WHP class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championship Show providing they were novices 1.1.2020)
166. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Intermediate W.H. classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its Novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open WH class will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice W.H. class at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate W.H. class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championship Show providing they were novices 1.1.2020)

Animals SIX Years Old and Over

167. A W.H.P. SIX years old or over that wins three Open or Restricted Open Working Hunter Pony Classes (except Pretty Polly) affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th in the Open WHP classes at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S., will immediately be classed as an "Open W.H.P." for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice W.H.P. classes, except that any qualification held for Novice W.H.P. classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Shows remain valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice WHP class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championship Show providing they were novices 1.1.2020)
168. A Intermediate W.H. SIX years old or over that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly), Intermediate W.H. classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S. where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th in the Open Intermediate WH class at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S., will immediately be classed as an "Open Intermediate W.H." for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice Intermediate W.H. classes, except that any qualification held for Novice Intermediate W.H. classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remain valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate W.H. class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championship Show providing they were novices 1.1.2020)

Novice W.H.P. Exemption

169. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice W.H.P. for the 133cms.143cms.and 153cms.W.H.P. classes:- Show Pony, Cradle Stakes, Nursery Stakes, S.H.P., Intermediate WH., S.H. SRT., Heritage, B.S.P.S. Challenge and B.S.P.S. Horse classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Intermediate Working Hunter Exemptions

170. In this connection an animal that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice Intermediate Working Hunter:- Working Hunter Pony Classes, Show Hunter Pony Classes, Intermediate S.H. and S.R., B.S.P.S. Challenge, Heritage, B.S.P.S. Horse Classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S..
171. A pony that has been de-noviced as a W.H.P. (Hunter Pony) or Intermediate W.H. under E.U. Member State Rules is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice in B.S.P.S. Working Hunter Pony/ Intermediate W.H. classes.

Novice W.H.P./Intermediate WH. Classes.

172. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms.and not exceeding 143cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE INTERMEDIATE WORKING HUNTER Mare or gelding 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms.but not exceeding 158cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Novice W.H.P./W.H. Championship

173. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the 133cms. 143cms.153cms. Novice WHP classes and the Novice Intermediate WH. classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

174. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT NOVICE W.H.P./Intermediate W.H. Mare or Gelding,4 years old or over, not exceeding 158cms.
Riders MUST jump in their correct height section and be the correct age for the height of the animal they ride. Riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section. (see rule 37)
Riders must declare if they are competing in the 153cms. or the Intermediate Section.

RESTRICTED OPEN WHP and INTERMEDIATE W.H.

175. Animals eligible for Restricted Working Hunter Pony classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., or H.O.Y.S. in the Working Hunter Pony classes in **2018/2019/2020**
- 175a. Animals eligible for Restricted Intermediate W.H. classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., or the H.O.Y.S. in the Intermediate WH classes in **2018/2019/2020**

Restricted Open WHP/Intermediate WH Classes

176. THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms. and not exceeding 143cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st. January in the current year
- THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED OPEN INTERMEDIATE WORKING HUNTER.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms. and not exceeding 158cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Restricted Open W.H.P./W.H. Championship

177. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Restricted **Open** W.H.P. classes and the Restricted Open Intermediate WH class only.

OR Mixed Height Class

178. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT RESTRICTED W.H.P/W.H. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 158cms.
Riders **MUST** jump in their correct height section and be the correct age for the height of the animal they ride. Riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section. (see rule 37)
Riders must declare if they are competing in the 153cms. or the Intermediate Section.

OPEN WORKING HUNTER PONIES.

179. Open 133cms.W.H.P.s may not compete in Novice Nursery Stakes classes.

Open WHP and Intermediate W.H. Classes

180. THE B.S.P.S. W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms. and not exceeding 143cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. OPEN INTERMEDIATE WORKING HUNTER.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms. and not exceeding 158cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open W.H.P./W.H. Championship

181. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the 133cms. 143cms. 153cms. **Open** W.H.P. Classes and the Open Intermediate W.H. class only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

182. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT OPEN W.H.P/Intermediate W.H.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 158cms. Riders **MUST** jump in their correct height section and be the correct age for the height of the animal they ride. Riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section. (see rule 37). Riders must declare if they are competing in the 153cms. or the Intermediate Section.

THE B.S.P.S. TRAINING STAKES WHP CLASSES

(These classes are Open to Plaited Animals and Heritage Ponies)

183. **THE B.S.P.S. TRAINING STAKES**
Animals 4yrs old or over. Riders any age **MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCES 60cms**
THE B.S.P.S. TRAINING STAKES
Animals 4yrs old or over. Riders any age **MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCES 70cms**
THE B.S.P.S. TRAINING STAKES
Animals 4yrs old or over. Riders any age **MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCES 80cms**
Animals may be entered in more than one class in this section
METHOD OF JUDGING Animals will be required to jump a course of fences, they will immediately be asked to give a short show including a change of rein and gallop in the same ring.
184. **MARKS** :- Jumping 60 points, Style and Manners while jumping 20 points
Show Mark and Manners 20 points **TOTAL 100 Points**
Judges may record constructive comments on the mark sheets. Ponies may not be shown on the Lead Rein. Any Suitable tack.

SECTION K.

CRADLE STAKES PONIES

185. Cradle Stakes ponies may be galloped in their individual shows only.

Tiny Tots Stakes Class

186. THE B.S.P.S. TINY TOTS STAKES. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 9th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year. Maximum height and spread for fences 40cms. **Open to plaited or unplaited Ponies.**

Open Cradle Stakes Class.

187. THE B.S.P.S. CRADLE STAKES. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 11th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Mini WHP Championship.

188. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Open Cradle Stakes and Open Nursery Stakes classes only.

SECTION L.

NURSERY STAKES

189. Nursery Stakes Ponies may be galloped individually or four at a time.
190. Ponies and Riders in the Nursery Stakes may compete in the Open, Restricted Open and Novice W.H.P. classes, at the same Show, if eligible.

NOVICE NURSERY STAKES PONIES

Four and Five Year Old Animals

191. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Nursery Stakes Classes a FOUR and FIVE year old pony may win, it retains its Novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th in the Open Nursery Stakes class at the R.I.H.S. will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Nursery Stakes class at 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Nursery Stakes class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championship Show providing they were novices 1.1.2020).

Animals Six Years Old and Over

192. A Novice Nursery Stakes pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Rest. Open (except Pretty Polly) Nursery Stakes classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S. where the first prize is £5.00 or over or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. in the Open Nursery Stakes class, will immediately be classed as an "Open Nursery Stakes Pony" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice Nursery Stakes classes, except that any qualification held for the Novice Nursery Stakes class at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Nursery Stakes class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championship Show providing they were novices 1.1.2020)

Novice Nursery Stakes Exemption

193. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice Nursery Stakes Pony:- Cradle Stakes, Novice 133cms. W.H.P., S.H.P., Heritage classes, Show Pony, B.S.P.S. Challenge classes, and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Nursery Stakes Class.

194. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE NURSERY STAKES. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

RESTRICTED OPEN NURSERY STAKES

195. Animals eligible for Restricted Nursery Stakes classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S. in Nursery Stakes classes in /2018/2019/2020.

Restricted Open Nursery Stakes Class

196. THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED NURSERY STAKES. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Nursery Stakes Class

197. THE B.S.P.S. NURSERY STAKES. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Mini WHP Championship

- 197 a) Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Open Nursery Stakes and Open Cradle Stakes classes only.

SECTION M

INTER-COUNTRY W.H.P. TEAM COMPETITIONS

198. A W.H.P. Team must consist of not more than four animals and riders made up of one animal and rider from each of the 133cms. 143cms. 153cms. WHP classes and one animal from the Intermediate WH class or one animal from three of the classes and the fourth animal from any one of the four classes.
199. Inter Country W.H.P. Team Competitions are open to teams from England, Scotland, Wales and overseas visitors.
200. A rider may only ride one pony in a Team, and is not eligible to ride another pony in a second Team in the same Competition.

SECTION N.

WORKING HUNTER PONY COURSES

Heights for Fences, Spreads and Water

201. At the B.S.P.S. Championships Shows, and the R.I.H.S. Course Builders are permitted an extra 10cms. increase to the maximum heights of fences, for the OPEN classes and an extra 15cms., for the Desert Orchid Blue Riband and Blue Riband Nursery Stakes Classes. **For the R.I.H.S. and HOYS qualifying classes Course Builders must be selected from B.S.P.S., British Showjumping, British Eventing or NPS Course Builders Panels.**

<u>OPEN W.H.P.</u>	<u>HEIGHTS</u>	<u>SPREADS</u>
Tiny Tots Stakes	max 40cms	40cms.
Cradle Stakes	min 47cms	47cms.
First fence not to exceed 47cms		
	max 60cms	60cms.
Nursery Stakes	min 60cms.	55cms.
	max 75cms.	85cms.
Nursery Stakes	min 70cms.	70cms
R.I.H.S Qualifying rounds	max 85cms.	95cms.
And Final		
133 cms.WHP	min 75cms.	70cms.
	max 90cms.	1m.00cms.
143cms. WHP	min 85cms.	80cms.
	max 1m.00cms.	1m 10cms.
153cms.WHP	min 90cms	85cms.
	max 1m.05cms.	1m 15cms.
Intermediate W.H.	min 1m.00cms	95cms.
	max 1m.15cms.	1m 25cms.

<u>RESTRICTED W.H.P.</u>	<u>HEIGHTS</u>	<u>SPREADS</u>
Rest. Nursery Stakes	min 55cms.	55cms.
	max 70cms.	70cms.
133cms Rest.	min 70cms.	70cms.
	max 85cms.	85cms.
143cms. Rest.	min 75cms	75cms.
	max 90cms	90cms.
153cms. Rest.	min 85cms	85cms.
	max 1m	1m.
Inter Rest.WH	min 95cms	95cms.
	max 1m.5cms.	1m 5cms.

<u>NOVICE W.H.P.</u>	<u>HEIGHTS</u>	<u>SPREADS</u>
Nursery Stakes	max 60cms.	55cms.
133cms.	max 75cms.	70cms.
143cms.	max 85cms.	80cms.
153cms.	max 90cms.	85cms.
Intermediate W.H.	max 1m.	95cms.

<u>TRAINING STAKES</u>	<u>HEIGHTS</u>
	60cms
	70cms
	80cms

205. In Mixed Height classes, the fences must be adjusted according to the heights of the ponies in the class and ponies MUST jump in their correct height section.

205a **It is mandatory that distances in combinations (doubles/trebles) must be adjusted according to the height of ponies in the classes.**

In Training Stakes Judges should satisfy themselves that the distances cater for the various heights of ponies in the classes.

206. **Width for Water Jump** (Width)

133cms. W.H.P.	1m.85cms.
143cms. W.H.P.	2m.45cms.
153cms. W.H.P.	3m.05cms.
Intermediate W.H.	3m.05cms.

207. Water and Water Trays must not be used in the Tiny Tots or Cradle Stakes courses. Water must only be constructed as a hazard in Nursery Stakes or Heritage Nursery Stakes Courses, except Water and Water Trays are permitted in the R..I.H.S. Nursery Stakes qualifying classes and in the, Open and Desert Orchid Nursery Stakes and Open Heritage Nursery Stakes classes at the B.S.P.S. Championships Shows.

208. Water must never be coloured, and only used in its natural form, whether as a separate jump, a hazard, or in some form of container. Water containers must be black or grey. The use of polythene sheets has proved very hazardous. Imitation water must not be constructed anywhere within the course.

209. Water jumps may be constructed as a fence or a hazard and they must be numbered in the course.
 a) If constructed as a fence, a fence steward will be necessary, and a white tape or lath. The fence used must be sloping and the tape or lath adjusted so that the water does not exceed the maximum width.
 Ten penalties to be given if the pony has one or more feet on or behind the tape or lath.
 b) If constructed as a hazard ponies must walk or trot through and they will be judged for style and manners, excessive speed or hesitations will be penalised in the style marks, refusals will be marked as at a fence in accordance with Rule 157.

210. Riders are allowed to walk the course dismounted before their class.

211. Ponies are not allowed to practice over any part of the course before the commencement of any of the classes.

212. No person, other than the Judge or the Course Builder appointed by the Show, is permitted to alter the course.
213. If a combination or double fence is numbered as one fence, penalties incurred at each part are cumulative.
214. Any pony taking the wrong course or jumping another fence after completing the course will be eliminated.
215. If a pony positively stops, or turns its quarters to a fence, or has a complete turnaround these constitute refusals. If a pony jumps the incorrect fence out of a pen or lane it will be eliminated. Ponies displaying continued disobedience, or ponies leaving the ring whether mounted or dismounted will be eliminated.
216. No penalty is incurred unless the max. height of the fence is lowered in the same vertical plane.
217. The ponies required for Phase II judging will be those with clear rounds, but those with 10 or more penalties may be included at the Judges discretion.
218. The Jumping Phase will be completed first, and any pony eliminated will not be required again.
219. Distances in pens must be true and there should be a line from entrance to exit, with a minimum distance for smaller ponies of 6.4m. (21 feet). Distances must be related to the size of the ponies in the class. This also refers to any combinations.
220. Bounce fences are NOT permitted.
221. If a fixed fence is used within the Course it must have a top knock down pole.
- 221a) Safety Cups should be used on back poles
222. Courses must be built within the MINIMUM and MAXIMUM heights in the W.H.P/WH. classes, according to the conditions of the ring, NOT ALL FENCES should be at maximum height. In Cradle Stakes classes ONLY one vertical fence towards the end of the course may be at maximum height and the first fence must be MINIMUM height.
223. The minimum number of fences the courses must consist of are:-
 Tiny Tots Stakes - 5 fences. No Double or Spreads
 Cradle Stakes- 6 fences including a double.
 Nursery and all other WHP/WH courses - 7 fences including a double, one fence MUST be a spread, and a change of direction MUST be included.
 (If material is available in order to construct fences correctly, more than the minimum number should be built, in order to give competitors more experience to jump Championship courses). All WHP fences including doubles must be clearly marked.
 Start and finish signs must not be used.

224. Courses at R.I.H.S. qualifying shows must consist of not less than ten fences, two **MUST** be maximum height, two **MUST BE SPREADS AND A CHANGE OF DIRECTION MUST** be included. Start and finish signs must not be used.
All H.O.Y.S. qualifying classes are run in accordance with the H.O.Y.S. Rules.
225. Course Builders have the option to reduce the number of fences if they consider it necessary for safety reasons.
226. There must be some decided change of course between Cradle Stakes and Nursery Stakes, and between Nursery Stakes and the 133cms. W.H.P. class, and between the Open, Restricted Open and Novice W.H.P. classes.
227. Bullfinches must be securely staked in the ground. On a surface a solid frame with fixed feet may be used. The height of the frame must NOT exceed the minimum height for the class. It is advisable to place this type of fence, either as an individual fence, or as the second element of a double.
 It is not advisable to use this fence in Cradle Stakes and Nursery Stakes. Bullfinches will be judged for style and manners and will be reflected in the style mark, there are no knockdown penalties, refusals will be marked as at a fence in accordance with Rule 157.
 Dykes, ditches with no knockdown pole will be marked for style and refusals.
228. Distances must be measured at ground level from the rear of one obstacle to the face of the next obstacle. A tape should be used to measure related distances.
229. **PRACTICE FENCES**
 The Practice fences are intended for warming up purposes only prior to competition. They are not to be used for prolonged schooling by competitors or others immediately, before, during or after the class.
 The practice fence in the collecting ring must be a cross pole with one end of each pole touching the ground, an upright, spread or parallel, Alternative sloping top poles (ie Swedish Oxer, St Andrew Cross) are not to be used. Spread obstacles are not to be jumped in such a direction that the front element is higher than the rear element.
 No pole or obstacle of any kind is to be held by hand for an animal to jump.
 All elements of practice fences must be capable of being knocked down in the normal manner and must not be fixed, jammed or positioned in a manner which prevents or hinders them from falling.
 No false ground lines allowed.
 No rugs, coats etc. are allowed to be placed over or under the poles in practice fences.
 Practice Fences must be correctly flagged with Red and White Flags, competitors must approach fence with Red Flag on their right.
 Members disobeying these rules are subject to elimination.

SECTION O.

SHOW HUNTER PONIES and INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER

230. **GALLOPING** 122cms. 133cms. and 143cms.S.H.P.s may be galloped individually or four at a time. 153cms. ponies and Intermediate Show Hunters may be galloped altogether. In a S.H.P. Championship the 122cms. SHP may be galloped individually or with the 133cms. SHP., the 143cms. and 153cms. animals may be galloped altogether.
231. **MARKING-** To be used at the R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S qualifying Shows, Blue Riband qualifying Shows and the Open SHP/SH classes at the Winter and Summer Championships.
- | | |
|--|-----------|
| Manners & Way of Going | 50 |
| Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action | <u>50</u> |
| | 100 |
232. In the event of a tie or ties the marks MUST NOT be altered the Mark for Manners and Way of Going will take precedence, followed by Conformation, Type and Freedom of Action mark, if there is still a tie the Judge's decision is final.

Novice Show Hunter and Intermediate SH Animals - Four and Five Year Old Ponies

233. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Show Hunter Pony classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Show Hunter Pony classes, will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice SHP classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Shows remain valid. . (Animals may still enter the Novice Show Hunter Pony classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)
234. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Intermediate Show Hunter classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Intermediate Show Hunter class, will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Int SH classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Shows remain valid. . (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate SH classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Animals SIX Years Old and Over

235. A Show Hunter Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Show Hunter Pony classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Show Hunter pony classes, will immediately be classed as an" Open Show Hunter Pony" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice Show Hunter Pony classes, except that any qualification held for the Novice Show Hunter Pony classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Shows remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Show Hunter Pony Classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

236. A Intermediate Show Hunter animal SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Intermediate SH classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Intermediate Show Hunter classes, will immediately be classed as an "Open Intermediate SH" Animal for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice Intermediate SH classes, except that any qualification held for the Novice Intermediate Show Hunter classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate SH classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Novice Show Hunter Pony Exemption

237. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice Show Hunter Pony:- Lead Rein of Hunter Type, First Pony of Show Hunter Type, Tiny Tots SHP, Heritage, Show Pony, Working Hunter Pony, Intermediate SH. W.H. and S.R., Young SHP., B.S.P.S. Challenge BSPS Horse Classes, and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Intermediate Show Hunter Exemptions

238. In this connection an animal that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice Intermediate S.H.:- S.P., S.H.P., W.H.P., Intermediate S.R. and W.H., Side Saddle, Pairs, B.S.P.S. Challenge, Heritage, Young SHP and B.S.P.S. Horse classes and any other Classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.
239. A pony that has been de-noviced as a Pony of Show Hunter Type (Hunter Pony Riding) or Intermediate SH under E.U. Member State Rules, is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice in B.S.P.S. Pony of Show Hunter Type/Intermediate SH classes.
240. A Novice Show Hunter Pony or Novice Intermediate SH winning a Supreme Championship that is open to all Section Champions will not be de-noviced.

Novice Show Hunter Pony Classes

241. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 122cms. and not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms. and not exceeding 143cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Novice Show Hunter Pony Championship

242. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Novice S.H.P. classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

243. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 153cms. Riders MUST be the correct age for the height of the animal they ride.

Novice Intermediate Show Hunter Type Class.

244. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or gelding 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms. but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year

245. B.S.P.S. Novice Intermediate classes. Open to horses and ponies, 4yrs old or over exceeding 146cms, but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. This class to incorporate Intermediate SRT and Intermediate S.H.

Novice Intermediate Championship

246. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the Novice SRT and SH Classes only.

RESTRICTED OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONIES and INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER.

247. Animals eligible for Restricted Show Hunter Pony Classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S. (except Pretty Polly) or H.O.Y.S. in the Show Hunter Pony Classes in **2018/2019/2020.**

248. Animals eligible for Restricted Intermediate SH Classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., (except Pretty Polly) or H.O.Y.S. in the Intermediate SH classes in **2018/2019/2020.**

Restricted Open Show Hunter Pony Classes.

249. THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 122cms.and not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms.and not exceeding 143cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Restricted Open Show Hunter Pony Championship

250. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms.Restricted Open S.H.P. classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

251. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT RESTRICTED SHOW HUNTER PONY Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 153cms. Riders MUST be the correct age for the height of the animal they ride.

Restricted Open Intermediate Show Hunter Class

252. THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED OPEN INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms. and not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Restricted Intermediate Championship

253. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the Restricted SRT & SH Classes only.

OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONIES and OPEN INTERMEDIATE SH

Open Show Hunter Pony Classes.

254. THE B.S.P.S. OPEN PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. OPEN PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 122cms. and not exceeding 133cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 14th. birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. OPEN PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms. and not exceeding 143cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 17th.birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. OPEN PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms.and not exceeding 153cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 20th.birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Show Hunter Pony Championship

255. Open to ponies, 4 years old and over, that have been placed first or second in the 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. **Open** Show Hunter Pony classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

256. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 153cms. Riders MUST be the correct age for the height of the animal they ride.

Open Intermediate Show Hunter Class

257. THE B.S.P.S. OPEN INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms. and not exceeding 158cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Intermediate Championship

258. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the Open SRT and SH Classes only.

SECTION P.

LEAD REIN PONY OF HUNTER TYPE

259. In Lead Rein of Hunter Type classes the Judge will be looking for a pony suitable to take its rider on Country and Town activities on the leading rein.
260. This is NOT a Handy Pony Competition but in their individual show ponies will be asked to negotiate small rural obstacles, but without water and without jumping.
Ponies MUST not be asked to walk on artificial material e.g. artificial grass, plastic sheeting etc. or to walk over obstacles other than a single pole on the ground
Ponies may be trotted altogether in the class
261. Riders will not be asked to dismount.

NOVICE LEADING REIN OF HUNTER TYPE PONIES

Four and Five Year Old Ponies

262. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retain its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th in the Lead Rein of Hunter Type class at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. will immediately be denoviced. . (Animals may still enter the Novice Lead Rein of Hunter Type classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

263. A Lead Rein of Hunter Type Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Lead rein of Hunter Type classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Lead Rein of Hunter Type class, will immediately be classed as an "Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice Lead Rein of Hunter Type classes.
Animals may still enter the Novice Lead Rein of Hunter Type classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Novice Leading Rein of Hunter Type Exemption

264. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice Leading Rein of Hunter Type Pony:- Lead Rein, First Ridden, 128cms.Show Pony, Cradle Stakes, Nursery Stakes, 133cms.W.H.P., 122cms.S.H.P., Side Saddle, Pairs, Heritage, Tiny Tots LR, FR. & SHP, First Pony SHT., B.S.P.S. Challenge classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Leading Rein of Hunter Type Class

265. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE LEAD REIN OF HUNTER TYPE, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

MINI NOVICE HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

266. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Novice Lead Rein of Hunter Type and the Novice First Pony of Show Hunter Type classes only.

RESTRICTED LEAD REIN OF HUNTER TYPE

267. Animals eligible for Restricted Lead Rein of Hunter Type classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., or H.O.Y.S. in the Lead Rein of Hunter Type classes in **2018/2019/2020.**

Restricted Leading Rein of Hunter Type Class

268. THE B.S.P.S. RESTRICTED OPEN LEAD REIN OF HUNTER TYPE, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Open Leading Rein of Hunter Type Class

269. THE B.S.P.S. LEAD REIN PONY OF HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

MINI OPEN HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

270. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type and the Open First Pony of Show Hunter Type classes only.

SECTION Q.

FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE SECTION

271. No cantering is allowed except for individual performances. Ponies must leave the ring at the walk or trot.

NOVICE FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE

Four and Five Year Old Ponies

272. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open First Pony of Show Hunter Type classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year.

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

273. A First Pony of Show Hunter Type SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) First Pony of Show Hunter Type classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, will immediately be classed as an "Open First Pony of Show Hunter Type" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Novice First Pony of Show Hunter Type classes.

Novice First Pony of Show Hunter Type Exemption

274. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Novice First Pony of Show Hunter Type:- Lead Rein, First Ridden, 128cms.Show Pony, Cradle Stakes, Nursery Stakes, 133cms.W.H.P., 122cms.S.H.P., Side Saddle, Pairs, Heritage, Tiny Tots LR., FR. & SHP., Lead Rein Hunter Type, B.S.P.S. Challenge classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

TINY TOTS SHOW HUNTER PONY CLASS

- 274a. The B.S.P.S. TINY TOTS SHOW HUNTER PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

NOVICE FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE CLASS

275. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th. birthday before the 1st. January in the current year.

MINI NOVICE HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

276. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Novice Lead Rein of Hunter Type and the Novice First Pony of Show Hunter Type classes only.

OPEN FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE CLASS

277. THE B.S.P.S. OPEN FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th. birthday before the 1st. January in the current year. (See Rule 418)

MINI OPEN HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

278. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type and the Open First Pony of Show Hunter Type classes only.

SECTION R.

PRETTY POLLY

AMATEUR HOME PRODUCED PRETTY POLLY CLASSES

RULES

To compete in Pretty Polly Classes members must have both amateur and home produced status.

Home Produced Status. Open to Horses/ponies which are either stabled at home or in a D. I. Y. yard and which since 1st January in the current year, have not been shown by a Professional Producer during the current season or stabled in a Professional yard at any time in the current year. To be owned and ridden by an Amateur as detailed below. This does not exclude Home Produced riders having lessons at any time with an instructor, providing the Horse/Pony remains stabled at home.No Professional Producers are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the Horse/Pony.

Amateur Status – a person is an Amateur for the purpose of these classes if he/she does **NOT** during the current or previous season:

279. Engage in breeding, livery, buying, selling, producing, dealing or hiring horses in a commercial capacity, or as a means of deriving a source of income.
280. Receive remuneration, whether it be monetary or goods in kind, for employment in the connection with horses in racing, showing, livery stable or riding schools (instruction at Pony Club, Area Teach-Ins and Riding Clubs excepted). This does not include the suppliers of ancillary services such as farriers and vets.
281. Own, Rent/Part Rent, Part own an equestrian establishment including but not limited to riding schools, events centre, stud or livery yard in any capacity, or receive any form of remuneration for employment at an equestrian establishment. For the avoidance of doubt for the purpose of this rule, immediate family members of an owner or part owner of an equestrian establishment who work or are howsoever otherwise engaged or involved in any capacity, whether or not for remuneration at the equestrian establishment, will be treated as being an owner or part owner of that equestrian establishment.
282. Show a Pony owned or sponsored by a company or a commercial firm, or act as a Brand Ambassador, in any showing classes or a Pony for which his/her immediate family accepts livery or training charges from a person outside the immediate family concerned.
283. A competitor is not eligible to compete in any classes on an animal which has been ridden by a Rider who rides for a Professional Producer/Trainer in **any** Showing Classes or otherwise during the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. EXPECT COMPETITORS TO ACCEPT THE RULES OF THIS COMPETITION IN THE SPIRIT INTENDED.

Pretty Polly Show Pony Classes.

284. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY SHOW PONY.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 13th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY SHOW PONY.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 128cms. and not exceeding 138cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 15th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY SHOW PONY.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 138cms. and not exceeding 148cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Pretty Polly Show Pony Championship

285. Open to ponies 4 years old and over, that have been placed first or second in the **Pretty Polly** 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms. Show Pony classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class

286. The B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY MIXED HEIGHT SHOW PONY. Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 148cms.
Riders must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.

Pretty Polly Intermediate Classes

287. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 146cms. but not exceeding 153cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
288. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 153cms. but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Or Mixed Height Class

289. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 146cms. but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

The Pretty Polly Intermediate Championship

290. Open to animals, 4 years old or over, that have been placed first or second in the Pretty Polly Intermediate Show Riding Type and Intermediate Show Hunter Classes only.

PRETTY POLLY LEAD REIN CLASS

291. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY LEADING REIN PONY.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

PRETTY POLLY FIRST RIDDEN CLASS

292. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY FIRST RIDDEN PONY.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Pretty Polly Mini Show Pony Championship

293. Open to ponies, 4 years old and over, that have been placed first or second in the Pretty Polly Lead Rein and First Ridden classes only.

PRETTY POLLY CRADLE AND NURSERY STAKES

294. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY OPEN CRADLE STAKES
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 11th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
295. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY OPEN NURSERY STAKES
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Pretty Polly Mini WHP Championship

296. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Pretty Polly Cradle and Nursery Stakes classes only.

Pretty Polly W.H.P./ W.H. Classes

297. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY WORKING HUNTER PONY
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 14th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY WORKING HUNTER PONY
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms. but not exceeding 143cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 17th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY WORKING HUNTER PONY
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms. but not exceeding 153cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 20th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY INTERMEDIATE WORKING HUNTER.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms. but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Pretty Polly WHP/WH Championship

298. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the Pretty Polly Open 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Working Hunter Pony classes and the Pretty Polly Intermediate WH class only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

299. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY W.H.P. / W.H.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 158cms.
Riders MUST jump in their correct height section and be the correct age for the height of the animal they ride. Riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section (See Rule 37).
Riders must declare if they are competing in the 153cms. or Intermediate WH section.

PRETTY POLLY S.H.P CLASSES

300. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY LEAD REIN OF HUNTER TYPE
Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

- 301 THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE
Mare or Gelding not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Pretty Polly Mini Hunter Pony Championship

- 301a Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the Pretty Polly Lead Rein of Hunter Type and the Pretty Polly First Pony of Show Hunter Type classes only.

Pretty Polly S.H.P /S.H. Classes

302. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY SHOW HUNTER PONY
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY SHOW HUNTER PONY
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 122cms., but not exceeding 133cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 14th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY SHOW HUNTER PONY
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old an over, exceeding 133cms., but not exceeding 143cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 17th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY SHOW HUNTER PONY
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old an over, exceeding 143cms., but not exceeding 153cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 20th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Pretty Polly SHP Championship

303. Open to ponies, 4 years old and over, that have been placed first or second in the Pretty Polly Open 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Show Hunter Pony classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

304. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY MIXED HEIGHT SHP
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 153cms.
Riders must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.
305. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER TYPE.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms. but not exceeding 158cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

The Pretty Polly Intermediate Championship

- 305a Open to animals, 4 years old or over, that have been placed first or second in the Pretty Polly Intermediate Show Riding Type and Intermediate Show Hunter Classes only.

PRETTY POLLY RIHS QUALIFYING CLASSES

306. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE M&M PRETTY POLLY (R.I.H.S.) LEADING REIN PONY.
Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
307. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE M&M PRETTY POLLY (R.I.H.S.) FIRST RIDDEN PONY.
Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
308. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY (R.I.H.S.) MIXED HEIGHT SHOW PONY.
Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 148cms.
Riders must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.
309. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY (R.I.H.S.) MIXED HEIGHT SHP
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms.
Riders must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.
- 309a. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY (R.I.H.S.) MIXED HEIGHT SHP
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 153cms.
Riders must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.

N.B There will only be one class at the Final at R.I.H.S. of the Pretty Polly Mixed Height SHP

310. THE B.S.P.S. PRETTY POLLY (R.I.H.S.) INTERMEDIATE SRT/SH
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 158cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. This class to incorporate Intermediate SRT and Intermediate SH.
311. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE M&M PRETTY POLLY (R.I.H.S.) RIDDEN MIXED BREEDS.
Registered Pure Bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B, Connemara, Dales, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D ponies, 4yrs old or over. Riders any age.

This class will be judged as a whole but all ponies will be brought in a walk and then the class will be divided for the go round into small and large breeds the two sections will then be lined up together to do the individual show and conformation and the result will be decided on the highest scores achieved.

SECTION S

THE B.S.P.S. "HERITAGE" MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND.

312. MARKING - To be used at the R.I.H.S. and OLYMPIA qualifying shows and at the Winter, Summer and Heritage Championships for the Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden and Ridden Classes.
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|-------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Show/Freedom of Action | Maximum | 50 |
| Breed Type/Conformation | Maximum | <u>50</u>
100 |
313. In the event of a tie or ties the marks MUST not be altered the mark for **Conformation and Breed Type** will take precedence followed by the Show/Freedom of Action mark, if there is still a tie the Judge's decision is final.
314. No child under the age of 3 years may compete.
315. Stallions **are not** permitted in Lead Rein and First Ridden classes.
316. Stallions are permitted in Heritage Ridden and WHP classes.
317. Riders must be 12 years old or over on 1st. January in the current year to ride any Stallions not exceeding 138cms., or Small Breed Mountain & Moorland Stallions i.e. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A & B.
318. Riders must be 14 years old or over on 1st. January in the current year to ride any Stallions ex. 138cms. or Large Breed Mountain and Moorland Stallions i.e. Connemara, Dales, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C & D.
319. In Heritage Lead Rein classes the leader must be 16 years old or over and may only lead one pony in a class.
320. Leaders in Heritage Lead Rein classes at shows with R.I.H.S. qualification and at the B.S.P.S. Summer, Winter and Heritage Championships must be B.S.P.S. members 16 years old or over.
321. All Ponies in Novice Ridden (Flat Classes) and Lead Rein classes must be shown in suitable snaffle bridles.
322. Ponies in Heritage Open Ridden, First Ridden, Tiny Tots First Ridden and WHP classes may be shown in any suitable bridle, except those mentioned in Rule 55. (See also rule 56).
323. Cantering is not allowed in Heritage Lead Rein classes.
324. In all Lead Rein classes the rein MUST go directly from the bit to the rider's hand, with no extra aid or attachments to or on the saddle. Handles on saddles are permitted but the reins MUST NOT be attached to the handle or to the saddle. The reins must be a normal length and not knotted together or stitched together at a shorter length.
325. Riders in Heritage Lead Rein and Heritage Tiny Tots First Ridden will not be asked to dismount, the ponies will not be stripped.
326. Heritage First Ridden (except Heritage Tiny Tots First Ridden) ponies may be stripped. In R.I.H.S. qualifying classes Judges should make every effort to strip an adequate number of ponies.
327. No Cantering is allowed in Heritage First Ridden classes, except for individual performances. Ponies should leave the ring at the walk or trot.

328. No pony shall be shown on a leading rein except those entered in Leading Rein classes.
329. In all Heritage classes, ponies are restricted to the breed standard and height limits laid down by their appropriate Breed Societies.
330. The Ponies Breed Society Registration Numbers MUST be stated when entering Heritage Classes.
331. Judges will penalise ponies that have been **excessively** clipped or trimmed.
332. All other B.S.P.S. General Rules are applicable.

HERITAGE RESTRICTED CLASSES

333. Animals eligible for Restricted Heritage M&M classes must NOT have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., (except Pretty Polly and Young Riders) or H.O.Y.S. or Olympia in the Relevant Mountain and Moorland classes in **2018/2019/2020**.

HERITAGE NOVICE LEAD REIN FOUR and FIVE Year Old Ponies

334. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Heritage Lead Rein classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein classes will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Heritage Lead Rein class at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Lead Rein class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

335. A Heritage Lead Rein Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Heritage Lead Rein classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein classes, will immediately be classed as an "Open Heritage Lead Rein Pony" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Heritage Novice Lead Rein classes, except that any qualification held for the Heritage Novice Lead Rein classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Lead Rein class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Heritage Novice Leading Rein Exemption

336. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Heritage Novice Lead Rein Pony:-, Lead Rein, First Ridden, 128 Show Pony, Cradle Stakes, Nursery Stakes, 133cms. WHP, Tiny Tots SHP., 122cms. SHP., Lead Rein of Hunter Type, First Pony SHT., Side Saddle, Pairs, Heritage Tiny Tots LR., & FR., Heritage First Ridden, Heritage Ridden and Heritage WHP., B.S.P.S. Challenge Classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.
A pony that has been denoviced as a M and M Lead Rein under E.U.Member State Rules is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice M & M Lead Rein pony.

HERITAGE NOVICE FIRST RIDDEN

FOUR and FIVE Year Old Ponies

337. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Heritage First Ridden classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Heritage First Ridden class at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice First Ridden class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

338. A Heritage First Ridden Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Heritage First Ridden classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. will immediately be classed as an "Open Heritage First Ridden Pony" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Heritage Novice First Ridden classes, except that any qualification held for the Heritage Novice First Ridden classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remain valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice First Ridden class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Heritage Novice First Ridden Exemption

339. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Heritage Novice First Ridden:-, Lead Rein, First Ridden, 128 Show Pony, Cradle & Nursery Stakes, 133cms. WHP, 122cms. SHP., Lead Rein of Hunter Type, First Pony SHT., Side Saddle, Pairs, Heritage Tiny Tots LR., & FR., Heritage Lead Rein, Ridden and WHP., B.S.P.S. Challenge Classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S. A pony that has been denoviced as a M and M First Ridden under E.U.Member State Rules is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice M & M First Ridden pony

HERITAGE NOVICE RIDDEN PONIES

FOUR and FIVE Year Old Ponies

340. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Heritage Ridden classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th at the R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. or Olympia will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Heritage Ridden classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Ridden class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

341. A Heritage Ridden Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Restricted Open (except Pretty Polly) Heritage Ridden classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th in the Mountain and Moorland Open Ridden classes at the R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. or Olympia will immediately be classed as an "Open Heritage Ridden Pony" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Heritage Novice Ridden classes, except that any qualification held for the Heritage Novice Ridden classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remain valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice Ridden class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Heritage Novice Ridden Exemption

342. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Heritage Novice Ridden Pony:-, Lead Rein, First Ridden, Show Pony, Cradle & Nursery Stakes, WHP, SHP., Tiny Tots SHP., Lead Rein of Hunter Type, First Pony SHT., Side Saddle, Pairs, Heritage Tiny Tots LR.& FR., Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden and WHP., B.S.P.S. Challenge Classes and any other classes not affiliated to the BSPS. A Pony that has been denoviced as a M&M Ridden Pony under E.U. Member State Rules is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice M&M Ridden Pony.

HERITAGE NOVICE WORKING HUNTER PONIES

FOUR and FIVE Year Old Ponies

343. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Heritage WHP classes a FOUR and FIVE year old animal may win, it retains its novice status at the commencement of its SIX year old year, except any animal that has been placed 1st to 5th in the Mountain and Moorland WHP classes at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Heritage WHP classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show remains valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice WHP class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

344. A Heritage WHP SIX years old or over, that wins **three** Open or Restricted Open, (except Pretty Polly) Heritage WHP classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 5th in the Mountain and Moorland WHP classes at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S., will immediately be classed as an "Open Heritage WHP" for the rest of its showing career and is no longer eligible for Heritage Novice WHP classes, except that any qualification held for the Heritage Novice WHP classes at the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Shows remain valid. (Animals may still enter the Novice WHP class at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships providing they were novices on 1.1.2020)

Heritage Novice WHP Exemption

345. In this connection a pony that has won in any of the following events may still be a Heritage Novice WHP:-, Lead Rein, First Ridden, Show Pony, Cradle & Nursery Stakes, WHP, SHP., Tiny Tots SHP., Lead Rein of Hunter Type, First Pony SHT., Side Saddle, Pairs, Heritage Tiny Tots LR. & FR., Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden and Ridden, Challenge Classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.. A pony that has been denoviced as a M and M WHP under E.U. Member State Rules is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice M & M WHP.

HERITAGE RESTRICTED CLASSES

346. Animals eligible for Restricted Heritage classes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., (except Pretty Polly and Young Riders) or H.O.Y.S. or Olympia in the relevant Mountain and Moorland classes in **2018/2019/2020**.

MARKING FOR HERITAGE WHP

347.	PHASE 1	Jumping	50
		Style whilst jumping	20
	PHASE 2	Manners and way of going	10
		Conformation, freedom of action and Breed Type	20
		Total	100
	PENALTIES:	Knock Down	10 faults
		1st. Refusal	15 faults.
		Second Refusal	20 faults.
		Third Refusal	Disqualification
		Fall of pony or rider in any Phase	Disqualification

348. In the event of a tie or ties - The marks **MUST NOT** be altered. The **TOTAL MARK** from Phase 1 will take precedence, followed by the Manners Mark, and then the Breed Type Mark. If there is still a tie the Judge's decision is final.

HEIGHT OF FENCES FOR HERITAGE WHP CLASSES

At B.S.P.S. Championship Shows Course Builders are permitted an extra 5 cms for Open classes and an extra 10 cms for Blue Riband W.H.P.

	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>SPREAD</u>	
<u>NOVICE CLASSES</u>	Min	Max.	Max
Ponies not exceeding 122cms.	47cms.	60cms	47cms.
Ponies ex. 122cms not ex. 133cms	55cms.	65cms.	55cms.
Ponies ex. 133cms. not ex. 143cms	65cms.	75cms.	65cms.
Ponies exceeding 143cms	75cms	85cms	75cms

<u>RESTRICTED CLASSES</u>	Min	Max.	Max
Ponies not exceeding 122cms.	50cms.	65cms	50cms.
Ponies ex. 122cms not ex. 133cms	60cms.	75cms.	60cms.
Ponies ex. 133cms. not ex. 143cms	70cms.	85cms.	70cms.
Ponies exceeding 143cms	80cms	95cms	80cms

<u>OPEN CLASSES</u>	Min	Max.	Max
Heritage Cradle Stakes	47cms	55cms	47cms
Heritage Nursery Stakes	50cms.	65cms.	50cms.
Ponies not exceeding 122cms.	55cms.	70cms.	55cms.
Ponies ex. 122cms not ex. 133cms	65cms.	80cms.	65cms.
Ponies ex. 133cms not ex. 143cms	75cms.	90cms	75cms.
Ponies exceeding 143cms	85cms	100cms	85cms

The width of water trays should not exceed the maximum spread. Water is not permitted in Heritage Cradle Stakes classes.

In Mixed Height classes, the fences must be adjusted according to the heights of the ponies in the class and ponies **MUST** jump in their correct height section.

350. The Course for Heritage WHP classes must consist of a minimum of 6 fences and a maximum of 12 fences. (The Maximum number does not apply at Championships Shows) Rules 207 to 222 and 225 to 229 apply.

CLASSES FOR SUMMER SEASON.

HERITAGE TINY TOTS CLASSES

351. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND TINY TOTS LEAD REIN
Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 yrs. old or over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not have attained their 5th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
352. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND TINY TOTS FIRST RIDDEN.
Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 yrs. old or over, not exceeding 128cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
353. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE TINY TOTS MINI CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. or 2nd. in the Tiny Tots Heritage Lead Rein and First Ridden classes.

OPEN HERITAGE LEAD REIN & FIRST RIDDEN CLASSES

354. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN LEAD REIN.
Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 yrs. old or over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
355. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN FIRST RIDDEN.
Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 yrs. old or over, not exceeding 128cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
356. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MINI CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. or 2nd. in the Open Heritage Lead Rein and First Ridden classes.

OPEN HERITAGE RIDDEN CLASSES

(R.I.H.S. & OLYMPIA qualifiers)

357. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland Ponies 4 years old or over.
Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Welsh Section A & B Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Welsh Section C & D Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred New Forest and Connemara Ponies 4 years old or over.
Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Fells, Dales, and Highland Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.

OR

358. Separate Open classes may be held.
Different Mixed classes may be held with permission from Head Office
359. **Classes with R.I.H.S. qualification must be held in accordance with Rule 357.**
360. Shows with OLYMPIA qualification must hold separate classes for Welsh Section C and Welsh Section D Ponies.
361. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in the Heritage Open Ridden Classes.

OR

362. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN MIXED BREEDS. Registered Pure Bred ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age

OPEN HERITAGE WHP CLASSES

363. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN CRADLE STAKES.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 yrs. old and over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 11th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
364. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN NURSERY STAKES.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 yrs. old and over, not exceeding 133cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 13th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE OPEN MINI WHP CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in the Heritage OPEN Cradle Stakes/Nursery Stakes classes
365. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over not exceeding 122cms.
Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 122cms. but not exceeding 133cms. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 133cms, but not exceeding 143cms. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 143cms. Riders any age.
366. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN WHP CHAMPIONSHIP**
Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. and 2nd. in The Heritage Open WHP classes.

OR

367. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN WHP. MIXED HEIGHT.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4yrs. old or over.
Riders any age. Ponies must jump in their correct height section. Riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section.
Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section

NOVICE HERITAGE LEAD REIN & FIRST RIDDEN CLASSES

368. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE LEAD REIN.
Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 yrs. old or over, not exceeding 122cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
369. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE FIRST RIDDEN.
Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 yrs. old or over, not exceeding 128cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
370. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE NOVICE MINI CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. or 2nd. in the Heritage NOVICE Lead Rein/First Ridden classes.

NOVICE HERITAGE RIDDEN CLASSES

371. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Welsh Section A & B Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Welsh C & D Ponies 4 years old or over.
Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred New Forest and Connemara Ponies 4years old or over.
Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Fells, Dales, Highland Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.

N.B.If sufficient entries separate Novice classes may be held.

372. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in the Heritage Novice Ridden Classes.

OR

373. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN MIXED BREEDS. Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.

NOVICE HERITAGE WHP CLASSES

374. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over not exceeding 122cms. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 122cms. but not exceeding 133cms. Riders any age.

THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 133cms. but not exceeding 143cms. Riders any age.

THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 143cms. Riders any age.

375. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE WHP CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. and 2nd. in The Heritage Novice WHP classes.

OR

376. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE WHP. MIXED HEIGHT.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4yrs. old or over.
Riders any age. Ponies must jump in their correct height section. Riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section.
Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section

RESTRICTED HERITAGE LEAD REIN & FIRST RIDDEN CLASSES

377. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED LEAD REIN. Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 yrs. old or over, not exceeding 122cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
378. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED FIRST RIDDEN. Registered Pure Bred Mare or Gelding 4 yrs. old or over, not exceeding 128cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
379. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE RESTRICTED MINI CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. or 2nd. in the Heritage RESTRICTED Lead Rein and First Ridden classes.

RESTRICTED HERITAGE RIDDEN CLASSES

380. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, and Shetland Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Welsh Section A & B Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Welsh Sec C & D Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred New Forest and Connemara Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED OPEN RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Fells, Dales, and Highland Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
- OR**
- N.B. If sufficient entries separate Restricted classes may be held.**
381. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND RESTRICTED OPEN RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in the Heritage Open Ridden Classes.
- OR**
382. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND RESTRICTED OPEN RIDDEN MIXED BREEDS. Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.

RESTRICTED HERITAGE WHP CLASSES

383. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED WHP. Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over not exceeding 122cms. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED WHP. Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 122cms. but not exceeding 133cms. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED WHP. Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 133cms. but not exceeding 143cms. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED WHP. Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 143cms. Riders any age.
384. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED WHP CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. and 2nd. in The Heritage Restricted WHP classes.
- OR**
385. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RESTRICTED WHP. MIXED HEIGHT. Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4yrs. old or over. Riders any age. Ponies must jump in their correct height section. Riders may ride more than one pony providing the animals are of a different height section.
Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section

HERITAGE YOUNG RIDERS RIDDEN CLASSES

386. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE YOUNG RIDERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND MIXED BREEDS RIDDEN
Registered Pure Bred Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Sections A, B, C and D, Stallion, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
387. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE YOUNG RIDERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND SMALL BREEDS RIDDEN
Registered Pure Bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
388. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE YOUNG RIDERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND LARGE BREEDS RIDDEN
Registered Pure Bred Connemara, Dales, Highland, New Forest, Fell, Welsh Section C or D, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over. Riders not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
389. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE YOUNG RIDERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP -Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in the Heritage Young Riders Ridden classes

**CLASSES FOR THE WINTER SEASON –
SEE WINTER SHOWS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

SECTION U

ANGLO & PART BRED ARAB SECTION

390. In R.I.H.S. Classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S. the B.S.P.S. rules take precedence.
391. Owners must be B.S.P.S. Adult Showing members.
392. A Rider under 18 years, on 1st. January in the current year, must be a B.S.P.S. Junior Member, to ride in the Anglo and Part Bred Arab R.I.H.S. qualifying classes, the final at the R.I.H.S. and at the B.S.P.S. Winter and Summer Championships Show.
393. A Rider 19 years old or over, on 1st. January in the current year, must be a B.S.P.S. Adult Showing member to ride in the Anglo and Part Bred Arab R.I.H.S. qualifying classes, the final at the R.I.H.S. and at the B.S.P.S. Winter and Summer Championships Shows.
394. Animals must be registered in the Arab Horse Society, Anglo and Part Bred Arab Stud Book and registration numbers must be declared when entering.
395. Hats must be in accordance with the B.S.P.S. Rules, except that Top hats, stocks and appropriate evening attire may be worn by riders 18 years old or over in the Championship at the R.I.H.S. and in the Evening performances ONLY at the B.S.P.S. Championships Shows.
396. Any suitable bridles may be worn.
397. Spurs may be worn in the exceeding 148cms. class by riders 16 years old or over. (see Rule 50)
398. Animals not exceeding 148cms. will be judged as a riding pony class and will not be ridden by the Judge each exhibitor will give an individual show.
399. Animals exceeding 148cms. will be judged as a riding class, exhibitors will be required to give an individual show. They will be ridden by a Judge in the final at R.I.H.S.
400. If a Judge considers an exhibit ill mannered unsound or unsuitable he may ask the exhibit to retire without being ridden.

MARKING

401. To be used at the R.I.H.S. qualifying shows and at the Winter and Summer Championships Shows.
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| Performance/Ride | 50 |
| Conformation, Type and Freedom of Action | <u>50</u> |
| TOTAL Maximum Mark | 100 |
402. In the event of a tie or ties the marks MUST NOT be altered the Mark for Performance/Ride will take precedence, followed by the Conformation, Type and Freedom of Action mark, if there is still a tie or ties the Judges decision is final.

JUDGES

403. The judges to be selected from the B.S.P.S. "S" or "H" Panels with Stars (Please also see Rule 487).
404. All other B.S.P.S. General and Championships Show Rules are applicable.

CLASSES

405. THE B.S.P.S. RIDDEN ANGLO AND PART BRED ARAB. (inc R.I.H.S.)
Mare, Stallion or gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 148cms. Riders any age.
406. THE B.S.P.S. RIDDEN ANGLO AND PART BRED ARAB. (inc R.I.H.S.)
Mare, Stallion or Gelding 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms. Riders any age.
407. THE B.S.P.S. RIDDEN ANGLO AND PART BRED ARAB CHAMPIONSHIP
Open to 1st. and 2nd. prizewinners in the Anglo and Part Bred Arab classes.

SECTION V.

WINTER SHOWS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Ages of Riders see under relevant sections)

408. Shows held on or before 31st December, 2019, all rules as per the 2019 Rule Book.
Shows held on or after 1st January 2020, all rules as per the 2020 B.S.P.S. Rule Book.
409. Winter Shows affiliated to the B.S.P.S. that include the Heritage Mountain & Moorland qualifying classes may include Mountain and Moorland classes affiliated to other Societies, providing they include the FULL section of Heritage classes but they may have qualification for other Societies within those Heritage classes.
410. B.S.P.S. Area Winter Shows affiliated to the B.S.P.S. may not include classes affiliated to other Societies unless they include the full range of B.S.P.S. Winter qualifying classes at their Winter Qualifying shows.
411. **Winter Novice Working Hunter Pony/ Intermediate WH Classes:-**
Novice Nursery Stakes. Ponies not exceeding 133cms.
Novice W.H.P., not exceeding 133cms.
Novice W.H.P., exceeding 133cms. and not exceeding 143cms.
Novice W.H.P., exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms.
Novice Inter WH., exceeding 148cms. and not exceeding 158cms.
412. OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Novice W.H.P/WH, not exceeding 158cms.
Competitors must jump in their correct height section and be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride. Riders must declare which section they are competing in.
Riders may ride more than one animal, providing the animals are of a different height section.
413. Animals may not compete in the 153cms. and the Intermediate WH classes at the same show in the same section, except at the R.I.H.S. (Subject to confirmation from R.I.H.S)
414. **Winter Open (Restricted) Working Hunter Pony / Intermediate WH Classes**
The Course to be Restricted Height.

Open Nursery Stakes. Ponies not exceeding 133cms.
Open W.H.P., not exceeding 133cms.
Open W.H.P., exceeding 133cms. and not exceeding 143cms.
Open W.H.P., exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms.
Open Inter WH., exceeding 148cms. and not exceeding 158cms.
415. OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Open (Restricted) W.H.P/WH., not exceeding 158cms.
Competitors must jump in their correct height section and be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride. Riders must declare which section they are competing in.
Riders may ride more than one animal, providing the animals are of a different height section.
IF A NOVICE OR OPEN (Restricted) NURSERY STAKES CLASS IS INCLUDED, IT MUST BE A SEPARATE CLASS AND CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN A MIXED HEIGHT CLASS.

416. Animals eligible for Restricted WHP/WH must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S., or H.O.Y.S. in the WHP/WH classes in **2018/2019/2020**.
417. Animals eligible for Restricted Nursery Stakes must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S in the Nursery Stakes class in **2018/2019/2020**.
418. **OPEN FIRST PONY OF SHOW PONY OR OF SHOW HUNTER PONY TYPE**, not exceeding 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Snaffle bridles only. No cantering is allowed except for individual performances, ponies must leave the ring at the walk or trot.
419. **Winter Novice Show Hunter Pony Classes**
Novice Pony of SHT not exceeding 122cms.
Novice Pony of Show Hunter Type, exceeding 122cms. and not exceeding 133cms.
Novice Pony of Show Hunter Type, exceeding 133cms. and not exceeding 143cms.
Novice Pony of Show Hunter Type, exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms.
Novice Intermediate Show Hunter, exceeding 148cms. and not exceeding 158cms.
420. OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Novice Pony of Show Hunter Type not exceeding 153cms.
Competitors must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.
421. **Winter Open (Restricted) Show Hunter Pony/ Intermediate SH Classes**
Open Pony of Show Hunter Type, not exceeding 122cms.
Open Pony of Show Hunter Type, exceeding 122cms. and not exceeding 133cms.
Open Pony of Show Hunter Type, exceeding 133cms. and not exceeding 143cms.
Open Pony of Show Hunter Type, exceeding 143cms. and not exceeding 153cms.
Open Intermediate Show Hunter Type, exceeding 148cms. but not exceeding 158cms.
422. OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Open Pony of Show Hunter Type not exceeding 153cms.
Competitors must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.
423. Animals eligible for Restricted SHP/SH must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S.(except Pretty Polly), or H.O.Y.S. in the SHP/SH classes in **2018/2019/2020**.
424. **Winter Novice Show Pony and Intermediate Show Riding Classes**
Novice Show Pony, not exceeding 128cms.
Novice Show Pony exceeding 128cms. and not exceeding 138cms.
Novice Show Pony exceeding 138cms. and not exceeding 148cms.
Novice Intermediate Show Riding Type, exceeding 146cms. and not exceeding 158cms.
425. OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Novice Show Pony not exceeding 148cms. Competitors must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.
426. B.S.P.S. Mixed Novice/Open(Restricted) Intermediate class. Open to horses and ponies 4yrs old or over exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 158cms. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. This class to incorporate Intermediate SRT and Intermediate S.H.
427. **Winter Open (Restricted) Show Pony and Intermediate Show Riding Classes**
Open Show Pony, not exceeding 128cms.
Open Show Pony exceeding 128cms. and not exceeding 138cms.
Open Show Pony exceeding 138cms. and not exceeding 148cms.
Open Intermediate Show Riding Type, exceeding 146cms. and not exceeding 158cms.

428. OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Open Show Pony not exceeding 148cms. Competitors must be the correct age for the height of the pony they ride.
429. Animals eligible for Restricted SP/SRT must not have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S. (except Pretty Polly), or H.O.Y.S. in the SP/SRT classes in **2018/2019/2020**.

WINTER HERITAGE CLASSES

(Please see RULES 317 & 318 REGARDING AGE OF RIDERS FOR STALLIONS FOR ALL CLASSES)

430. **Winter Heritage Novice Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden Classes**
Heritage Novice Lead Rein, not exceeding 122cms.
Heritage Novice First Ridden, not exceeding 128cms.
Heritage Novice Ridden Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland.
Heritage Novice Ridden Welsh Section A & B
Heritage Novice Ridden Welsh Section C & D.
Heritage Novice Ridden New Forest and Connemara
Heritage Novice Ridden Fells, Highlands, Dales.
OR
431. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Fells, Dales, Highlands Ponies 4 years old or over.
Riders any age.

THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Welsh Section D Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
N.B.If sufficient entries separate classes may be held (as above Rule 431) EXCEPT in classes with R.I.H.S. qualification.
432. OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Heritage Novice Ridden (see Rule 373)
433. **Winter Heritage Open (Restricted) Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden classes**
Heritage Open Lead Rein, not exceeding 122cms.
Heritage Open First Ridden, not exceeding 128cms.
Heritage Open Ridden Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland
Heritage Open Ridden Welsh Section A & B
Heritage Novice Ridden Welsh section C & D.
Heritage Open Ridden New Forest and Connemara
Heritage Open Ridden Fells, Highlands, Dales.
OR
434. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN / REST RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Fells, Dales, Highlands Ponies 4 years old or over.
Riders any age.

THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN / REST RIDDEN CLASS
Registered Pure Bred Welsh Section D Ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age.
N.B.If sufficient entries separate classes may be held (as above Rule 431) EXCEPT in classes with R.I.H.S. qualification.
435. **OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Heritage Open (Restricted) Ridden** (see Rule 362)

436. IF NOVICE OR OPEN (Restricted) LEAD REIN or FIRST RIDDEN CLASSES ARE INCLUDED, THEY MUST BE SEPARATE CLASSES AND CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN A MIXED HEIGHT CLASS.

437. **Winter Heritage Novice WHP classes**
Heritage Novice WHP not exceeding 122cms.
Heritage Novice WHP exceeding 122cms. but not exceeding 133cms
Heritage Novice WHP exceeding 133cms. but not exceeding 143cms
Heritage Novice WHP exceeding 143cms
OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Heritage Novice WHP (see Rules 37 & 376)
Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section

438. **Winter Heritage Open (Restricted) WHP classes**
Heritage Open WHP not exceeding 122cms.
Heritage Open WHP exceeding 122cms. but not exceeding 133cms
Heritage Open WHP exceeding 133cms. but not exceeding 143cms
Heritage Open WHP exceeding 143cms

OR MIXED HEIGHT CLASS for Heritage Open (Restricted) WHP (see Rules 37 & 367)
Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section

HERITAGE RESTRICTED CLASSES

439. Animals must **NOT** have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S. (except Pretty Polly and Young Riders), H.O.Y.S., or Olympia in the relevant classes in **2018/2019/2020**.
440. The foregoing First Pony SP/ SHT., Novice, and Restricted Nursery Stakes, Novice, and Restricted W.H.P., Novice, and Restricted S.H.P, Novice, Restricted Show Pony, Novice, and Restricted Intermediate Classes, Novice, and Restricted Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP classes and Mixed Height Novice and Restricted Classes, Restricted Ridden Part Bred Pony classes are qualifiers for the B.S.P.S. Winter Championships Show.
441. The Novice, Restricted and Open Lead Rein, Lead Rein of Hunter Type and First Ridden, Open Show Pony, Open S.H.P., W.H.P., S.R.T., S.H.T, Open Intermediate W.H, Open Nursery Stakes, Open Heritage Lead Rein, Open First Ridden, Open Ridden and Open W.H.P. classes are not qualifying classes.
442. In the Novice classes the 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. placed animals will qualify.
In the Open (Restricted) classes the three highest placed Restricted animals will qualify.
Riders on Restricted animals MUST wear an armband when they enter the ring. Open Ponies will no longer be required to qualify but special rosettes will be awarded to the Restricted animals that qualify.
443. In Mixed Height Novice classes the 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 4th. placed ponies will qualify.
In Mixed Height Open (Restricted) classes the four highest placed Restricted animals will qualify. Riders on Restricted animals MUST wear an armband when they enter the ring.
444. **Area** Winter qualifying shows are qualifiers for the Premier League classes at the Championship Show.

For Novice and Restricted eligibility see Rules under relevant sections

**PART BRED CLASSES FOR
2020 B.S.P.S WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

CLASS 1 RESTRICTED RIDDEN PART BRED PONY CLASS

Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over not exceeding 148cms.
Riders any age with the exception of those riding stallions who must have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

This competition is open to stallions, mares or geldings 4 years old and over, registered within one of more of the following stud books:-

- a) The part bred or anglo arab section of the Arab Horse Society with a minimum of 12.5% Arab blood.
- b) The part bred section of the Welsh Pony & Cob Stud Books with a minimum of 12.5% Welsh blood.
- c) The part bred section of the Dartmoor Pony Stud Book with a minimum of 12.5% Dartmoor blood.
- d) The part bred section of the British Connemara Stud Book with a minimum of 25% Connemara blood.
- e) The part bred section of the New Forest Pony Stud Book with a minimum of 25% New Forest blood.

**CLASS 2 RESTRICTED RIDDEN PART BRED PONY CLASS
(WELSH & ARABS ONLY)**

446.

Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over exceeding 148 cms but not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age with the exception of those riding stallions who must have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

This competition is open to stallions, mares or geldings 4 years old and over, registered within one of more of the following stud books:-

- a) The partbred or anglo arab section of the Arab Horse Society with a minimum of 12.5% Arab blood.
- b) The partbred section of the Welsh Pony & Cob Stud Books with a minimum of 12.5% Welsh blood.

1. A copy of the pony's passport, showing its registration or over stamping with either the AHS, WPCS, DPS, BCPS or NFPB&CS must be logged with B.S.P.S. prior to entry.
2. All ponies must be shown plaited.
3. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizewinners to qualify for the 2020 B.S.P.S. Winter Championship Show.
4. Animals in the Part Bred classes will NOT be ridden by the judge.
5. Owners and riders must be B.S.P.S. Members, except in the case of exhibitors who have Never been B.S.P.S. members before who are allowed 7 days in which to join.

447. **RULES FOR RESTRICTED QUALIFICATION IN THE PART BRED CLASSES:-**

Animals eligible for the Restricted Part Bred Classes must NOT have been placed 1st to 8th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Part Bred Classes in **2018/2019/2020**.

**SECTION W
QUALIFICATIONS.**

448. **B.S.P.S. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

B.S.P.S. affiliated shows that give a 1st. prize of £5 or over are qualifiers for the B.S.P.S. Championships, ponies qualify as follows:

1st. and 2nd. prizewinners in the following classes:-
Open Lead Rein.
Open First Ridden.

Open 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms. Show Ponies.

Open Nursery Stakes.
Open 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. W.H.P.
Open 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. S.H.P.

449. 1st. 2nd. and 3rd. prizewinners in the following classes:-
Open Cradle Stakes.
Open Intermediate Classes including Mixed height Intermediate

MIXED HEIGHT OPEN CLASSES

The 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 4th. placed ponies will qualify.

450. **B.S.P.S. "BLACK COUNTRY SADDLES" BEST RIDER**

The Best Rider in each of the following classes at all B.S.P.S. Affiliated Summer qualifying Shows will be awarded a Best Rider Card and qualify for the final at the Summer Championships Show:-

Open Lead Rein, Open First Ridden, Open 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms. Show Ponies, Open Lead Rein Hunter Type, Open 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Show Hunter Ponies, Open Cradle and Nursery Stakes, Open 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Working Hunter Ponies, Open Intermediate SRT., SH., and WH classes.

451. Open Heritage Lead Rein and First Ridden classes.
Open Heritage Ridden and WHP classes also to riders who have not attained their 25th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year in the Heritage Ridden and WHP.

452. **B.S.P.S. BLUE RIBAND PONY OF THE YEAR**

B.S.P.S. Affiliated Shows that are qualifiers for "The BSPPS Blue Riband Pony of the Year"
The 1st. and 2nd. placed pony, will qualify in the following classes:

Open Leading Rein and First Ridden.
Open 128cms., 138cms., and 148cms. Show Pony classes.
Open 122cms., 133cms., 143cms., and 153cms. Show Hunter Pony classes.
Open 133cms., 143cms., and 153cms. WHP,
Intermediate WH, Intermediate SRT. and SH Classes

453. **THE B.S.P.S. “CLASSIC SERVICES GROUP” CHALLENGE**
All B.S.P.S. qualifying shows are qualifiers for the B.S.P.S. Classic Services Group Challenge. Animals must qualify for the Challenge by attending any B.S.P.S. affiliated show and competing in the appropriate class:- Open Lead Rein, First Ridden, Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Open Show Pony, SHP, Cradle and Nursery Stakes, WHP, Intermediate SRT, SH and WH and Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP classes. Ponies must not have qualified for the 2020 Horse of the Year Show. If a pony qualifies for the Horse of the Year Show it will forfeit its qualification for the Classic Services Group Challenge.
454. **THE B.S.P.S. PREMIER LEAGUE**
ALL B.S.P.S. AREA WINTER AND SUMMER SHOWS are qualifiers for the B.S.P.S. Premier League. Animals must qualify for the Premier League by attending **ANY B.S.P.S. AREA SHOW** and competing in the appropriate class:- Lead Rein, First Ridden, Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Show Pony, SHP, WHP, Cradle and Nursery Stakes, Intermediate SH, SRT, WH and Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP classes.
455. **THE B.S.P.S. “BINKS FAMILY” CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**
At ALL B.S.P.S. affiliated shows the 1st Prize winners in the following classes will qualify for The Binks Family Champion of Champions :- Open Lead Rein, First Ridden, Open Show Ponies, Open WHP, Open SHP, Open LRHT, Open Intermediate SH, SRT and WH and Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP Classes.
456. **THE B.S.P.S. “THE WHITE COMPANY” MINI WHP CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**
At ALL B.S.P.S. affiliated shows the 1st prize winners in the Open Cradle and Nursery Stakes will qualify for The White Company Mini WHP Champion of Champions.
457. **ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW**
At B.S.P.S. Affiliated Shows that are qualifiers for the R.I.H.S. The highest placed pony, not already qualified, from the first **Three** ponies will qualify in the following classes: **(Except at Royal Windsor Horse Show, Working Sports Pony and Winter Championships Shows, the highest placed pony not already qualified will qualify, and in the Nursery Stakes / WHP/WH classes the Two highest placed ponies not already qualified will qualify).**
Open Lead Rein, Open First Ridden.
Open 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms Show Pony.
Open Nursery Stakes.
Open 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Working Hunter Pony.
Open Lead Rein Hunter Type.
Open 122cms. 133cms. and 153cms. Show Hunter Pony.
Open Intermediate Show Riding not exceeding 153cms.
Open Intermediate Show Riding not exceeding 158cms.
Open Intermediate Show Hunter & Working Hunter.
Heritage M&M Pretty Polly Lead Rein and First Ridden
Pretty Polly Mixed Height Show Pony.
Pretty Polly not exceeding 133cms, Mixed Height Show Hunter Pony Class
Pretty Polly not exceeding 153cms. Mixed Height Show Hunter Pony Class.
Pretty Polly Intermediate SRT/SH Class.
Heritage Lead Rein, Heritage First Ridden.
Heritage Ridden Classes.
Heritage M&M Pretty Polly Ridden Mixed Breeds
Anglo and Part Bred Arab not exceeding 148cms. and exceeding 148cms. classes.
N.B. ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW QUALIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION FROM B.S.P.S. HEAD OFFICE

458. **HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW**
At B.S.P.S. Affiliated Shows that are qualifiers for the H.O.Y.S. The highest placed pony, not already qualified, from the first **five** ponies will qualify in the following classes:
Open Lead Rein, Open First Ridden classes,
Open 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms. Show Pony classes.
Open 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Working Hunter Pony classes.
Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type.
Open 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Show Hunter Pony classes.
Open 153cms & 158cms Intermediate Show Riding, Show Hunter & Working Hunter. Mountain & Moorland Classes.
N.B. THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW QUALIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION FROM THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW
459. **B.S.P.S. WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS.**
The following classes are qualifiers:-
Novice, and Restricted Nursery Stakes, Novice, and Restricted 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. W.H.P., Open First Pony of Show Pony or Show Hunter Pony Type, Novice, and Restricted 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. S.H.P., Novice, and Restricted Intermediate W.H. SRT. and S.H., Novice, and Restricted 128cms. 138cms. 148cms. Show Ponies, Novice, and Restricted Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Heritage Ridden and WHP Classes and Restricted Ridden Part Bred Pony Classes.
460. In the Novice classes the 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. placed animals will qualify.
In the Open (Restricted) the three highest placed Restricted animals will qualify.
Riders on Restricted animals **MUST** wear an armband when they enter the ring.
461. In Mixed Height Novice classes the 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 4th. placed ponies will qualify.
In Mixed Height Open (Restricted) the four highest placed Restricted animals will qualify.
462. Riders on Restricted animals must wear an armband when they enter the ring.

Cards will be awarded to the three highest placed eligible Restricted ponies and in a Mixed Height class to the four highest placed eligible Restricted Ponies to qualify for the Winter Championships Show.

SECTION X

JUDGING OF CLASSES

463. The elements when judging are Manners, Conformation and Type and Way of Going. A Judge may ask for a pony to leave the ring, if in his opinion the pony's manners are unacceptable, or if it is receiving undue outside assistance.
464. A fall of pony or the rider in ridden phase will result in elimination, and the rider must leave the ring dismounted. If a rider / handler let's go of an animal under any circumstances the judge will determine if the animal's manners and behaviour should result in any disqualification. Animals that get loose resulting in disruption to the class will be disqualified.
465. Ponies displaying continued disobedience or ponies leaving the ring whether mounted or dismounted will be disqualified.
466. If a competitor dismounts in the Final Line-up, their placing will not be awarded
467. If a rider breaks any B.S.P.S. rule during a class then the Judge shall have the power to disqualify the pony being ridden by such a rider.
468. A class commences when a pony enters the ring if the Judge is then present in the ring. If the Judge is not present then the class shall commence when the Judge enters the ring
469. A class is over when the Judge has given permission for the class to leave the ring.
470. Any Ride Judge who has a fall must not remount the same horse.
471. Marks MUST be recorded in ink.
472. A mark must be recorded immediately after each pony's show or jumping round and Conformation Phase.
473. Judges MUST NOT alter Marks except pursuant to Rules 474 and 475 or in other exceptional circumstances, if the marks are altered the Judge MUST initial each alteration on the Mark Sheet.
474. Judges have the right to alter marks and placings if a pony misbehaves after its marks have been awarded. If the marks are altered the Judge MUST initial each alteration on the Mark Sheet.
475. The Judges decision is final except if a mistake in the marks is discovered, even after dismissing a class, it MUST be corrected and the results too, and any qualification amended accordingly and a correct placed rosette must be awarded to any rider that had been incorrectly placed but the other rosettes should not be altered.
476. If in the opinion of a Judge a pony entered for an event adjudicated or about to be adjudicated by the Judge is in an unsound condition, the Judge may at his discretion request the Exhibitor to refer the matter to the Veterinary Surgeon officiating at the Show. If, however, no Veterinary Surgeon is officiating, or one is not available, the Judge's decision is final.
477. B.S.P.S. Judges must not knowingly:-
a) Judge and exhibit in or produce an exhibit for any B.S.P.S. classes at the same Show on the same day. This rule does not apply to the B.S.P.S. Winter, Summer & Heritage Championships Shows.
b) Judge B.S.P.S. classes at shows on the same day where members of their immediate family are competing. This Rule does not apply to the B.S.P.S. Winter, Summer & Heritage Championships Shows.
c) Judge and exhibit or produce an exhibit in the same section at the at the B.S.P.S. Winter, Heritage and Summer Championships Shows

d) Judge ponies owned, leased, loaned, produced or ridden by a person or their Immediate family who keeps or has kept any horses or ponies at livery with him or if he has or has or had any ponies or horses at livery leased, loaned or produced by the producer/owner since 1st January in the current year. Stud fees are exempt

e) Adjudicate in a class if he owns or has owned, bred, sold, leased, loaned, produced, ridden or received financial gain from an exhibit in that class. (Group Teach-Ins are exempt providing Rule 477(d) is adhered to.

f) Judge ponies that are or have been owned, produced, exhibited, bred or ridden by a Member of the Immediate Family, a Godchild or by anyone with whom he is in a business partnership with, employed by or employees or lives with.

g) Judge any child who has shown a pony belonging to him or produced by him since 1st January of the current year.

h) Judge animals owned or produced by a person who he has purchased animals from or sold animals to since 1st January in the current year.

i) Judge animals produced by a person who is producing any animals he (the Judge) has sold since 1st January in the current year.

j) Judge animals owned or produced by a person whose child has shown a pony belonging to him (the judge) or produced by him since 1st January in the current year.

478. If a Judge has reasonable grounds for belief that any section of Rule 477 is being contravened he must ask the rider to leave the ring and the rider must withdraw. The Judge's decision is final in all cases.

479. Exhibits which appear late, missing the walk round, will be excluded from the class. Exhibits will not be allowed into the ring after the ponies have been asked to trot, except at the Judges discretion BUT they will be judged Hors Concours.

480. No person including exhibitors or handlers should enter the ring at any time without the Judges' permission.

481. Once a Judge has commenced judging a class, a pony may not be taken out of the ring without the permission of the Judge. Once a class has commenced there shall be no change of rider / handler, except in a Championship class when a rider/handler, finds that he has more than one exhibit eligible to compete. The substitute rider must be the correct age for the height of the pony he rides. If no other rider is available, the pony may be led into the ring if permission is granted by the Judge BUT must be ridden to be considered for a placing in the Championship.

482. Ponies must NOT be escorted beyond the entrance to the ring.

483. A substitute Judge is not allowed in any class or phase of a competition, i.e. in W.H.P. / W.H. classes the conformation Judge must judge all the ponies in the conformation phase and the Judge for the jumping must judge all the ponies in the jumping phase. In other pony classes the Judge must judge the whole class.

484. Method of Judging MIXED HEIGHT WHP/WH and HERITAGE WHP CLASSES. Judges may judge Phase 2 of each animal immediately after their jumping round. **OR** If a Judge chooses to judge the whole of Phase 1 before Phase 2 and sees the animals going round together at the commencement of Phase 2, then riders with more than one animal will be allowed to ride one animal and have the other led into the ring by an attendant. After the rider has completed Phase 2 on the first animal, they must change animals and complete Phase 2 on their other animal, the Judge should try to see all animals go round in company.

PLEASE ALSO SEE RELEVANT SECTIONS

SECTION Y

JUDGES

485. Judges on the Panel are appointed yearly.
486. Judges who fail in the observance of the B.S.P.S. Rules or whose conduct in any respect shall be, in the opinion of the B.S.P.S. Council, derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S., may be suspended or removed from the Panel of Judges at any time, by the B.S.P.S. Council.
487. B.S.P.S. BLUE RIBAND, R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S., and DIRECT OLYMPIA QUALIFYING CLASSES.
Only Judges with stars * on the appropriate panel may be invited to judge BLUE RIBAND, R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. and DIRECT OLYMPIA qualifying classes.
B.S.P.S. R.I.H.S. ANGLO & PART BRED ARAB CLASSES
Only Judges on the B.S.P.S. "S" or "H" panels with stars may be invited to judge the R.I.H.S. Anglo and Part Bred Arab qualifying classes.
488. Judges may only accept to judge **ONE** qualifying Show for the H.O.Y.S. & OLYMPIA **ONE** qualifying show for the **R.I.H.S.** for each section:
A) Show Ponies.
B) Leading Rein/First Ridden.
C) Lead Rein of Hunter Type.
D) Working Hunter Pony / Int. WH.
E) Show Hunter Pony.
F) Intermediate SR., SH.
G) Heritage M&M Pretty Polly Lead Rein and First Ridden (R.I.H.S.)
H) Pretty Polly Mixed Height Show Hunter Pony (2 Classes)
I) Pretty Polly Mixed Height Show Pony
J) Pretty Polly Intermediate SRT/SH
K) Heritage M & M Lead Rein/First Ridden (R.I.H.S.)
L) Heritage M & M Ridden (R.I.H.S.)
M) Heritage M&M Pretty Polly Ridden Mixed Breeds (R.I.H.S.)
N) Anglo and Part Bred Arab.
489. Judges may judge an additional qualifier if Shows have been let down at short notice, providing the Show asks Head Office for approval. Rule 487 must be adhered to.
490. Council members have the power to appoint substitute Judges in emergency situations.
491. Judges must not accept to judge at the R.I.H.S. and OLYMPIA more than once per 5 years in the same Section and this must be strictly adhered to.
492. Judges are not allowed to ride ponies in B.S.P.S. classes, except the B.S.P.S. Anglo and Part Bred exceeding 148cms classes at the R.I.H.S. Final.
493. Selected Judges from Overseas may be invited to judge at the B.S.P.S. Winter and Summer Championships Shows.
494. **FUTURE JUDGES** Applications from members to become Future Judges on the B.S.P.S. Panel should be made to the B.S.P.S. Office. All applicants will be required to pass an Assessment before being accepted on the Future Judges Panel. Details and application forms are available from Head Office.

GUIDE LINES AND ADVICE FOR JUDGES

495. Judges are requested to exercise discretion and not accept to judge the same type of class at more than one or two Shows in the same Area in the current year.
496. Judges are not allowed to charge a fee for judging but are entitled to have their expenses reimbursed and are advised to make prior arrangements, with the Show Secretary, regarding the rate.
497. Judges should carry the B.S.P.S. Rule Book when Judging. It is essential to have a Rule Book for reference if any questions or problems on rules arise.
498. It is the duty of all Judges on the Panel to understand and comply with the rules in the Rule Book and to ensure they are fit and well to judge.
499. In Show Pony Classes and S.H.P. Classes where entries are very large and/or time is limited, it may be necessary for ponies lower down the line to give their shows two at a time.
500. In B.S.P.S. BLUE RIBAND, R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. or OLYMPIA qualifying classes Judges should make every effort to strip an adequate number of ponies, except in the Lead Rein Classes.
501. Riders in Lead Rein, Heritage Lead Rein, Tiny Tots Lead Rein, Tiny Tots First Ridden and Heritage Tiny Tots Lead Rein and Tiny Tots First Ridden classes **MUST NOT** be asked to dismount, the ponies must not be stripped.
502. In W.H.P. classes when time is limited and ponies are not stripped, it is essential for Judges to see the ponies trotted towards and away from them.
503. W.H.P. SP., SHP., Heritage and Anglo and Part Bred Arab Mark Sheets will be supplied to all B.S.P.S. Affiliated Shows, by the B.S.P.S. (except H.O.Y.S. qualifiers).
All Judges are requested to explain to the mark steward the correct method of filling in the mark sheets, and it is advisable to have the marks checked before the final placings are made. Competitors may request to see their marks.
504. Galloping is an essential part of a WH.P./W.H. and S.H.P./S.H. Performance.
505. If a Judge sees a rider with body studs, they should ask the rider to remove them or leave the ring, if they do not remove them then the Judge will disqualify the rider from the class.
- 505a | Judges have overall responsibility for the WHP course, in co-operation with the Course Builder they should walk the course before the commencement of a class.
- 505b | Bridles – Judges should take into consideration the severity of the bit.

SECTION Z.

AFFILIATED SHOWS

506. The B.S.P.S. require that all Affiliated Shows use the wording as drafted in Sections E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,O,P,Q, R, S,U,V and Z for any classes they may wish to include in the schedules.
507. B.S.P.S. Classes **MUST NOT** be called by other names.
508. B.S.P.S. Area Summer Shows affiliated to the B.S.P.S. that include the Heritage Mountain & Moorland qualifying classes may include Mountain and Moorland classes affiliated to other Societies, providing they include the FULL section of Heritage classes, they may not have qualification for other Societies in the Heritage classes.
509. Schedules must state:
“This Show is affiliated to the British Show Pony Society (“B.S.P.S.”), and all persons entering, competing, showing or otherwise taking part in B.S.P.S. classes, whether or not members of the B.S.P.S. are subject to the Rules of the B.S.P.S., including the disciplinary procedures, and shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the B.S.P.S.”
510. In all classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., the B.S.P.S. Rules take precedence. **Except in H.O.Y.S. qualifying classes.**
511. A draft schedule **MUST** be forwarded to the B.S.P.S. Office for approval and confirmation of classes, **BEFORE** it is printed. A copy of the final schedule must also be forwarded. A Show will not be affiliated until:-
a) The affiliation form and appropriate fee has been received.
b) The draft schedule, which must include Judges names, has been approved.
c) The final schedule has been received.
512. If Affiliated Shows have any doubts or problems regarding B.S.P.S. rosettes or challenge cups, or find it difficult to obtain a Judge, contact the Chairman of the Area Committee, in which the Show is situated, who will give every possible assistance.
513. A CHANGE OF SHOW SECRETARY must be notified to the B.S.P.S. Office immediately this occurs.
514. Any B.S.P.S. Affiliated Show with BLUE RIBAND or R.I.H.S. (including Heritage), or OLYMPIA qualification may not have qualification for any other Society in these particular Classes.
515. **THE BLUE RIBAND PONY OF THE YEAR.**
Schedules for Shows with qualification for “The B.S.P.S. Blue Riband Pony of the Year” must state:-
This Show is a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. Blue Riband Pony of the Year, the 1st. and 2nd. prizewinners in the Lead Rein, First Ridden OR Open Show Pony OR Open Working Hunter Pony OR Open Show Hunter Pony OR Open Intermediate WH. SRT and SH Classes will qualify.
516. **THE B.S.P.S. “CLASSIC SERVICES GROUP” CHALLENGE**
All B.S.P.S. Affiliated shows are qualifiers for the B.S.P.S. Classic Services Group Challenge and Schedules must state:- This show is a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. Classic Services Group Challenge. Animals competing in the following Open classes will qualify:- Open Lead Rein, First Ridden, Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Show Pony, SHP, Cradle and Nursery Stakes, WHP, Intermediate SRT, SH and WH and Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP classes.

517. **THE B.S.P.S. PREMIER LEAGUE**
All **B.S.P.S. Area Winter and Summer** Shows are qualifiers for the B.S.P.S. Premier League and schedules must state :- This show is a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. Premier League. Animals competing in the following classes will qualify :- Lead Rein, First Ridden Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Show Pony, SHP, Cradle and Nursery Stakes, WHP, Intermediate SRT, SH and WH and Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP classes.
518. **ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW**
Schedules for Shows with qualification for “The Royal International Horse Show must state:- This Show is a qualifier for the R.I.H.S. Only one pony in each of the three Open (**Except at Royal Windsor Horse Show, Working Sports Pony and Winter Championships Shows, the highest placed pony not already qualified will qualify, and in the Nursery Stakes / WHP/WH classes the Two highest placed ponies not already qualified will qualify**). Show Pony OR Nursery Stakes OR Open W.H.P. OR Lead Rein Hunter Type, OR Open S.H.P. Classes, OR Lead Rein Class OR First Ridden Class OR Open Intermediate S.R., S.H., and W.H. OR Mixed Height Pretty Polly Show Pony, Pretty Polly Mixed Height SHP, Pretty Polly Intermediate SRT/SH, Pretty Polly Heritage Mixed Breeds Ridden, Heritage M&M Pretty Polly Lead Rein, First Ridden, OR Open Heritage Lead Rein and First Ridden, Open Heritage Ridden OR the Anglo and Part Bred classes qualifies, and the highest placed, (not already qualified), from the first **THREE** ponies placed in each class will qualify.
N.B. THE R.I.H.S. QUALIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION FROM B.S.P.S. HEAD OFFICE.
519. **THE B.S.P.S. “BINKS FAMILY” CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**
All B.S.P.S. Affiliated Summer shows which hold the relevant Classes are qualifiers for the Binks Family Champion of Champions. And Schedules must state:- This show is a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. Binks Family Champion of Champions the 1st prize winners in the following classes will qualify :- Open Lead Rein, First Ridden, Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Show Pony, SHP, WHP, Intermediate SRT, SH and WH and open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP classes.
- 519a. **THE B.S.P.S. “THE WHITE COMPANY” CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**
ALL B.S.P.S. Affiliated Summer shows which hold the relevant classes are qualifiers for The White Company Mini WHP Champion of Champions and Schedules must state :- This show is a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. White Company Mini WHP Champion of Champions the 1st prize winners in Open Cradle and Nursery Stakes will qualify.
520. **HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW**
Schedules for Shows with qualification for The Horse of the Year Show” must state:- . This Show is a qualifier for the H.O.Y.S. Only one pony in each of the three Open S.P. Classes or Open W.H.P. Classes or Open S.H.P. Classes or L.R. Class or First Ridden Class or Lead Rein Hunter Type or Intermediate SR., SH and WH. And M&M classes qualifies, and the highest placed, (not already qualified), from the first five ponies placed in each class will qualify.
- THE H.O.Y.S. QUALIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION FROM THE H.O.Y.S.**

521. **B.S.P.S. “BLACK COUNTRY SADDLES” BEST RIDER**
Schedules for Summer qualifying shows affiliated to the B.S.P.S. must state:-
“This show is a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. “Black Country Saddles” Best Rider of the Year”
The Best Rider in the Open Lead Rein, First Ridden, Open Lead Rein Hunter Type, 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms. Show Pony, the 122cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. SHP, the Cradle and Nursery Stakes, the 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. WHP, the Intermediate Show Riding Type, Show Hunter, Working Hunter classes and Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden and to the best rider 25years and under in the Heritage Ridden and WHP classes will receive a Card and qualify for the final at the B.S.P.S. Summer Championships Show.
522. Owners and riders must be B.S.P.S. Members before the date of the show to qualify in classes with qualification for BLUE RIBAND, R.I.H.S., (including Pretty Polly and Heritage qualifying classes), and OLYMPIA., and animals must be registered with the B.S.P.S.. except for the Anglo and Part Bred Arabs who must be registered with the AHS. Membership forms and payment must be received in the office no later than the last working day (Monday to Friday) prior to the date of the qualifying show. (see Rule 20)
523. Affiliated Shows with qualification for the R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. and OLYMPIA will be required to give a first prize of not less than £15.00, other prizes pro rata.
524. Qualification for the B.S.P.S. Championships.
Schedules for Shows with the above qualification must state:-
FOR SHOWS HELD ON OR BEFORE 23rd AUGUST, 2020:-
This Show is a qualifier for the 2020 B.S.P.S. Championships Show, to be held at Arena UK. The 1st and 2nd prize winners only in the following classes, (State the Class numbers), and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize-winners in the Open Intermediate S.R.T.(including Mixed height) W.H. and S.H.T. and C.S. and Heritage Classes will qualify, in MIXED HEIGHT CLASSES the 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 4th. placed ponies will qualify for the B.S.P.S. Championships Show, provided the animal is registered in accordance with Rules 21 and 26 and ridden by a B.S.P.S. member.
525. Qualification for the B.S.P.S. Championship Schedules must state:-
FOR SHOWS HELD ON OR AFTER 24th AUGUST, 2020
“This Show is a qualifier for the 2021 B.S.P.S. Championships Show. The 1st and 2nd prize winners only etc. as above.
526. Affiliated Shows wishing to be qualifiers for the Championships must give a first prize of £5.00, or over in each qualifying class.
527. Any class with a first prize of under £5.00 must state:-
“This class is not a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. Championships Show.”
528. Side Saddle, Pairs, Novice and Rest. Open N.S., Novice and Rest. Open L.R., Novice and Rest. Open F.R., Tiny Tots Classes, Novice and Open First Pony SHT, Novice and Rest. Open and Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Novice and Rest. Open 122cms. S.H.P., Novice and Rest. Open SHP, Novice and Rest. Open Show Pony, 133 and 143 Show Pony, Novice and Rest. Open WHP, Novice and Rest. Open Intermediate, Heritage Cradle Stakes, Heritage Nursery Stakes Classes, Tiny Tots, Heritage Tiny Tots, Pretty Polly classes, Heritage Novice, Open and Restricted Ridden and WHP classes, Heritage Novice, Open and Restricted Lead Rein and First Ridden classes, B.S.P.S. Horse classes, Part Bred classes mixed Intermediate classes, Intermediate and Teams are NOT qualifiers.

529. Shows must choose Judges from the appropriate B.S.P.S. Panel and must forward a copy of the schedule, as soon as they are available, to the appointed Judges.
530. Summer Shows affiliated to the B.S.P.S. will be issued, annually, with an Official Number, and this should be PRINTED IN THE SCHEDULES.
531. Selected Shows overseas recommended by their Country’s governing body and approved by the B.S.P.S., are allowed to be qualifying Shows for the B.S.P.S. Championships Show, the B.S.P.S. BLUE RIBAND PONY of the YEAR.
532. Shows are expected to reimburse Judges with their expenses, and should make prior arrangements regarding the rate.
533. When Telephoning Judges please make sure you speak to the Judge direct and do not just leave messages.
534. When inviting Judges please inform them if their classes are qualifiers for the BLUE RIBAND, R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. or OLYMPIA.

SECTION AA **SPECIAL SHOW STEWARDS**

535. The B.S.P.S. shall have power to appoint a minimum of two Special Show Stewards to attend any Affiliated Show, the appointment to be made by at least two of the following, namely the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Executive Member of Council or The Executive Officer.
536. B.S.P.S. Council Members are automatically appointed to act as Special Show Stewards and may appoint a witness to assist them in accordance with Rule 538.
537. The Special Show Stewards shall ensure so far as they are able that classes at the Affiliated Show for which they have been appointed are conducted in accordance with the B.S.P.S. Rules and that generally the B.S.P.S. Rules are observed at such Affiliated Show.
538. Special Show Stewards shall have the power to appoint such stewards to assist them as they consider necessary.
539. The Special Show Stewards may investigate any infringement of the B.S.P.S. Rules observed by them or any alleged infringement reported to them by a show official, a Judge, a Member or any Exhibitor.
540. When an infringement or possible infringement of the B.S.P.S. Rules is observed by a Special Show Steward or an alleged infringement is reported to him he shall investigate the position and if he concludes that an infringement has taken place he shall impose one of the penalties set out in Rule 542.

541. If the Special Show Steward cannot decide whether an infringement has taken place or does not consider that an infringement has taken place, he may report the matter to Council, by notice in writing given to the Secretary to be received by the Secretary within 14 days of the date of the Affiliated Show in question. Council will decide whether to deal with it themselves or to refer it to the Disciplinary Committee or the Judges Enquiry Committee.
542. If the Special Show Stewards decided that an infringement has taken place he may impose one or the more of the following penalties on the person committing the infringement.
- (a) admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct.
- (b) direct that any pony belonging to such person or produced by such person or ridden by such person at the time of the commission of the infringement shall be disqualified from the class in which it was taking part at the time of the commission of the infringement.
- (c) direct that such person and any pony belonging to him or being produced by him be disqualified from competing in any B.S.P.S. classes at that Affiliated Show.
543. If in the opinion of a Special Show Steward a penalty greater than that permitted by Rule 542 should be imposed he may refer the matter to the Council or to the Disciplinary Committee or the Judges Enquiry Committee by notice in writing given to the Secretary to be received by the Secretary within 14 days of the date of the Affiliated Show in question.
544. The decision of the Special Show Steward shall be final and binding on all parties on the day of the Affiliated Show in question. However, any party aggrieved by the decision of the Special Show Steward may refer the matter by way of appeal to the Disciplinary Committee.
545. Any such appeal shall be by notice in writing given to the Secretary to be received by the Secretary within 14 days of the date of the Affiliated Show in question and shall be accompanied by an appeal fee of a sum equal to ten times the current membership. If the appeal is successful then the appeal fee shall be refundable but if the appeal is unsuccessful the appeal fee shall be forfeited to the B.S.P.S.
546. On appeal the Disciplinary Committee shall rule as to whether the decision of the Special Show Steward was correct or not.
547. Special Show Stewards shall have control over and free access to all places used for the purpose of B.S.P.S. (Members or Exhibitors) at an Affiliated Show but may only enter a horsebox or stable in the presence of the pony's owner or other person responsible for the pony.

**LIST OF BHS / B.S.P.S. ELITE SHOW TRAINERS AND ACCREDITED YARDS,
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AIMS AND OBJECTS OF AREA COMMITTEES

- (A) To run the Area Company as a Franchisee of the British Show Pony Society (Company number 5308982) in accordance with any Franchise Agreement to Be entered into with the British Show Pony Society from time to time.
- (B) To protect and improve the showing of children's and adults ponies and horses.
- (C) To develop and search for new members and aid recruitment.
- (D) To encourage existing members and generally to promote The British Show Pony Society.
- (E) To encourage potential Judges, Stewards and Course Builders by organising Conferences and Teach-Ins.
- (F) To encourage junior members by organising Instructional Courses and, Teach-ins and other events.
- (G) To give members an opportunity to get together in their own area and discuss Problems common to them all and to put forward suggestions for the betterment of the British Show Pony Society.
- (H) To encourage Show Committees to affiliate their shows to the British Show Pony Society.
- (I) To organise money raising functions and shows.

STANDING ORDERS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AREAS AND THE SCOTTISH BRANCH

The Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for the Areas and the Scottish Branch ("the SOTR") shall form part of the Rules of the B.S.P.S. The SOTR shall consist of the following :-

- (A) The articles of association of the relevant Area Company or the Scottish Branch as amended from Time to time.
- (B) The franchise agreement in force from time to time between the B.S.P.S. and the relevant Area Company or the Scottish Branch.
- (C) Such other standing orders and terms of reference as may be issued by the Council of the B.S.P.S. From time to time.

A copy of the articles of association or the franchise agreement is available for inspection by contacting the Chairman of the Area or the Scottish Branch. Alternatively copies can be obtained from the B.S.P.S. Head Office on request at a charge of £5.00 per copy.

The standing orders and terms of reference currently issued by the Council of the B.S.P.S. at the date of Publication of these Rules are as follows:-

- (1) Area Committees and the Committee of the Scottish Branch (which includes the boards of directors of those entities) are obliged to comply with the SOTR.
- (2) It is the duty of every member of an Area Committee or the Committee of the Scottish Branch to ensure so far as possible that their Committee complies with the SOTR at all times
- (3) Any member of an Area Committee or of the board of directors of an Area Company or the Committee of the Scottish Branch or of the board of directors of the Scottish Branch Company shall be guilty of a breach of the Rules if they vote in favour of a resolution which is in breach of the SOTR or they fail to vote in favour of a resolution to remedy such breach when requested to do so by the B.S.P.S.
- (4) The Chairman of an Area Committee or of the Scottish Branch shall attend all meetings convened by the Chairman of the Area Chairmen or procure that a representative attends in his place.
- (5) All Areas and Scottish Branch shall organise Points Awards, Christmas Parties, training and any other matters relevant to the Areas and the Scottish Branch.

B.S.P.S. CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURE

- Child protection is defined in the Children Act 1989 and legislation is in place to protect children from significant harm, abuse (physical/sexual/emotional) neglect and exploitation. The B.S.P.S. ensures its response to safeguarding concerns are in accordance with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018).
- The British Show Pony Society is primarily a children's society and as such takes its responsibilities to ensure that children competing at our events do so in a safe and protected environment
- It is acknowledged that when children compete in B.S.P.S. competitions this is done so in the public domain and relationships between children and any officials is different to those of an instructor/trainer relationship. Therefore safeguards that need to be put in place do not need to be as extensive.
- In all circumstances parents remain accountable and responsible for the safety of their children and their own actions and behaviour towards their own and other people's children whilst competing in B.S.P.S. competitions
- The B.S.P.S. takes its responsibilities in this regard very seriously and requires all its paid employees, directors (Council Members), judges and officials who appear in the B.S.P.S. Rule Book, to voluntarily disclose whether they have any convictions, cautions or outstanding matters that would prohibit or make them unsuitable to be in the close proximity of children or vulnerable adults. (This includes criminal convictions that would otherwise be classed as 'spent' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974). This declaration authorises the Society to request an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Certificate on any person where any concerns are raised and to ban anyone who they deem to be unsuitable from membership of the Society. This procedure excludes BHS/B.S.P.S. Elite Show Trainers and accredited yards, Show Trainers, Head Groom and Show Groom, who appear in the Rule Book as they are subject to BHS Safeguarding & Child Protection policy
- At B.S.P.S. Championship shows, the Society takes the safety and security very seriously and always contract with an appropriate security provider to minimise risks and ensure that everyone can compete in a safe environment
- It is everyone's responsibility to report and take action, if they believe any child is being subject to abuse. In such circumstances, the Society will report these matters to the Police and relevant child protection agencies immediately upon receipt of the information. Information of this nature will not and cannot be kept confidential as the safety of child and young people is paramount

British Show Pony Society Disability Policy

The British Show Pony Society (B.S.P.S.) is supportive of riders competing in its classes who may suffer from a physical or learning disability.

The Society recognises that horses and ponies can have a very positive impact on the lives of people suffering a disability and as an inclusive organisation, will endeavour to be as supportive as possible in these situations.

Riders who have a disability are welcome to compete in B.S.P.S. classes providing the following criteria are met;

- ✓ All riders are judged equally, one against the other;
- ✓ Riders with a disability must only compete in classes in accordance with the rules and eligibility as described in the B.S.P.S. Rule Book;
- ✓ The Society has the right to make reasonable adjustments to allow a rider with a disability to compete in its classes; this is at the sole discretion of the Officers and/or Council of the Society;
- ✓ All riders in B.S.P.S. classes must be competent and able to compete without putting the safety of others at risk
- ✓ Any rider seeking a dispensation card for a permanent or temporary physical disability must also have a doctor's letter stating their fitness to ride in the class (Rule 43; No rider may compete in B.S.P.S. Classes with any type of broken limb).

This policy does not set out all of the circumstances of what are and will be approved as reasonable adjustments to enable a rider with a disability to compete in B.S.P.S. classes.

For example; the Society already issues dispensation cards for riders with a permanent or temporary disability to allow another person to complete the 'In Hand' section of a class (Rule 42).

It is recognised that riders, with for example, hearing loss or learning difficulties may require extra patience and care from stewards, judges and officials to ensure they clearly understand any instructions given to them, e.g., setting a show or being asked questions by the judge. In such circumstances, the parent or those with responsibility for care of the competitor must advise the steward in advance of the class, who will then ensure the judge, is made aware of the particular circumstances in advance of the class commencing and make reasonable adjustments.

Any member who has any issues or concerns regarding competing in B.S.P.S. classes with any form of disability, should contact the Executive Officer of the Society

Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses and Ponies at Shows or Events

1. Preface

- 1.1. In these guidelines, “horse/pony” refers to all equidae and should, where the context allows, be taken to mean “horse or horses, pony or ponies or donkeys

2. Introduction

2.1 General Conditions

- 2.1.1 The British Horse Society (BHS) Welfare Department receives a considerable number of welfare concerns regarding the conduct of competitors at shows. The main complaints received include the ill treatment and management of competitors’ horses. This guidance has been developed by the BHS who have advised “The Showing Council” (TSC) in developing bespoke guidance for competitors/members competing in Member Body classes.
- 2.1.2 These guidelines have been produced to provide advice and support to members, competitors, show organisers, stewards, judges, volunteer assistants and spectators
- 2.1.3 A copy of the original document, on which this is based, “The British Horse Society Guidelines for the Welfare of Horses at Events” can be obtained on the BHS website (www.bhs.org.uk).
- 2.1.4. Under the Animal Welfare Act (2006), the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 and Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, (hereafter referred to as “The Welfare Acts”) every horse owner or those responsible for a horse have a ‘duty of care’ to ensure the animal’s well-being. Thus, causing suffering and ill treatment are no longer the only grounds for prosecution under animal welfare law. It is now an offence to fail to take adequate steps to ensure a horse’s welfare, even if the animal is not yet at the point of suffering.
- 2.1.5 At all stages during the preparation and training of show horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery, tack and transportation.
- 2.1.6 Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health and condition before they’re allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety and the misuse of aids.

2.2 Health and Hygiene

- 2.2.1 The spread of equine disease is a perpetual risk when attending shows. Horse owners should act responsibly and not attend a show if there is a disease outbreak at their yard, even if the horse taken to the show does not appear ill. This is because some diseases have an incubation period of 14 days.
- 2.2.2 Strangles, in particular, is a highly contagious equine disease. Horse owners should take simple steps to help reduce the spread of this disease. All horse owners and show staff are encouraged to read the ‘Strategy to Eradicate and Prevent Strangles (STEPS)’, available from the BHS website.
- 2.2.3 Water is available to horses on the showground. In order to prevent the spread of disease, horses should not share water buckets.
- 2.2.4 Competitors must be mindful of disease risk when stabling horses away from home and precautions taken i.e. removal of all bedding and use of disinfectant spray.

3. Transport

- 3.1 Competitors need to be aware of The Welfare of Animals During Transport Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005. Anybody who transports horses over 65km and for up to eight hours in connection with an economic activity needs to apply for a Transporter Authorisation and have a Certificate of Competence.
- 3.2 Economic activity is not defined in the regulations but would include those paid to transport horses to a show, and professional riders as this is part of their business. Those transporting horses in connection with an economic activity on short journeys (over 65km and up to eight hours) require Transporter Authorisation (from 5 January 2007) and a Certificate of Competence (from January 2008). Long journeys (more than eight hours) will require a long journey Transporter Authorisation and Certificate of Competence. An owner competing their horse for fun would not be covered by these requirements, even if they win a small amount of prize money.
- 3.3 General animal welfare provisions apply on **all** journeys. The horse must be fit to travel, provided with feed, water and rest stops as needed. The vehicle and loading/unloading facilities must be safe and designed to avoid injury and those handling the horse must be competent and not cause the animal unnecessary fear or distress.
- 3.4 Some horses can be difficult to load. There are a variety of methods to safely load a difficult horse. All partitions and ramps should be open to make the horsebox or trailer look bigger and add more light. For added control the horse should be loaded in its bridle to prevent it from breaking loose.
- 3.5 Where more than one horse is travelling in a vehicle, load the other horses first to encourage the difficult loader.
- 3.6 Only one person should lead the horse and, if possible, one person stand near to each side of the ramp. The horse could be encouraged in with food. Lunge lines can be used by crossing them behind the horse’s hindquarters and then adding pressure to encourage the horse to load. Only experienced persons should assist to ensure the lines do not become tangled up with the horse’s legs.
- 3.7 Do not continue to try and load an extremely agitated, stressed or upset horse. Calm the horse down and then re-attempt to load. The horse must not be hit with excessive force or frequency with a whip or any other implement (see Discipline of the Horse).

4. Passports

- 4.1 Horses being transported to a show must be accompanied by their passport.
- 4.2 Some shows will require that horses attending the show are vaccinated against tetanus and influenza and will therefore wish to check the horse’s passport. This applies to, but is not limited to, Horse of the Year Show and Olympia who require up to date influenza vaccination in accordance with each shows regulations.

5. Welfare of Horses

5.1 Responsibilities of Owners/Keepers/Competitors

- 5.1.1 Overall responsibility for the horse lies with the individual who has charge of the horse/pony on the day of the show. This may not be the animal’s owner. However, all of those involved with the horse have a duty of care to ensure its welfare.
- 5.1.2 No horse should be ill-treated in any way on the showground.

5.2 Provision of Feed and Water

- 5.2.1 The horse should be offered water regularly throughout the day. Water should be offered more frequently during hot weather. Some horses prefer to drink water from their own yard. It is therefore a good idea to bring water from the yard in containers to prevent the horse from becoming dehydrated.
- 5.2.2 Long intervals between classes can mean horses waiting for long periods for their next class. Allowing the horse to graze in-hand and/or providing hay/haylage will help keep the horse occupied, prevent them from becoming bored and help to maintain a healthy gut.
- 5.2.3 If a horse is being allowed to graze, ensure there are no poisonous plants or rubbish that it could accidentally consume.
- 5.2.4 If a horse is tied-up to graze, it should be supervised. The lead-rein used to secure the horse must not be too long, potentially allowing the horse to become tangled up and panic.
- 5.2.5 If a concentrate feed is provided, the horse should not be asked to work strenuously for a minimum of one hour after completing the meal. Concentrate feeds should not be provided to a horse immediately following strenuous exercise.

5.3 Welfare of the horse while not competing

- 5.3.1 No horse should be left unattended unless they are in the horsebox/trailer and, known to behave sensibly when ordinarily left in such a situation.
- 5.3.2 For safety reasons a horse should only be tied to a horsebox/trailer if it can be quickly and safely released in the event of an emergency, or the horse/pony becoming distressed and must not be left unattended. Individual shows or show grounds do not allow horses/ponies to be tied to horseboxes or trailers and competitors should refer to the individual show ground rules.
- 5.3.3 Horses should not be tethered on the showground either to a structure or point in ground except in circumstances detailed in 5.3.2.
- 5.3.4 The weather conditions will affect the welfare requirements of the horse. In hot weather use any shade available to keep the horse out of direct sunlight. Once the horse has finished competing in its class it may need to be washed down. Appropriate rugs may also be needed, for example a sweat rug or cooler rug.
- 5.3.5 During cold weather, heavier, warm rugs may be needed, especially if the horse is clipped.
- 5.3.6 During wet weather, waterproof sheets could be worn while warming the horse up and kept over the horse's hindquarters until they enter the class. At the discretion of the judge, grooms may enter the ring to provide a waterproof sheet in inclement weather.
- 5.3.7 During hot weather, plenty of water should be available to wash down a hot horse. If there is access to shade, keep the horse in that area and begin washing the horse down with cold water. Packs of ice should not be used to cool the horse.
- 5.3.8 During summer weather, horseboxes and trailers can get very hot. If the horse is kept in the horsebox/trailer ensure any windows and roof vents are left open and the ramps are left down to maximise air flow (ramp side gates should be kept closed).
- 5.3.9 No horse should be ridden all day without sufficient breaks, watering and feeding. Children should be supervised by a responsible adult to ensure that the horse receives adequate rest time.

5.4 Stabling

- 5.4.1 Under no circumstances should any horse be kept stabled in a trailer or horsebox overnight. Overnight stabling is available at all Championship Shows, Royal International Horse Show, Horse of the Year Show, Olympia and most County Shows. Pull out stables on lorries, temporary pens etc are not permitted. Competitors must abide by the Codes of Practice for each show and or showground.
- 5.4.2 No horse should be kept tied up overnight or have water withheld.

5.5 Age and Gender of Horses

- 5.5.1 Horses under four years of age should not be ridden on the showground at any Show.
- 5.5.2 Stallions are permitted to compete in certain classes. A stallion disc must be worn on the bridle and the rider/handler must have the correct age to compete or strip the horse/pony in the ring and or lunge or note in accordance with the current and relevant Member Body Rule and Hand Books.
- 5.5.3 Pregnant mares are not permitted to compete under saddle without the prior agreement of a veterinary surgeon. No mare should be ridden under any circumstances after six months of gestation.
- 5.5.4 Mares with a living foal at foot, born during the current year may not be shown in ridden classes.

5.6 Control of Horses

- 5.6.1 Young and inexperienced horses will require quiet, confident handling. Shouting and hitting the horse in most circumstances will make the situation worse and could be classed as excessive use of the whip (see Discipline of the Horse).
- 5.6.2 Young horses should preferably be accompanied to the show by an older, experienced horse from which to gain confidence. To ensure the safety and welfare of both the horse and rider it would be a good idea to also have an assistant to help in getting the young horse ready and when entering in to the show ring.
- 5.6.3 Horses often build strong bonds with other horses. Thus, some horses may become distressed/upset should accompanying horses leave their field of vision. A distressed horse may become a danger to its handler and other competitors. Where there is a danger of this occurring, trial separations should be carried out in the safer home environment before the horses/ponies are taken to a show.
- 5.6.4 It is good practice to lead horses using a bridle as the bit affords the handler more control than a headcollar alone. Horses/ponies whose behaviour is unpredictable, or horses/ponies to which the handler is not accustomed, should always be lead in a bridle.
- 5.6.5 Stallions should be handled and ridden by experienced persons only. The temperament of the stallion must be taken into consideration and he should not be taken to a showground if he is likely to be a danger to anyone present. When being led, stallions must be led from a bit with reins or with a lead rein a minimum of 2.5 metres in length. If it is the opinion of the relevant Member Body that the stallion may cause an accident to any person or horse at the showground, the stallion will be disqualified and asked to leave the showground.

6. Conduct and Responsibilities

6.1 Conduct and Responsibilities of Competitors

- 6.1.1 Competitors must consider the Health and Safety of other competitors, spectators and those working or assisting at the show.
- 6.1.2 When riding outside of the warm-up arena and show arena, competitors should remain in walk or trot, even if they are running late for a class. Cantering or galloping past other competitors' horses may cause these horses to react and lead to injury of the horse or rider. Where available, horses/ponies must be ridden in designated 'horse walks' only; grooms, spectators must enter or walk in the designated pedestrian walk way.
- 6.1.3 No competitor should behave in an aggressive or offensive manner to their horse, event staff, members of the public or other competitors..
- 6.1.4 By entering a class at the show, the competitor has agreed to abide by the Rules and guidelines set by the relevant Member Body or Show. NB when competing in Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) classes HOYS Rules will take precedent.
- 6.1.5 Under the Welfare Acts the parents/guardians of under 16-year-olds are responsible for the welfare of their children's horses/ponies.

6.2 Conduct and Responsibilities of Competitors in the Warm-up Arena

- 6.2.1 No horse should spend excessive amounts of time in the warm-up arena. The Member Bodies will monitor how horses are warmed up at the relevant shows.
- 6.2.2 Riders and handlers should adhere to the rules of working in an arena while warming up, for example passing left-hand to left-hand.
- 6.2.3 Lungeing of horses must not interfere with other competitors. Lungeing will only be permitted in another suitable area of the showground; ideally avoid the vicinity of the car or lorry parks, or close to the show arenas or spectators. No child, 12 years of age or under, may lunge a pony/horse. Stallions can only be lunged by a person over 12 years of age or in accordance with age for riding a stallion if older in accordance with the relevant Member Body Rule and Hand Book.
- 6.2.4 Riders and handlers should recognise potential problems and keep a good distance from any individual having difficulties controlling their horse.
- 6.2.5 Galloping should be avoided in the warm-up arena.
- 6.2.6 Practice jumps should not be moved without the permission of a show steward.
- 6.2.7 When jumping, in either the warm-up and show arenas no horse should be rapped, jump a fence in the wrong direction or jump a pole or obstacle being held by hand. NB: Rapping is the practice of raising a pole by hand as the horse jumps, with the intention of striking the horse's legs using the pole.
- 6.2.8 Any horse that falls in the warm-up arena should only compete after the agreement of a veterinary surgeon.

6.3 Conduct and Responsibilities of Competitors in the Show Ring

- 6.3.1 Every competitor should keep a safe distance away from other horses.
- 6.3.2 Competitors should follow instructions from the Show Steward and Judge. Other competitors may advise you if their horse kicks should you ride too close.
- 6.3.3 Competitors should ensure their horse is wearing no prohibited tack. Competitors can only work- in, when ridden, in tack permissible to be used in accordance with the relevant Member Body Rule and Hand Book.
- 6.3.4 Riding around a show ring may cause horses to become strong and overexcited. If the horse's behaviour becomes dangerous the horse may be required to leave the class at the discretion of the judge. Examples of dangerous behaviour may include bolting, extreme bucking or rearing.
- 6.3.5 Blatantly dangerous and irresponsible riding or handling of the horse may result in the competitor being eliminated from the class or removed from the show ground.
- 6.3.6 The amount of work the horse undertakes should be in accordance with his age, experience and fitness. Riders working in ponies for other competitors or children must be the correct size for the pony and suitably mounted. Any rider working in a horse/pony to excess or deemed too heavy for the horse/pony will be required to dismount and rest the horse/pony, failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and elimination from the class.
- 6.3.7 No one under the age of 12 years of age may enter the ring to groom, strip or handle the pony/horse.

7. Discipline of the Horse

Any method used to discipline the horse should be proportionate and applied at the correct time.

7.1 Use of the Whip

- 7.1.1 There are two reasons why a rider may use a whip:
 - 1- As a method to encourage the horse forwards if it is not listening to the rider's seat and leg aids;
 - 2- To reprimand the horse.
- 7.1.2 A whip should only be used to reprimand a horse where there is a valid reason. The Whip must be applied at the appropriate time, in the correct place and with the correct severity.
- 7.1.3 The timing of the whip's use is important: it should be used immediately when the horse has been disobedient. For example, a horse that has refused a fence should not be reprimanded once he has turned away from the fence or, where the horse or pony has run-out rather than refused, more than a couple of seconds after the rider has regained control.
- 7.1.4 Riders and handlers using the whip to reprimand the horse should not bring their arm above shoulder height. The whip should land on the rump of the horse and not the flanks.
- 7.1.5 As an aid to go forward, riders may use the whip down the shoulder of the horse (to help stop a horse napping) or behind the rider's leg.

7.1.6 The force with which the whip is used must always be proportionate and reasonable. Whip use that leaves a mark or breaks the skin is not acceptable. It is the competitor's responsibility to know if their horse has sensitive skin and moderate their whip use accordingly.

7.1.7 The following actions are not acceptable in any circumstances:

- Disciplining the horse for its behaviour in the show ring after it has left the ring.
- Carrying and using a whip with a hard point at the end or using the whip handle.
- Carrying and using a weighted whip.
- Using any whip substitute. Whips should be designed specifically for their purpose.
- Hitting the horse in an attempt to pre-empt poor behaviour - at the start of a jumping round, for instance.
- The competitor venting their anger and frustration by hitting the horse.
- Use of the whip around the horse's head and neck. If reprimanding the horse it should not be hit on the shoulder.
- Hitting the horse once the rider has dismounted.
- Use of the whip after elimination is declared.
- Using the whip at every jump.
- Hitting an obviously tired horse.
- Using a whip to punish a horse for a rider's mistake or poor riding.
- The whip should not be used more than twice for any incident. Anything above this would be counted as excessive.
- Excessively using the whip in order to load a difficult horse.

7.1.8 Should any competitor in the opinion of a judge, steward or show volunteer misuse the whip within any area of the show ground, the competitor may either be verbally warned, or disqualified and reported to the relevant Member Body Head Office. Legal action could be taken under the Welfare Acts.

7.2 Use of Spurs

7.2.1 Riders should understand how to apply and use the spurs correctly. Spurs cannot be used to work a horse/pony if they are not permitted in the class it is competing in.

7.2.2 Spurs should not be used to reprimand the horse. Such use is always excessive, as is any use that results in a horse being marked by a spur. Any such action will result in the rider being disqualified and reported to the show secretary/organiser.

7.2.3 Spurs of excessively severe design must not be worn including:

- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel.
- Spurs with roughened or cutting edges and serrated spurs, with or without necks.
- Spurs with rowel diameters in excess of 1cm.
- Spurs with necks in excess of 3cms length.

7.2.4 Spurs are to be worn in the traditional, correct manner only. The curve of the neck of the spur must be directed downwards.

7.2.5 Only metal spurs may be worn.

7.3 Use of Tack

7.3.1 Under no circumstances should competitors use the action of a bit to reprimand a horse. Such action is excessive, unnecessary and risks the competitor being disqualified and reported to the relevant Member Body Head Office.

7.3.2 No item of saddlery should be misused or used to reprimand the horse, or intentionally to cause pain or discomfort.

8. Saddlery and Equipment

8.1 The relevant Member Body Rules concerning saddlery and equipment that can be used when competing in relevant Member Body classes must be adhered to.

8.2 Competitors must ensure that the tack being used on the horse is correctly fitted and safe for use.

8.3 The use of string, fine cord, wire or twine in or around the horse's mouth is strictly forbidden.

8.4 Saddles must be worn when the horse/pony is ridden on the showground.

8.5 The bit used should be appropriate to the requirements of the horse. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the Class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the horse. Such use is always excessive and will render the rider liable to disciplinary action.

8.6 Horses and ponies may be worked when ridden in tack allowed to be used in the show ring.

8.7 Side reins may only be worn when lungeing the horse/pony.

8.8 Training aids, such as the chambon or de gogue, are only permitted when warming up a horse on the lunge.

9. Responsibilities of Member Bodies

9.1 Organisation and Health & Safety

9.1.1 The Member Bodies set rules and regulations that must be strictly adhered to. All show stewards, judges, staff and volunteers have a role in ensuring the conduct of competitors is acceptable. The relevant Member Body Rule and Hand Book for the year must be adhered to.

9.1.2 Show schedules clearly state the basic rules of the show.

9.1.3 The health and safety of all who attend the show ground is vital. A risk assessment is carried out and evaluated at relevant Member Body Shows. Any reported problems on the show day must be reported to the Show office and will be dealt with promptly and in a safe manner.

9.1.4 All precautions are to be put in place to prevent or reduce the risk of an accident.

9.1.5 The Member Bodies should have adequate insurance cover, competitors are advised to ensure they have adequate personal, vehicle and animal insurance.

9.1.6 All accidents should be reported to the relevant Member Body Office and an Accident Report Form must be completed.

9.1.7 The condition of the ground can cause many problems and weather may change dramatically during a show. Competitors must abide by the instruction of officials in parking vehicles, working in areas etc.

9.1.8 All show staff must know what actions need to be taken in the event of an accident or fire. Competitors must abide by instructions. No smoking is allowed in stable areas.

9.2 Provisions for Veterinary Treatment

9.2.1 The relevant Member Body carries out a risk assessment with specific regard to the provision of veterinary care.

9.2.2 At some events a veterinary surgeon may not actually be in attendance, the show organiser should ensure that a veterinary surgeon is available 'on-call' and within a reasonable driving time (suggested 20-30 minutes maximum).

Most Championship Shows have:

- Emergency lines of communication.
- Ensure proper access to the site and the ability to bring in equipment directly to the patient as efficiently as possible.
- Facilities available for dealing with simple injuries, for example a clean stable or other covered well-lit area and availability of clean water.
- Have ambulance for horses/ponies to be transported to a referral facility if necessary and where and how euthanasia is to be carried out if necessary.

9.2.3 Under the provisions of the Welfare Acts there is a degree of joint responsibility with organisers, but the owner or keeper of a horse/pony has prime responsibility for its welfare.

It follows that the owner or keeper of a horse/pony:

- Should be clearly identified on the entry form.
- Should provide details of how they may be easily contacted in an emergency on the day of the event.
- Should provide information on who has responsibility for making decisions about that horse/pony with regard to provision of emergency treatment, removal to a surgical facility and euthanasia.

9.2.4 Most, but not all, Member Bodies provide a farrier on site at Championship shows.

10. Responsibilities of Show Stewards

10.1 Show stewards are responsible for managing the entrances to the warm-up and show arenas. The gates must be held fully open to allow the horse through. Competitors waiting for the next class must not be allowed to congregate near the show arena entrance. Spectators must also be kept clear of all entrances.

10.2 In the show arena the steward must immediately raise any concerns to the judge and/or show organiser regarding safety or horse welfare.

11. Responsibilities of Show Judges

11.1 Any horse exhibiting signs of ill-health or lameness should be disqualified from the class and a veterinary surgeon (if present) called.

11.2 Any competitor ill-treating a horse will be asked to desist, reported to relevant Member Body Head Office and may be disqualified by the judge.

11.3 Any competitor misusing the whip or spurs may be disqualified. Children who overuse the whip will have the whip taken from them and the decision discussed with a parent/guardian.

11.4 A horse that has fallen is not to be allowed to continue in the class. Competitors are advised to seek the attention from a veterinary surgeon before the horse/pony is allowed to compete in a further class.

12. Conduct and Responsibilities of Spectators

12.1 Spectators should not obstruct the entrances to arenas or impede the progress of a horse at any location on the showground.

12.2 All children must be fully supervised.

12.3 Dogs must be kept on a lead, away from horses and wear a muzzle if necessary.

12.4 Spectators should not run, shout or cause excess noise around the horses or arenas.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The B.S.P.S. acknowledges the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Linked in, home web-pages, chat rooms, BBM and all other forms of electronic communication and the role which “social media” plays in the day to day lives of members.

This policy note is to remind members that the Rules of the B.S.P.S. apply to members when using social media and the internet. Failure to adhere to this policy note could lead to disciplinary action being taken against a member.

2. USING SOCIAL MEDIA

- 2.1 You should be aware that the B.S.P.S. may from time to time carry out internet Searches to identify postings which include references to the B.S.P.S. and its members.
- 2.2 B.S.P.S. produced images are the subject of copyright and should not be copied or used in social media save as provided in the B.S.P.S. website user terms and conditions.
- 2.3 You should ensure that any material that you transmit or post to social media is clearly stated to be your personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of the B.S.P.S.
- 2.4 You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of the B.S.P.S., its members or former members, or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S.
- 2.5 You must not post or transmit any material relating to the B.S.P.S., members or former members or their horses or ponies, or which could otherwise be associated with or which may reasonably be attributed as coming from the B.S.P.S.:
 - 2.5.1 that is threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, Pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory, blasphemous, in breach of confidence, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or
 - 2.5.2 which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of the B.S.P.S. Rules, or constitutes a criminal offence, or which could give rise to civil liability, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of, or infringe the rights of any third party in, the UK or any other country in the world.
- 2.6 Any breach of this policy may constitute a breach of the B.S.P.S. Rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against you.

3. DISCLOSURE UNDER LAW OR REGULATION

You should be aware that the B.S.P.S. will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting or directing the B.S.P.S. to disclose the identity or locate anyone posting any material in breach of this policy. If we are requested by the police or any other regulatory or government authority investigating suspected illegal activities to provide your personal information, the B.S.P.S. is entitled to do so.

BYLAWS OF THE BRITISH SHOW PONY SOCIETY PART I - GOOD CONDUCT DISCIPLINE AND COMPLAINTS

INTRODUCTION

1.
 - 1.1 These Bylaws are made by the Council pursuant to the Articles, which confer on the Council full power, either itself or through the Executive Committee or any other standing committee or sub-committee to whom its powers in that behalf may be delegated, to make rules and Bylaws for the good conduct and discipline of members of the B.S.P.S in relation to the affairs of the B.S.P.S and for the good conduct and discipline of all persons (whether members of the B.S.P.S or not) entering, competing, showing or otherwise taking part in any Affiliated Show.
 - 1.2 These Bylaws are binding upon every member of the B.S.P.S and (so far as practicable) every person (whether a member of the B.S.P.S or not) entering, competing, showing or otherwise taking part in any Affiliated Show, and every member and any other such person as aforesaid shall accept as final any decision given under or pursuant to these Bylaws. Whenever a Junior Member or other person being a minor enters, competes, shows or otherwise takes part in any Affiliated Show, any person accompanying such Junior Member or minor and being his parent or guardian or otherwise being (either generally or for the particular occasion) *in loco parentis* to such Junior Member or minor shall be deemed for all purposes of these Bylaws to be taking part therein.

COMPLAINTS

2.
 - 2.1 Subject to the provisions of Bylaw 12, any complaint (except a complaint relating to a Joint Measurement Board Certificate which shall be dealt with under Joint Measurement Board Rules or a complaint relating to a judge which shall be dealt with by the Judges Enquiry Committee under Bylaw 4) that any member of the B.S.P.S or any other person has or may have committed or has or may have been party or privy to any breach of these Bylaws or has been guilty of conduct which has or may have been derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S shall in the first instance be submitted in writing to the Chairman, the Executive Officer or the Secretary.
 - 2.2 Any complaint so submitted shall forthwith be investigated by the Chairman, the Executive Officer or the Secretary of the B.S.P.S as appropriate and if he can settle the complaint satisfactorily to the person making the complaint and to the person against whom the complaint is made he shall do so and thereupon the matter shall be considered at an end. Any complaint so settled shall be recorded by the officer investigating the same and brought to the attention of the Council.
 - 2.3 If any complaint cannot be disposed of by the Chairman, the Executive Officer or the Secretary as appropriate he shall report the complaint to the Disciplinary Committee and shall forward full details of the investigation together with all documents connected therewith.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 3.
- 3.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Executive Members of Council and the Executive Officer. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Disciplinary Committee shall be three.
- 3.2 Upon receipt of the report of any complaint the Disciplinary Committee shall carry out further investigation of the complaint if it considers this to be necessary and shall decide whether to deal with the complaint summarily or to refer the same to the Stewards by reason to the gravity or the circumstances of the complaint.
- 3.3 If the Disciplinary Committee shall decide to deal with the complaint it shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented.
- 3.4 In any case in which in its opinion any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Bylaw or has been guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S, the Disciplinary Committee may :-
- 3.4.1 admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct;
- 3.4.2 fine such person up to a maximum amount of £5,000;
- 3.4.3 direct that such person being a Member shall be suspended from all or any of the rights and privileges of membership of the B.S.P.S for such period as it shall determine not exceeding one year;
- 3.4.4 direct that such person shall not enter any horse or pony at any Affiliated Show or otherwise take part in any Affiliated Show for such period as it may determine not exceeding twelve calendar months;
- 3.4.5 direct that any horse or pony belonging to such a person or ridden by such person at the time of the commission of the offence shall be disqualified from the class in which it was taking part at the time of the commission of the offence; and/or
- 3.4.6 direct that any horse or pony belonging to such person at the time of the commission of the offence or at any time thereafter during any period of suspension shall (whether or not still belonging to such person) be suspended from being entered or shown or otherwise taking part in any Affiliated Show for such period as it may determine not exceeding twelve months and such suspension shall be operative even if the Owner ceases to be a Member of the B.S.P.S or the horse or pony to be a registered horse or pony at any time prior to the termination of the period of such suspension;
- 3.4.7 in relation to a breach of Rule 63 impose no penalty provided that it is satisfied that the Prohibited Substance was not administered intentionally by the Owner or Producer or by any other person whether connected with the Owner or Producer or not and that all reasonable precautions had been taken to avoid a breach of Rule 63.

- 3.4.8 “direct that any penalty imposed pursuant to Bylaws 3.4.2 to 3.4.6 inclusive be suspended for a period of up to two years. If during the period of such suspension the person subject to the suspended penalty commits a further breach of the Bylaws or is guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S. (‘Offence’), the Disciplinary Committee may cancel the suspension of the penalty and impose the original penalty together with any other penalty it deems appropriate in relation to the subsequent Offence.”
- 3.5 The Disciplinary Committee shall hear any appeals from decisions of Special Show Stewards in accordance with the Rules from time to time. In such case the Disciplinary Committee shall invite submissions from the appellant and the Special Show Steward whose decision is being appealed before making its determination. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee on such appeal shall be final and binding on the parties.
- 3.6 The Disciplinary Committee shall determine references from Special Show Stewards requesting the imposition of greater penalties or otherwise in accordance with the Rules from time to time. In such case the reference shall be dealt with as if a complaint had been made and referred pursuant to Bylaw 2.3.
- 3.7 The Executive Officer or the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall within seven days of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee notify the parties to the complaint in writing of the findings of the Disciplinary Committee and of any penalties imposed. Any person upon whom a penalty is imposed by the Disciplinary Committee (other than pursuant to Bylaw 3.5 or 3.6) may by notice in writing given to the Executive Officer or the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council within 14 days of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee require the complaint to be submitted to the Stewards for consideration PROVIDED that as a condition precedent to the complaint being so submitted such person shall deposit with the Executive Officer or the Secretary a sum equal to ten times the then current membership subscription for a Showing Member. If after investigation the Stewards shall decide in their absolute discretion that the matter is trivial or frivolous the deposit shall be forfeited to the B.S.P.S.

JUDGES' ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

- 4.
- 4.1 The Judges' Enquiry Committee shall consist of seven members of the B.S.P.S to be appointed by the Council at least one of whom shall be a member of the Council. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Judges' Enquiry Committee shall be three, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Council. In the event of there being no member of the Council available for the transaction of business of the Judges' Enquiry Committee (whether because of a conflict of interest or any other reason), then the Judges Enquiry Committee shall have power to co-opt a member of the Council onto the Judges' Enquiry Committee to establish the necessary quorum.
- 4.2 Upon receipt of the report of any complaint the Judges' Enquiry Committee shall carry out further investigation of the complaint if it considers this to be necessary.
- 4.3 The Judges' Enquiry Committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented. The proceedings shall be conducted anonymously in that no member of the Judges' Enquiry Committee shall be aware of the identity of any complainant or that of the judge in respect of whom the complaint has been made or that of the Show at which the judge was judging and all papers submitted to the Judges' Enquiry Committee shall be edited accordingly.
- 4.4 The Judges' Enquiry Committee may in any case in which in its opinion any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Bylaw of the B.S.P.S or has been guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S:-
- 4.4.1 admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct;
 - 4.4.2 remove the judge's star or stars;
 - 4.4.3 instruct Council not to re-elect the judge on to the Judges' Panel; and/or
 - 4.4.4 suspend such a person as a judge for such period as it shall determine not exceeding three years.
- 4.5 The Executive Officer or the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall within fourteen days of the decision of the Judges' Enquiry Committee notify the parties to the complaint in writing of the findings of the Judges' Enquiry Committee and of any penalties imposed. Any person upon whom a penalty is imposed by the Judges' Enquiry Committee may by notice in writing given to the Executive Officer or the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council within fourteen days of the decision of the Judges' Enquiry Committee require the complaint to be submitted to the Judges' Enquiry Appeal Committee for consideration PROVIDED that as a condition precedent to the complaint being so submitted such a person shall deposit with the Executive Officer or the Secretary a sum equal to 10 times the then current membership subscription for a Showing Member. If after investigation the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall decide in their absolute discretion that the matter is trivial or frivolous the deposit shall be forfeited to the B.S.P.S.

JUDGES' ENQUIRY APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 5.
- 5.1 In any case in which a matter is referred to the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee pursuant to Bylaw 4 the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall fix a date for a meeting to consider the complaint.
- 5.2 The Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall consist of five members of the B.S.P.S to be appointed by the Council at least one of whom shall be a member of Council. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be three at least one of whom shall be a member of the Council. In the event of there being no member of Council available for the transaction of business of the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee (whether because of a conflict of interest or any other reason) then the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall have power to co-opt a member of the Council onto the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee to establish the necessary quorum. No member of the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee who adjudicated on the decision being referred to the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall serve on the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee in relation to that matter. In the event of there being insufficient persons to serve on the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee for whatever reason then the Council shall have power to co-opt any Member of the B.S.P.S to serve on the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee to establish the necessary quorum.
- 5.3 The Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented. The proceedings shall be conducted anonymously in that no member of the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be aware of the identity of any complainant or that of the judge in respect of whom the complaint has been made or that of the Show at which the judge was judging and all papers submitted to the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be edited accordingly.
- 5.4 The Executive Officer or the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall give to the person making the complaint and to the judge against whom the complaint is made at least 14 days' notice in writing of the date on which the complaint will be considered by the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee. Such notice shall be exclusive of the days upon and for which it is given and shall contain a statement of the complaint to be dealt with.
- 5.5 In any case in which in the opinion of the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Bylaw of the B.S.P.S or has been guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S it may:-
- 5.5.1 admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct;
 - 5.5.2 remove the judge's star or stars;
 - 5.5.3 instruct Council not to re-elect the judge onto the Judges' Panel;
 - 5.5.4 suspend such person as a judge for such period as it shall determine not exceeding five years; and/or
 - 5.5.5 remove such person as a judge from the Judge's Panel with immediate effect.
- 5.6 The Executive Officer or the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall within seven days of the decision of the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee notify the parties to the complaint in writing of the findings and of any penalties imposed.
- 5.7 The findings of and penalties imposed by the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties in every case.

STEWARDS

- 6.
- 6.1 There shall be at least three but not more than ten Stewards of the B.S.P.S who shall be elected annually by the Council at its last meeting before the annual general meeting in each year and shall hold office until the close of the last meeting of the Council before the next following annual general meeting. A retiring Steward shall be eligible for re-election.
- 6.2 The Council may remove any Steward before the expiration of his period of office and may elect at any time a Steward to fill the vacancy occurring by reason of any such removal or of the death of a Steward or otherwise
- 6.3 The duties and powers of the Stewards under the Bylaws shall be carried out and exercised by a quorum consisting of not less than three Stewards.
- 6.4 The Stewards shall for all purposes relating to or connected with good conduct and discipline (other than in respect of the exercise of the powers of the Council under Bylaw 12) be deemed to be a standing committee of the B.S.P.S.
- 7.
- 7.1 In any case in which a matter is referred to the Stewards pursuant to Bylaw 3 the Stewards shall fix a day time and place for a meeting to consider the complaint.
- 7.2 The Executive Officer or the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall give to the person making the complaint and to the person against whom the complaint is made and to the registered owner of any horse or pony concerning or arising out of the showing of which the complaint is made at least 14 days' notice in writing of the date, time and place at which the complaint will be considered by the Stewards. Such notice shall be exclusive of the days upon and for which it is given and shall contain a statement of the complaint to be dealt with.
- 7.3 Upon consideration by the Stewards of any complaint the parties thereto, being the persons to whom notice is required to be given under this Bylaw, shall be entitled to attend and be heard and to call oral evidence but not to be represented (unless the Stewards in their absolute discretion otherwise decide) except that a Junior Member or person under the age of 18 years at the time of the hearing if not a member is always to be accompanied by his parent or guardian or other person *in loco parentis*. If any such party to a complaint shall not attend the meeting of the Stewards at which the same is to be considered and no reason sufficient in the opinion of the Stewards for non-attendance shall have been received consideration of the complaint shall proceed and be adjudicated upon in the absence of such party.

- 7.4 In any case in which in the opinion of the Stewards any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Bylaw or has been guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S, the Stewards may impose on such person any one or more of the following penalties:-
- 7.4.1 admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct;
- 7.4.2 fine such person in such amount as they shall in their absolute discretion direct;
- 7.4.3 direct that such person being a Member shall be suspended from all or any of the rights and privileges of membership of the B.S.P.S for such period as they shall determine;
- 7.4.4 direct that such person being a Member shall be expelled from the B.S.P.S;
- 7.4.5 direct that such person shall not enter any horse or pony at any Affiliated Show or otherwise take part in any Affiliated Show for such period as they may determine;
- 7.4.6 direct that any horse or pony belonging to such a person or ridden by such person at the time of the commission of the offence shall be disqualified from the class in which it was taking part at the time of the commission of the offence;
- 7.4.7 direct that any horse or pony belonging to such person at the time of the commission of the offence or at any time thereafter during any period of suspension shall (whether or not still belonging to such person) be suspended from being entered or shown or otherwise taking part in any Affiliated Show for such period as they may determine and such suspension shall be operative even if the Owner ceases to be a member of the B.S.P.S or the horse or pony ceases to be a registered horse or pony at any time prior to the termination of the period of such suspension.
- 7.4.8 in relation to a breach of Rule 63 impose no penalty provided that they are satisfied that the Prohibited Substance was not administered intentionally by the Owner or Producer or by any other person whether connected with the Owner or Producer or not and that all reasonable precautions had been taken to avoid a breach of Rule 63.
- 7.4.9 "direct that any penalty imposed pursuant to Bylaws 7.4.2 to 7.4.7 inclusive be suspended for a period of up to two years. If during the period of such suspension the person subjected to the suspended penalty commits a further breach of the Bylaws or is guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S. ('Offence'), the stewards may cancel the suspension of the penalty, or any penalty suspended by the Disciplinary Committee pursuant to Bylaw 3.4.8, and impose the original penalty together with any other penalty they deem appropriate in relation to the subsequent Offence"
- 7.5 During the period of suspension no entry shall be accepted from any person who or whose horse or pony shall have been suspended pursuant to this Bylaw and any entry accepted in contravention of this Bylaw shall be void and of no effect provided that in the case of a horse or pony being suspended under this Bylaw the prohibition provided for in this Bylaw shall apply only to the horse or pony so suspended.

- 7.6 The Executive Officer or the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall within seven days of the decision of the Stewards notify the parties to the complaint in writing of the findings and of any penalties imposed.
- 7.7 The findings of and penalties imposed by the Stewards shall be final and binding on all parties in every case.
8. The powers provided by the last preceding Bylaw are in addition and without prejudice to the powers conferred upon the Council in Bylaw 12.

DEFAULT

9. If any person fails to pay a fine imposed pursuant to these Bylaws within 28 days of the date of despatch of the notification of such fine:-
- 9.1 if the person is a Member, he shall be suspended automatically from all or any of the rights and privileges of membership until such time as the fine has been paid;
- 9.2 if the person not a Member, any horse or pony belonging to such person at the time the fine is imposed or at any time thereafter during the period of non-payment of the fine shall (whether or not still belonging to such person) be suspended from being entered or shown or otherwise taking part in any Affiliated Show until such time as the fine has been paid.

TEAM MANAGERS

10. The Chef d'Equipe or Team Manager or his duly authorised deputy whilst accompanying Members on a course of training or on a tour or team visit (whether or not such course of training or tour or team visit takes place in the United Kingdom) shall have power in his absolute discretion to regulate control or adjudicate upon the conduct of Members on such course of training tour or team visit and shall have the power to direct that a Member shall be suspended from competing or taking part in such course of training or in any competition taking place on such tour or team visit.

SPECIAL SHOW STEWARDS

- 11.1 The Council shall have power to elect any number of Special Show Stewards at its last meeting before the annual general meeting in each year. Such Special Show Stewards shall hold office until the close of the last meeting of the Council before the next following annual general meeting. A retiring Special Show Steward shall be eligible for re-election.
- 11.2 The Council may remove any Special Show Steward before the expiration of his period of office and may elect at any time a Special Show Steward to fill the vacancy occurring by reason of any such removal or of the death of a Special Show Steward or otherwise.
- 11.3 The duties and powers of the Special Show Stewards shall be as specified under the Bylaws of the B.S.P.S from time to time.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

12. The Council shall have power in any case where it considers that any Member of the B.S.P.S or any other person has or may have committed or has or may have been party or privy to any breach of any Bylaws, of the B.S.P.S or has been guilty of conduct which has or may have been derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the B.S.P.S to initiate disciplinary proceedings against such Member or other person whether or not a complaint has been made in accordance with the foregoing Bylaws whereupon the matter shall be dealt with pursuant to Bylaw 3 or 4 mutatis mutandis as if a complaint had been made.

PUBLICATION OF DECISIONS

13. Any decision of the Disciplinary Committee, Judges' Enquiry Committee or the Stewards made pursuant to the powers conferred by these Bylaws may be published on the B.S.P.S. website, in any newspaper or periodical published by the B.S.P.S. or in the Horse and Hound or otherwise as the Disciplinary Committee, Stewards or the Council may direct."

NOTICES

14. "Any complaint to be submitted or notice to be given pursuant to Bylaws 1 to 13 inclusive shall be sent by recorded delivery or registered post. In all other respects the provisions of the Articles shall govern the giving of notice under these Bylaws.

PART II - RULES

15. The Rules contained in the Rule & Show Handbook published each year by the B.S.P.S as amended from time to time shall be deemed to be incorporated in these Bylaws.

PART III – INTERPRETATION

- 16.1 Words and expressions defined in the Articles of Association and the Rules of the B.S.P.S (as amended from time to time) ("Articles") shall have the same meanings in these Bylaws.
- 16.2 "Affiliated Show" means a show affiliated to the B.S.P.S in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Council from time to time.
- 16.3 "B.S.P.S." means The British Show Pony Society a company limited by guarantee registered number 5308982.
- 16.4 "Stewards" means the persons for the time being appointed as the stewards of the B.S.P.S.

Form of Nomination For Council Membership of The British Show Pony Society (Registered Number 5308982)

Notice is hereby given that at the next Annual General Meeting (“AGM”), Council Members of the British Show Pony Society (“the Company”) will retire and there will therefore be vacancies for Council membership of the Company.

To be eligible to stand for election as a Council Member, each candidate: must be a member of the Company or the former association for at least 5 years (although not necessarily consecutive years); and Current member of the Company. And cannot be a Scottish branch member or a Junior member. Please note that retiring Council members are eligible for re-election, subject to their fulfilling the above eligibility criteria.

Should you fulfil these criteria and wish to be put forward as a Council member, please confirm to the Company Secretary on the form below:-

1. Your name and address;
2. Whom you are proposed and seconded by (both of which must be members of the Company who are not Junior members or Scottish branch members); and
3. That you are willing to be nominated for election to Council.

NAME:
(In Block Letters)

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS:
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PROPOSED BY:SIGNATURE.....

SECONDED BY:SIGNATURE.....

Any such nominations must be received by the Company Secretary ON OR BEFORE 56 CLEAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE AGM.

The final candidates for nomination will be notified to all members with the notice of the AGM, which will follow in due course. A vote for all Council memberships will then take place between all nominated candidates, with the final result being reported to all members of the Company at the AGM.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM BEFORE 1st SEPTEMBER, 2020.

Nomination Forms to: The Secretary, B.S.P.S. Office, 124 Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 5XS

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