

Showing Rules

1. Entries by post and on the day and will only be accepted with the correct entry fee. (cheques made payable to G M Hemming)
2. The judge's decision is final and binding in all classes. Competitors are reminded that it is unethical to present their animal under a judge who has a vested interest in it.
3. A Judge may require that a horse/pony which constitutes a danger leaves the ring.
4. Entry fees cannot be refunded on late cancellations. Part entry fee will be refunded only on the production of a valid vet/Doctors certificate. **This will be strictly adhered too!!**
5. Objections may only be made by an exhibitor at the event within 30 min's of the end of the class, A Sum of £25 will be required which will be refunded if the complaint is upheld by the judge. All objections shall be dealt with by the centre and their word is final.
6. To enter and compete at the trailblazers championships, the horse or pony entered must not change name nor may a substitute horse or pony be used. The combination must stay the same including the handlers.
7. Abbey Dressage, or any person acting on their behalf do not accept Liability for accident, damage or any loss to anyone, animal or property whatsoever whilst at the show meeting.
8. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday on the day of the show.
9. Horses and ponies must be four years old and over to be eligible to compete in ridden classes. The age should be calculated from the 1st January in the year of their birth.
10. Stallions/Colts may not be led by any junior who has not attained their 16th birthday before January 1st in the current year at any show affiliating to trailblazers showing. The competitor/ Handler is responsible for the duty of care to other competitors and general public at all times.
11. Young stock classes will not be eligible for qualification until after the 1st January of the current championship year. This will ensure that the ages of the young stock are correct for the championship Finals.
12. No horse or pony may enter the ring after the judging process has begun and the steward has closed the ring. In the event of the rider or handler leaving the ring they must be present for the final assessment and presentation of awards. The class is complete when the judge dismisses the class.
13. A fall of Pony/Horse or rider in any class will result in the disqualification and they MUST leave the ring dismounted
14. Correctly secured British Standard Skull Cap/ Riding Hats, meeting all CURRENT British safety standards MUST be worn at all times when mounted.
15. Handlers must be smartly dressed. Handlers under the age of 16 should wear British standard skull caps/ Riding hats.
16. During a class a rider must wear the correct headgear in accordance to rule 13 and must wear a Riding Jacket, shirt, tie or stock, a pair of breeches or jodhpurs and a pair of top boots or Jodhpur boots.
17. Gaiters may be worn (colour matching the Jodhpur boot) Chaps are not permitted. Earrings and body studs SHOULD NOT be worn.
18. Mobile telephones and ear pieces must not be taken into the ring.
19. Horses and ponies should be shown in a bridle suitable for their type/Class. Judges opinion on suitable bridles may vary and their decision is final.
20. No Item of tack/ Equipment to be used inappropriately or In a manner deemed cruel by the judge, Show Directors or Centre Owners.
21. No running reins/Draw reins to be worn in a class or main arena at any time.
22. In ALL classes whips are not to exceed 75cms (30ins)
23. No Haynets to be tied outside Lorries or trailers. Please pick up your droppings from the car park area.
24. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry cancel or even split a class, withhold a prize or disqualify a competitor for any reason they deem necessary
25. No lungeing
26. **Dogs must remain in the lorry park at all times.** Can you also ensure that you please clean up after them

Ponies Height	Riders age on the 1 st day of the National Championships
Up to 122cm	11 years old and under
122 up to 138 cm	15 years old and under
138 up to 148 cm	17 years old and under
148 up to 153 cm	20 years old and under
Class 18 Lead rein	9 years old and under
Class 19 First Ridden	12 years old and under

Conduct, discipline, cruelty and Un-sportsman like behaviour. Will not be tolerated in order to maintain the highest standards expected.