



Prospect Farm Shows Terms & Conditions / Rules for Membership

It is a condition of entry that the rules are accepted and understood. Failure to comply with any of the rules may lead to expulsion from the showground and/or the club.

COMMITTEE & JUDGES DECISIONS

1. The judge's decision is final. Arguing with the judge or verbal or physical abuse to anyone on the show ground (committee, stewards or other competitors) will invite elimination and/or expulsion from the Club.
2. The committee reserve the right to measure any horse or pony and to request a height certificate where any height is in dispute, on or before the next show.
3. Mistreatment of any animal on the show ground will not be tolerated and the competitor/handler may be asked to leave the showground and face expulsion from the club.
4. Any person making a complaint or questioning any aspect of the show must do so in an orderly manner by placing £10 with the Show Secretary within one hour of the event happening together with a written explanation of the complaint (forms can be obtained from entries tent). If the complaint is found to be justified by the committee at their next meeting the £10 will be returned. If not, the £10 will be donated to charity.
5. The organisers of Prospect Farm Show have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the Health & Safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid & prevent accidents occurring & must obey the instructions of the Organisers, all Officials & Stewards. Prospect Farm Show do not hold themselves responsible for any loss or damage to persons, animals or property, prior to, during & after the event.

(5a) It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to insure all property and livestock on the Showground or elsewhere which is his own, or for which he is responsible.

Membership

1. Any rider/handler may apply for membership at any time however Membership is annual & runs from May 1st to September 31st in any year. Prospect Farm Show accepts members of any age and any type of horse or pony.
2. Annual Membership Fee £20.00 per horse and rider combination. For any additional horse/pony to be added to this membership and extra fee of £5.00. Approval of Membership All memberships are subject to approval upon application.

Membership entitles the horse and rider combination to receive the below benefits;

- Exclusive entry into ring championships providing that the horse and rider combination have won either a 1st or 2nd in that ring.
- Exclusive entry into Golden Championship providing that the horse and rider combination have received a golden rosette from one of the judges.
- Reduced class fees for all members. If membership is gained after entry form has been submitted and paid for the entry fee's cant be refunded to the lower fee.
- Invited to attend the annual award ceremony.
- Enter 4 classes and get 5th class free!



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- The points system is available to members only and points will accrue to horse/pony and rider/handler combinations in all classes (apart from those stated on the schedule). Points will be counted from the date and time the membership is paid. Members must compete as the same combination in the classes at each show to ensure max points are gained. (Points will only be collected for the horse and rider combination that has applied for membership, if you have a second horse which you have not registered with prospect farm show points will not be collected)
- Points system for members only: 1st Place - 12 points, 2nd place - 10 points, 3rd place - 8 points, 4th place - 6 points, 5th place - 4 points & 6th place - 2 points.
- Any substitution of horse/pony or rider/handler must be declared either with the entries tent prior to entering the ring. Not declaring this will be deemed a breach of the rules and will be fully investigated by committee with the use of class sheets, entry forms and photographs. Instances that are upheld will be penalised by removal of affected class points and membership will be revoked. If the affected competitor is a junior, the responsibility lies with their appropriate senior, and the withheld membership will also affect any other juniors they are responsible for. There will always be the opportunity for those involved to present themselves to committee to explain their reasons for doing so, however all cases will be deemed very serious. As it is a condition of entry at Prospect Farm Show that competitors have read and understood the rules (this is explained on the entry form), ignorance of the rules will be unacceptable as an excuse.
- All annual trophies presented to competitors during the season remain the property of Prospect Farm Show and must be returned to the Entries tent or any of the show team NO LATER than the date of the last show in a clean and undamaged condition. Professional machine engraving only (we use the trophy shop in Saughall Massie).

3. Prospect Farm Show reserves the right to refuse/suspend any person's membership or other benefits immediately without having to state a reason.

4. No member of Prospect Farm Show shall conduct themselves in a manner that is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the show, its Staff, volunteers, members, exhibitors or the showing community. Any such member will be suspended from membership.

5. Non-Members that conduct themselves in a manner that is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of Prospect Farm Show, its members, exhibitors or the showing community may be refused membership.

6. Acceptance of Terms & Conditions By becoming a member of Prospect Farm Show the person accepts any current terms and conditions as set out in this Handbook & on the website/social media that may be in force at the time. Prospect Farm Show reserves the right to amend this Handbook and any other terms & conditions without notice. Any changes or amendments will be stated on either our website or Facebook page.



Show & Class Entry

1. The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry/membership or to alter the programme, consolidate classes or to abandon classes. Also, to amend, alter or add to these rules as they feel necessary.
2. The committee cannot be held responsible for the clashing of classes and competitors should bear in mind the not before times on the schedule when entering.
3. All entries on show day should be made prior to the start of the relevant class and any subsequent entry will only be accepted at the discretion of the Judge and Show Secretary. If entry form is not paid for in full the competitor will not be added to the class sheet. If any competitor is not on the class sheet but has entered the ring a full investigation will be taken out.
4. Entry fees cannot be returned except at the discretion of the Show Secretary. In the case of cancellation of the show, any entries will be carried forward to next show.
5. Prospect Farm show accepts class entries for any type & age of horse or pony.
6. It is the responsibility of the handler/rider to ensure the classes they enter on show day are eligible for their horse/pony and their own age group. Some classes on the prospect farm show schedule are aimed at specific breeds or age groups. In these classes the judge has the right to ask someone to leave the ring if they do not comply with the class/association rules.
7. If a competitor is not in the show ring the show team may call you to your class on the speaker system. 1st call will be rider/handler name and rider number to ring number and class number, 2nd call will be – Final call rider/handler name and rider number to ring number and class number. If rider is in another class, they should make this know to the steward in their current ring, so the problem can be resolved. If the rider has not made them selves known to any member of the show team after final call the class will continue.
8. Riders wishing to leave the ring to compete in another class may do so at the discretion of the judge.
9. Competitors must not enter rings unless told to do so by an authorised person in charge of the ring. Disobeying this rule will result in elimination.
10. No horse may be entered more than once in any class. No rider may enter any class more than once except working hunter and championship. In the working hunter class, any rider being called back by the judge for the second phase must choose which animal to take forward.
11. Once a class has commenced there shall be no change of rider, except in a championship when a rider finds they have more than one exhibit eligible to compete. The substitute rider must be eligible for the class and the ring steward informed of the change of rider.
12. Spectators are asked to not interfere with competitors in the show ring. This included shouting into competitors from outside of the ring. If they feel they need to support a competitor in the ring. The judge or steward must be made aware, as it is the judge's decision to grant or deny access into the show ring.



13. On Health and Safety grounds all competitors must be in good general health and physically fit in order to take part. It is advised that any Competitors found to be under the influence of excess alcohol or drugs will be immediately disqualified.

14. CANCELLATION OF / OR ALTERATION TO CLASSES – Prospect Farm Show reserves the right to cancel, divide or amalgamate or otherwise change any class or to limit entries in any class or section from any entrant on show day, any alterations will be announced on show day.

15. All times on the schedule are not before times (meaning the class will not run before this time).

16. Mares with a living foal born during the current season may not be shown in any ridden classes.

17. Stallions are always to wear a Stallion disc. This applies to all Stallions regardless if they hold a license/grading or not.

17a. All stallions are to be bitted before loaded off trailer/horse box. And are always to remain bitted on the show ground.

18. Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Passports for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling.

19. DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES.

20. All classes in ring 2 afternoon are novelty classes and are aimed at beginners and children. Hard hats and long-sleeved clothing are to be worn by every competitor. Horses/ponies to be snaffle mouthed. Parental assistance is allowed, and these classes will be judged in a manner that allows competitors to learn whilst competing. Please enter these classes in the spirit in which they are intended. The judge shall use discretion not to place non-beginners.

Qualifiers

Several classes have qualifiers for different shows / associations across the country, please ensure if you are wanting to qualify that the qualifier rules for the class are followed. The judge in the ring will be affiliated with the qualifier association and thus they have the right to enforce the association rules. *Read the qualifier information sheet for more information.*

Non-Competitors

1. Non-Competitors will be allowed in working hunter classes only. No rosettes or points will be awarded.
2. No horse or pony jumping non-competitively may then jump competitively in the same Class on the same show date.



Dress, Hats, Tack & Equipment

1. It is mandatory for all Competitors to wear a correctly secured protective helmet manufactured to standards listed below:

- It must bear, either the BSI Kitemark, the SAI Global symbol or the official Snell label with number.
- The PAS 015:1998 or 2011 and the Snell E2001 meet higher impact criteria and therefore give more protection.
- Hats that only bear BSEN1384 or EN1384 are no longer recognised as acceptable standard in UK.
- Hats that have BSEN1384 or EN1384 labels must also have one of the following specifications: PAS 015:(1998 or 2011) with the BSI Kitemark, Snell E2001 with the official Snell label and number or SAI Global Mark AS/NZS 3838 (2006) or SEI Mark ASTM F1163
- Adults ONLY may wish to wear a top hat in the Concourse D'Elegance class, however a disclaimer must be filled in and signed before doing so.

2. Excessive use of whip or spurs will result in elimination and this ruling will be enforced.

3. Show canes are not to exceed 75cms (30") in pony classes. Hunting crops are permissible.

4. The use of spurs is not allowed in RING 1, Equitation, Novice/Green Horse or Rider, Intro to showing or in any pony classes.

5. No spur to exceed 3cm in length. No roughened or cutting edges, barbs or serrations will be allowed.

6. All Equitation classes are to be ridden in snaffle bits only.

7. In the Novice/Green Horse or Rider class, only snaffle bits are allowed.

8. In Working Hunter classes, plain coloured leg boots may be worn during the jumping phase. These must be removed for the showing section. No other change of tack is allowed.

9. It is mandatory that all junior competitors wear a protective riding hat (as outlined in point 1) in all in hand classes. It is also recommended that all competitors competing in in hand classes wear a protective riding hat to the correct standard.

10. Correct dress should be worn in all classes. Please note gaiters may be worn however Chaps are not permitted in any class.

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

12. No ear rings, piercings, or visible jewellery can be worn

13. Under no circumstances may tack be changed during the judging of a class.

14. Mobile telephones MUST not be used in the ring.

15. If competing in a championship the same tack used in the class must be worn. Whips are not considered tack.



16. Bit-less bridles and running gags are not permitted unless otherwise stated in the class specific rules or the show organiser has given permission.

17. No bandages or protective pads on any animal's legs or feet are permissible in ring 1, 2 and 3

Lead Rein Classes

1. In Lead Rein riders will not be asked to dismount; the ponies will not be stripped; however, they will still be assessed for conformation. First Ridden ponies can be stripped at the discretion of the judge unless on health and safety grounds it is unsafe to do so. This will be agreed at the discretion of the organiser and judge.

2. In Lead Rein and First Ridden classes, Reins must be of a normal length and not knotted or stitched together in a short loop. In Lead Rein classes the reins must not be attached to the saddle and must run directly from the bit to the child's hands with no interruption.

3. In Lead Rein classes handles on saddles are permitted.

4. All Lead Rein and First Ridden ponies must be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle only except for Mountain and Moorland First Ridden when they may use any suitable bridle.

Junior Classes & Stallions

1. Junior Riders of Stallions not exc 138cms - Riders must be 12 years old & over on 1st January in the current year to ride any Stallions not exceeding 138cms or Small Breed Mountain & Moorland Stallions including Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Sec A & B. B.

2. Junior Riders of Stallions exc 138cms Riders must be 14 years & over on 1st January in the current year to ride any Stallions exc 138cms or Large Breed M&M Stallions including Welsh Sec C & D, Connemara, New Forest, Highland, Fells & Dales.

3. All Stallions must wear stallion discs on their bridles.

4. All stallions must always be bitted on the show ground. This includes when being loaded and unloaded on the show ground.

Working Hunter Pony / Working Hunter Classes

1. In W.H./W.H.P. classes the use of any nosebands and martingales are permitted.

2. All Working Hunter Pony classes - Boots of a plain colour only may be used for the jumping phase of Working Hunter Pony classes on the ponies/horses front legs. NO Hind Boots or bandages must be worn on the hind legs in the collecting ring, warm up area or in the actual class. Boots must be removed for the conformation section of the class. Boots are not permitted for any other classes.

3. Working Hunter classes (Horses) – No Hind boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm-up area or in the actual class.



JUDGING OF CLASSES

1. In all cases the judge's decision is final.
2. Ridden animals must NOT be escorted beyond the entrance to the ring.
3. No person, including exhibitors, handlers or grooms should enter the ring at any time without the judges' permission. When permission is granted to enter the ring, a person must always be suitably attired and wear a hat.
4. A class is deemed to have commenced when an animal 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.
5. Exhibits will not be allowed into the ring after the ponies/horses have been asked to trot, unless permission has been granted by the judge / steward.
6. A class is deemed to be over when the judge has given permission for the class to leave the ring.
7. If classes are judged using marks these must be recorded in ink; judges must not alter marks unless in extreme circumstances, if the marks are altered the Judge MUST sign the mark sheet and initial the alterations
8. Judges have the right to alter placings if an animal misbehaves after the marks have been awarded.
9. If a mistake in the marks is discovered, even after dismissing a class, it MUST be corrected, and any qualification/result amended.
10. All classes in ring 2 afternoon are novelty classes and are aimed at beginners and children. Hard hats and long-sleeved clothing are to be worn by every competitor. Horses/ponies to be snaffle mouthed. Parental assistance is allowed, and these classes will be judged in a manner that allows competitors to learn whilst competing. Please enter these classes in the spirit in which they are intended. The judge shall use discretion not to place non-beginners.

SAFETY ON THE SHOWGROUND

1. NO CANTERING OR GALLOPING will be allowed outside competition rings and exercise areas for safety reasons.
2. Handlers/Riders must be in full control of their animals whilst on the show ground.
3. All working in must be done in designated warming up areas or in the clear area of the parking field well away from parked vehicles.
4. All riders, owners and competitors allow their horses and ponies to compete at their own risk. Neither the club nor any persons acting on its behalf will be held responsible for any accident, illness or injury to competitors, spectators, property or animals.
5. Any vehicles, boxes, trailers or equipment on the showground are the responsibility of the owners and the committee accept no responsibility for any accident, damage or loss for any reason whatsoever.



6. Drivers are requested to show due consideration to animals and other members when parking and driving up the farm lane to the show field 10mph limit should not be exceeded

6a. Parking as to prevent field gates closing is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

7. The riding of pedal or motorcycles will not be allowed on the show ground.

8. All dogs must always be kept on a lead. All dog mess must be removed immediately.

9. Litter must be placed in bins positioned around the showground. No emptying of horseboxes or trailers is permitted on the parking field.

Equine Flu Advice

All horses and ponies attending Prospect Farm Show must be fully up to date with annual flu vaccinations and must not have had any vaccination in the six days prior to attending. This is assuming the primary course of vaccinations has been correctly completed. All passports may be spot checked on the day and there are no exceptions to this rule. In line with DEFRA Regulations, passports should always be carried and available for inspection.