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SECTION A

ABBREVIATIONS

AHS	Arab Horse Society
BEF	British Equestrian Federation
BHS	British Horse Society
BS	British Show Jumping
BSPS	British Show Pony Society
HR	Heritage Mountain & Moorland Ridden.
HW	Heritage Mountain & Moorland WHP
HOYS	Horse of the Year Show
IPS	Irish Pony Society
LIHS	London International Horse Show
JMB	Joint Measurement Board
M & M	Mountain & Moorland
NPS	National Pony Society
RIHS	Royal International Horse Show
TSC	The Showing Council
SHP	Show Hunter Pony
SP	Show Pony
WHP	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 BSPS.

Affiliated Shows - Shows affiliated to the BSPS.

Showing Member - A member 18 years or older on 1st January of the current year, who has paid their 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 their 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 their 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 BSPS 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 Show Producer/Trainer: A person who undertakes the preparation/training/keeping at livery, production of show equines/riders.

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 461

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)

Life Member 18yrs - 30yrs	1000.00
Life Member 31yrs – 49yrs	800.00
Life Member 50yrs and over	400.00
Showing Member	60.00
Non-Showing Member / Non-Showing Judge	40.00
Junior Member	30.00
Pony Registration (inc Heritage)	38.00
Transfer Fee	22.00
Lease Fee and Loan Fee	22.00
B.S.P.S. Badges	6.00

For Online System please go to www.bsps.com

Affiliation Fees for Shows:-

R.I.H.S. Qualification for EACH CLASS Area Shows	20.00
R.I.H.S. Qualification for EACH CLASS Non-Area Shows	26.00
Affiliation Fee for Area Shows	40.00
Affiliation Fee for all other Non-Area Shows (Inc Blue Riband)	45.00
Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme Championship - Final	75.00
Semi Final	50.00
Breed Qualifiers – Free	
London International Showing series EACH CLASS	15.00

Affiliation Fee for Winter Shows:-

Areas-including Heritage	20.00
Non-Areas-including Heritage	30.00

Memberships and Pony registrations are half price for members joining on or after 1st October 2025 until 31st December 2025 - 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.

Neither the BSPPS or any of its officers, assistants or stewards shall in any way be responsible for any loss, injury or damages that may happen to exhibitors or their assistants or other members of the public, or to any animal or property or to any vehicle brought into the Showground or on any premises used in conjunction with the Show, or while entering or leaving the same.

It is necessary all exhibitors carry Public Liability Insurance for an adequate indemnity to protect against their negligence including any injury caused by their animals or property.

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. Junior members registered without a guardian/parent are the responsibility of the owner of the pony they ride. A rider 18 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 any Leading Rein Classes, including Tiny Tots, no child under the age of 5 years may compete in any other classes (except Tiny Tots First Ridden and Ridden where no child under the age of 4 years may compete).

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 and Lead Rein Working Sports pony classes at R.I.H.S., L.I.H.S., Blue Riband Qualifying Shows and the B.S.P.S. Summer, Winter and Heritage Championships Shows and **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 Rules 21 & 497)
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, HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP, 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 or that a member has been placed on the Sex Offenders Register, 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 JMB Rule Book. Copies of the JMB Rule Book may be obtained from the JMB www.thejmbonline.co.uk
14. All animals (except Heritage M&M, Anglo PBA and Pretty Polly) qualifying for the RIHS and Blue Riband must have a JMB Full Height Certificate or a valid JMB Annual Height Certificate issued in the current year.
- 14a). Ponies competing in height restricted classes that are resident in Ireland may submit a copy of their current/valid IPS height certificate at the time of registration. All ponies resident in Ireland will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB certificate within 28 days of qualification or the closing date of entries, whichever is sooner.
15. Plaited ponies (except Pretty Polly and PBA) qualifying for RIHS have 28 days to get a JMB measurement after qualification or before the final, whichever is sooner. Ponies can be called for Measurement by the Society. (See Rule 76)
- 15.a) All animals qualifying for HOYS must have a JMB Full Height Certificate or a valid JMB Annual Height Certificate issued in the current year within 28 days of qualification or before the final, whichever is sooner.
- 15.b) In BSPS plaited Working Hunter/Sports Pony Classes only where the class requires a height certificate,(height restricted classes) including the RIHS WHP classes, a FEI height certificate will be accepted providing that;
 - 1) You have a current FEI certificate when competing in qualifiers.
 - 2) A copy of the certificate is sent to the BSPS office for verification.
 - 3) Regardless of the status of the FEI height certificate, the BSPS has the right to request a measurement on the pony at the owner's expense within 21 days of notification by the BSPS through the Joint Measurement Board. See also rule 77.
 - 4) An animal that is required to be remeasured, and measures over the required height classification for the class will forfeit any previous qualification gained for the RIHS and BSPS championship shows or classes in the current year and qualification will pass down to the next eligible exhibit within the eligible places.The following restrictions apply;
 - 1) If the pony competes in any other classes that are height restricted, where a height certificate is required, the pony will also require a valid JMB Annual or Full Height Certificate.

16. If a pony moves into a different height section it takes its CURRENT status in its new height section.

Registration of Ponies

17. All owners should be registered in the passport as per the latest DEFRA regulations.
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.

20. Ponies MUST be registered before the date of the show at which they compete to qualify for the R.I.H.S. (including Pretty Polly and Heritage qualifying classes), Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme Championship 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 497)
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 2024 registration may qualify at Winter & Summer Shows held on or before 31.12.24 but must register for 2025 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 years on 1st January must be B.S.P.S. Junior members. Riders 18 years and over must be B.S.P.S. Adult members.
24. Ponies must be correctly registered for showing in 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 Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme Championship 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 £22.00. 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 £22.00 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. (Also see Rule 17)

Eligible Ponies

32. Exhibitors **MUST NOT** exhibit a pony under a Judge in circumstances that would constitute a breach of Rule 446 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, London International Performance Coloured 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 152 - 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 riders in all WHP classes that are not qualifiers for H.O.Y.S., L.I.H.S or R.I.H.S. who may ride up to two ponies of the same height in each WHP height section, this includes Mixed Height plaited and Heritage WHP, Cradle, Nursery, Tiny Tots Stakes, Winter and Summer Worker Stakes. Both ponies can go forward for Phase II judging. 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. In mixed height WHP/WH classes 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, Rule 454.
38. Once a class has commenced there shall be no change of rider / handler except in a Championship (see Rule 451) 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 48)

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 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS. For HOYS qualifying classes the rider must be on pony for the presentation.
40. A fall of animal or rider in any ridden phase will result in elimination, and the rider must leave the ring dismounted. Please pay particular attention to Rule 46. 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. Grooms must have attained their 12th birthday for stripping in the ring, or for lunging on the showground except for stallions where the age limit is in accordance with Rules 298 and 299.
- 42 a). At B.S.P.S. Championship Shows, B.S.P.S. Area Shows no animal can be brought onto the showground unless it is entered in a B.S.P.S. class or another class within the schedule run by the Society or B.S.P.S. Area.
- | b) Riders must remain seated in the saddle at all times.

RIDERS SAFETY **HATS**

43. Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats Nos. PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 and E2021 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 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. The B.S.P.S. encourages members to have their hats tagged through the B.S.P.S. scheme or via the Pony Club Scheme. Tagging indicates the hat meets the accepted standards, no check of the fit or condition of the hat is implied. It is considered to be the responsibility of the members/guardians to ensure the hat complies with current standards and is tagged before they compete. Members/guardians are responsible for ensuring the manufacturer's guidelines with regard to fit and replacement are followed. **Hat Tagging in B.S.P.S. classes is compulsory at BSPS Winter, Summer and Heritage Championship shows, Royal International Horse Show, London International Horse Show, Burghley Gold Cup and lead rein WSP final. (We are accepting British Eventing, British Riding Club and Pony Club tags)**
44. 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.
45. In the interest of Health & Safety the B.S.P.S. Council are determined that riders must comply with Rule 43. The B.S.P.S. will authorise spot checks at certain Shows and riders breaking this rule will not be allowed to compete. Hat Tagging in B.S.P.S. classes is compulsory at BSPS Winter, Summer and Heritage Championship Shows, Burghley Gold Cup and lead rein WSP final, RIHS and LIHS.

CONCUSSION

46. Concussion is a condition that is not always obvious. It can have very serious after effects. Following the fall of a rider, if concussion is suspected the advice of the medical professional must be sought and followed. Medical advice must be obtained before the Member rides again.

This advice must be relayed personally to the Parent/Guardian of the competitor and care must be taken to ensure that the Parent/Guardian fully understands the potential seriousness of the injury.

That the rider should be taken that day to a doctor or the A&E Minor injuries unit at a hospital.

That the rider must not ride again that day, and,
The riding hat should be replaced.

The medical advice must include warnings about the danger signs which can occur later, namely:

Deterioration of consciousness

Restlessness and/or irritability

Vomiting

Persistent or worsening headache

The Parent or Guardian must be advised that if any of these symptoms occur, medical assistance must be sought immediately.

DRESS and ACCESSORIES

47. During a class riders must wear correct Head Gear in accordance with Rule 43 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.

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.

Earrings and Body studs MUST NOT be worn. (See rule 476) 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.

Mobile telephones, smart watches and earpieces MUST not be taken into the ring, riders using these devices in the ring will be disqualified.

48. 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.
49. No Rider may compete in B.S.P.S. classes with any type of broken limb.

BODY PROTECTORS

50. Body Protectors **MUST** be worn when jumping in any WHP and WH classes Including practice rings at B.S.P.S. affiliated shows. (Including Tiny Tots, Cradle and Nursery Stakes, WSP, LRWSP and Training Stakes). Riders must wear a body protector when working in (practice jumps) and the jumping phase in all B.S.P.S. organised and affiliated events. A British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled “Level 3 body protector” 2018 (Blue) shown on the label. BETA recommends body protectors are replaced at least every three to five years, after which the impact absorption properties of the foam may have started to decline.

Air Jackets may be worn. If a member chooses to wear an air jacket they are allowed in addition to a normal body protector, which meets BETA 2018 level 3 standard. Air jackets must not be worn under any jacket or body protector and numbers must be fitted with elasticated fastenings.

When an air jacket inflates the sudden noise can startle horses, thereby, causing difficulties for other members if used in confined areas, eg, indoor schools and ménage's. Therefore, air jackets are not encouraged to be used in those areas except for medical reasons.

SPURS

51. The wearing of spurs or dummy spurs in ALL classes held under B.S.P.S. Rules is forbidden.

WHIPS

52. In ALL classes held under B.S.P.S. Rules whips are not to exceed 75cms (30ins). Hunting Crops are permissible. This includes whips/sticks used by leaders in lead rein classes. Padded whips are recommended for WHP classes. A whip, if carried, must be held in the hand by the handle with the handle at the top.
- At all times the whip must be used; For a good reason, as an aid to encourage the horse/pony forward. At an appropriate time, namely when the horse/pony is reluctant to go forward with the normal aids of seat and legs. In the right place, namely down the shoulder or behind the leg. Never over arm. With appropriate severity. No more than twice for any incident. Riders must not hit a horse/pony before the start of a jumping course.
- Excessive use of a whip anywhere on a showground will result in disqualification of the horse and rider from any classes entered on that day.
- This includes, but not limited to;
- Use of the whip to vent a competitor's anger is always excessive.
 - Use of the whip which causes injury, e.g. broken skin or weal is always excessive.
 - Use after elimination or retirement is always excessive.
 - Use on the horse/pony's head and neck is always excessive.
 - Using a whip from the ground after a fall or dismount is always excessive.
 - If the rider's arm comes above the shoulder when using the whip this is always excessive.

TACK

- 53. 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. When the pony is at rest or being worked in with or without a rider reins must not be fixed behind the cantle of the saddle.
- 54. 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.
- 55. Balance and Daisy Reins are not allowed.
- 55a). Stirrups which connect the boot and the stirrup magnetically are not allowed – Interlocking boot soles and stirrup treads are not allowed
- 55b). Competitors competing in B.S.P.S. classes must only use tack permissible in B.S.P.S. classes on the showground whilst mounted.

BRIDLES

- 56. 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.
- 57. Bit-less bridles, running gags and fixed/solid metal curb chains and any form of blinker or amended bridles are not permitted. Nose nets are not permitted.
- 58. 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 57.
- 59. Martingales and any nosebands are permitted in WHP, WSP, LR & FR WSP and LIHS Performance classes, but Judges must pay particular attention to their effectiveness.

SHOEING and LEG PROTECTION

- 60. 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

- 61 In all classes, except Heritage Mountain & Moorland including Part Bred Heritage type classes, animals' manes must be plaited except animals with hogged manes. Tiny Tots and mixed classes as stipulated in relevant schedule.
- 61 a) Ponies competing in Heritage Mountain & Moorland classes must not be shown with any false hair.
- 61 b) Weighted tails are not permitted in plaited or Heritage Mountain & Moorland classes and will result in disqualification.
62. **STALLIONS** – Stallion Badges should be worn on ponies' bridles (not on the rider).

62. a) **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 from 1st January 2024: the first 2 vaccinations 21 – 60 days apart, a third booster between 150-180 days, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No pony / 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

- 62 b) 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

- 62.c) B.S.P.S. "Binks Family" Champion of Champions Rosettes will be awarded to first prize winners in the Open Show Pony, Open WHP/WH, Open plaited Cradle and Nursery Stakes, Open S.H.P. Intermediate SRT/SH, Open Lead Rein, First Ridden, Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and 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. All finalists competing at B.S.P.S. HERITAGE M&M Ridden Supreme Championship., B.S.P.S. Championships, and B.S.P.S. Winter Championships will receive finalist rosettes.

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 and welfare of horses and ponies. 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 authorised 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 Fédération 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 and any other pony present at a Show (whether or not competing at the Show) will be liable to Dope Testing (as defined below) in accordance with the Dope Testing procedure laid down by this Rule 63. A refusal or failure, after request, to submit a pony for Dope Testing, or obstruction of an Authorised Person (as defined below) in carrying out Dope Testing, by an Owner and/or Producer or other person having control of the pony shall constitute a breach of this Rule 63.
- 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 63 by the Owner and/or Producer and/or any other person within Rule 63(1)(f).
- c) "Authorised Person" means a person authorised to carry out Dope Testing pursuant to Rule 63 (2)(a).
- d) "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.
- e) "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 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. Please follow this link for further details: (<https://inside.fei.org/cleansport>)
- f) Any person who administers or attempts to administer, or allows or causes to be administered, or connives at or promotes or encourages the administration, to a pony of a Prohibited Substance or has in their possession or control a Prohibited Substance at a Show, shall be guilty of a breach of this Rule 63.
- g)(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 (as defined below) 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)(g)(i) whether or not to institute disciplinary proceedings for a breach or breaches of this Rule 63 against the Owner and/or Producer and/or any other person within Rule 63(1)(f).

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

- 63.(2) a) Dope Testing may be carried out by personnel authorized by the following Societies: the B.S.P.S., the British Show Horse Association, the National Pony Society, the Coloured Horse & Pony Society (UK) or Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain 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 Horseracing 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 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 organiser 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 14 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.
- 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 within 14 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.
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, this must be received within 14 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 28 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 H.O.Y.S. qualifying shows, optional in Blue Riband classes and the Winter & Summer Championships for Open Lead Rein, First Ridden, Show Ponies and Intermediate Show Riding Type classes. **Marks will not be used at the qualifiers or the Final for the R.I.H.S.**

Manners & Way of Going	50
Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action	<u>50</u>
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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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Show Pony & part-bred classes will immediately be denoviced. (Animals may still enter the Novice Show Pony classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

83. A Show Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open Show Pony classes & part-bred 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 (Animals may still enter the Novice Show Pony classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)
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 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S in the Open Intermediate Show Riding and part-bred classes will immediately be denoviced (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate SRT classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Animals SIX Years Old and Over

88. An Intermediate Show Riding Type animal SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Intermediate Show Riding Type and part-bred 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 (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate SRT classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

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 SRT, Show Pony, Show Hunter, Working Hunter, Intermediate S.H. and W.H., Pairs, Side Saddle, Heritage classes, B.S.P.S. Challenge Young Intermediate 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 18th 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 160cms. 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 160cms. 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 160cms. 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.

Challenge Open Show Ponies and Intermediate SRT

97. Animals eligible for Challenge Show Pony classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**
98. Animals eligible for Challenge Intermediate SRT classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

Challenge Open Show Pony Classes

99. The B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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. CHALLENGE 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. CHALLENGE 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 18th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Challenge Open Show Pony Championship

100. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in 128cms. 138cms. and 148cms. Challenge Open Show Pony classes only.

or Mixed Height Class

101. The B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT CHALLENGE 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.

CHALLENGE INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE CLASSES

102. THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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. CHALLENGE INTERMEDIATE SHOW RIDING TYPE,
Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, exceeding 153cms, but not exceeding 160cms.
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 CHALLENGE INTERMEDIATE SRT, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 160cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Challenge Intermediate Championship

104. Open to animals that have been placed first or second in the Challenge Intermediate Show Riding and Challenge 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 18th 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 160cms. 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 160cms.
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.

PLAITED LEADING REIN PONIES

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

- 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. (See Rule 3)
- 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. The lead rein must go under the rein.
- 116. Riders in Lead Rein classes will not be asked to dismount, the ponies will not be stripped.
- 117. Cantering is not allowed.

NOVICE PLAITED LEADING REIN PONIES

FOUR and FIVE year old Ponies

- 118. Regardless of the number of Novice or Open Plaited 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open Plaited Lead Rein classes will immediately be denoviced. (Animals may still enter the Novice Plaited Lead Rein classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

- 119. A Lead Rein Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th 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 and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)
- 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 Plaited 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., 123cms.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, Burghley LR WSP and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Plaited Leading Rein Class

122. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE PLAITED 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.

CHALLENGE OPEN LEADING REIN PONIES

123. Animals eligible for Challenge Lead Rein classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

Challenge Open Leading Rein Class.

124. THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE PLAITED 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.

Plaited Open Leading Rein Class

125. B.S.P.S. PLAITED 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 Plaited Lead Rein and Open Plaited First Ridden classes only.

Tiny Tots Plaited 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 Plaited Lead Rein, Tiny Tots Plaited First Ridden or Tiny Tots S.H.P. classes only

SECTION G.

PLAITED FIRST RIDDEN PONIES

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

NOVICE PLAITED 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 8th 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 and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

131. A First Ridden Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th 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 and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)
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 Plaited 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, 123cms 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 Plaited First Ridden Class

134. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE PLAITED FIRST RIDDEN PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th. birthday before 1st January in the current year.

CHALLENGE OPEN PLAITED FIRST RIDDEN

135. Animals eligible for the Challenge First Ridden Classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

Challenge Open Plaited First Ridden Class.

136. THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE PLAITED FIRST RIDDEN PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th. birthday before 1st. January in the current year.

Open Plaited First Ridden Class

137. THE B.S.P.S. PLAITED FIRST RIDDEN PONY, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

TINY TOTS PLAITED FIRST RIDDEN

138. THE B.S.P.S. TINY TOTS PLAITED FIRST RIDDEN. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. 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.

WORKING HUNTER PONY and INTERMEDIATE WORKING HUNTER

143. **GALLOPING** 133cms and 143cm. W.H.Ps 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.
144. Animals may compete in the 153cms and Intermediate WH classes at the same show on the same day. There must be a significant change of course between the 153cm and the Intermediate WH course.
145. 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., L.I.H.S or R.I.H.S. who may ride up to two ponies of the same height in each WHP height section, this includes Mixed Height plaited and Heritage WHP, cradle, nursery, worker stakes and tiny tots stakes both ponies can go forward for Phase II judging. Riders must declare if they are competing in the 153cms or Intermediate WH section. There may be no change of rider from Phase one to Phase two. In mixed height WHP/WH classes 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 Rule 454.

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

146. **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

147. 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.

148. **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

149. If the total after Phase I is minus it must be carried forward to Phase II 1/2 or Plus Marks are not permitted.
150. 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.
151. In W.H.P/W.H. Championships the class markings should be used as a guide.

152. 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.
153. **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 60)
154. No change of saddlery is allowed between Phases in a class.
155. N.B. Whips are not considered tack.
156. Body Protectors **MUST** be worn when jumping in any BSPS WHP and WH classes, including practice ring, at B.S.P.S. affiliated shows. (Including Tiny Tots, Cradle and Nursery Stakes, WSP, LRWSP, Worker Stakes and Training Stakes). Riders must wear a body protector when working in (practice jumps) and the jumping phase in all B.S.P.S. organised and affiliated events. A British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled "Level 3 body protector" with the year 2018 (Blue and Black) shown on the label. BETA recommends body protectors are replaced at least every three to five years, after which the impact absorption properties of the foam may have started to decline. (See rule 50 regarding the use of air jackets)

Novice Working Hunter Ponies and Novice Intermediate WH

FOUR and FIVE Year Old Animals

157. 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open WHP classes will immediately be denoviced. (Animals may still enter the Novice WHP class at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championship Show providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)
158. 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S. in the Open WH class will immediately be denoviced. (Animals may still enter the Novice WH class at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championship Show providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Animals SIX Years Old and Over

159. A W.H.P. SIX years old or over that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th 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. (Animals may still enter the Novice WHP class at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championship Show providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

160. A Intermediate W.H. SIX years old or over that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th in the Open Intermediate W.H. 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. (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate W.H. class at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championship Show providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Novice W.H.P. Exemption

161. 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, Worker Stakes and B.S.P.S. Horse classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Intermediate Working Hunter Exemptions

162. 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 SH and SRT, B.S.P.S. Challenge, Heritage, B.S.P.S. Horse Classes and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.
163. 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.

164. 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 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 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 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 their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

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

165. 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.

166. 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.

CHALLENGE OPEN WHP and INTERMEDIATE W.H.

167. Animals eligible for Challenge Working Hunter Pony classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**
- 167a Animals eligible for Challenge Intermediate W.H. classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

Challenge Open WHP/Intermediate WH Classes

168. THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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 their 14th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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 their 17th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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 their 20th birthday before 1st. January in the current year.
- THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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 their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

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

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

OR Mixed Height Class

170. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT CHALLENGE 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.

171. Open 133cms. W.H.Ps may not compete in Novice Nursery Stakes classes.

Open WHP and Intermediate W.H. Classes

172. 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

173. 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.

174. 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)

For worker stakes rulings please see pages 66 and 70.

175. **THE B.S.P.S. TRAINING STAKES**

Animals 4yrs old or over. Riders any age MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCES 50cms

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.

176. **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 I.
CRADLE STAKES PONIES

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

Tiny Tots Stakes Class

178. THE B.S.P.S. TINY TOTS STAKES. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider 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.

179. THE B.S.P.S. CRADLE STAKES. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. 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.

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

SECTION J.

NURSERY STAKES

181. Nursery Stakes Ponies may be galloped individually or four at a time.
182. Ponies and Riders in the Nursery Stakes may compete in the Open, Challenge Open and Novice W.H.P. classes, at the same show, if eligible.

NOVICE NURSERY STAKES PONIES

FOUR And FIVE Year Old Animals

183. 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 8th in the Open Nursery Stakes class at the R.I.H.S. or L.I.H.S or the will immediately be denoviced. (Animals may still enter the Novice Nursery Stakes class at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championship Show providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Animals Six Years Old and Over

184. A Novice Nursery Stakes pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th at the R.I.H.S or L.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 (Animals may still enter the Novice Nursery Stakes class at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championship Show providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Novice Nursery Stakes Exemption

185. 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.

186. 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 their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

CHALLENGE OPEN NURSERY STAKES

187. Animals eligible for Challenge Nursery Stakes classes must **NOT** have qualified for RIHS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

Challenge Open Nursery Stakes Class

188. THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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.

Open Nursery Stakes Class

189. 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

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

SECTION K

INTER-COUNTRY W.H.P. TEAM COMPETITIONS

190. 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.
191. Inter Country W.H.P. Team Competitions are open to teams from England, Scotland, Wales and overseas visitors.
192. 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 L.

WORKING HUNTER PONY COURSES

Heights for Fences, Spreads and Water

193. At the B.S.P.S. Championships Shows, and the R.I.H.S. Course Builders are permitted an extra 5cms increase to the maximum heights of fences, for the OPEN classes and an extra 10cms – 15cms for the Desert Orchid Blue Riband Classes. **For the RIHS and HOYS qualifying classes Course Builders must be selected from BSPS, British Showjumping, British Eventing or NPS Course Builders Panels.**

194. Riders must have competed in at least 2 WHP qualifying rounds for the Royal International Horse Show before competing in the Final at the Royal International Horse Show.

195. OPEN W.H.P.	HEIGHTS	SPREADS
Tiny Tots Stakes	max 40cms	40cms.
Cradle Stakes	min 45cms	45cms.
<u>First fence not to exceed 45cms</u>	max 60cms	60cms.
Nursery Stakes	min 60cms.	60cms.
	max 75cms.	75cms.
Nursery Stakes	min 70cms.	70cms
RIHS Qualifying rounds & Final	max 80cms.	80cms
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133 cms. WHP	min 80cms.	80cms.
	max 90cms.	90cms.
143cms. WHP	min 90cms.	90cms.
	max 1m.00cms.	1m 00cms.
153cms.WHP	min 95cms	95cms.
	max 1m.05cms.	1m 05cms.
Intermediate W.H.	min 1m.05cms	1m 05cms.
	max 1m.10cms.	1m 10cms.

For HOYS qualifying classes please check with HOYS Rule Book.

Mixed plaited and Heritage

196. Challenge W.H.P.	HEIGHTS	SPREADS
Challenge Nursery Stakes	min 55cms.	55cms.
	max 70cms.	70cms.
133cms Challenge	min 70cms.	70cms.
	max 85cms.	85cms.
143cms. Challenge	min 80cms	80cms.
	max 95cms	95cms.
153cms. Challenge	min 85cms	85cms.
	max 1m	1m.
Intermediate Challenge	min 95cms	95cms.
	max 1m.5cms.	1m 5cms.

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

198. <u>TRAINING STAKES</u>	<u>HEIGHTS</u>
	50cms
	60cms
	70cms
	80cms

199. 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.

200. **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.

201. **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.

202. 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 Open Heritage Nursery Stakes classes at the B.S.P.S. Championships Shows.

203. 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.

204. 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 148.

205. Riders are allowed to walk the course dismounted before their class. Judges must walk the course with the course builder before the riders are allowed to walk the course dismounted before their class.
206. Ponies are not allowed to practice over any part of the course before the commencement of any of the classes.
207. No person, other than the Judge or the Course Builder appointed by the Show is permitted to alter the course. At Championship Shows, including RIHS, major changes to the course may require the agreement of the Show Director.
208. If a combination or double fence is numbered as one fence, penalties incurred at each part are cumulative.
209. Any pony taking the wrong course or jumping another fence after completing the course will be eliminated.
210. 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.
211. No penalty is incurred unless the max. height of the fence is lowered in the same vertical plane.
212. 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 Judge's discretion.
213. The Jumping Phase will be completed first, and any pony eliminated will not be required again.
214. 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.
215. Bounce fences are NOT permitted.
216. If a fixed fence is used within the course, it must have a top knock down pole.
217. | Safety plates must be used on back poles.
218. 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.
219. The minimum number of fences the courses must consist of are:-
Tiny Tots Stakes - 5 fences. No Double
Cradle Stakes- 7 fences including a double.
Nursery and all other WHP/WH courses - 8 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.

220. 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.
221. Course Builders have the option to reduce the number of fences if they consider it necessary for safety reasons.
222. 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, Challenge Open and Novice W.H.P. classes.
- 222a. Animals may compete in the 153cms and Intermediate WH classes at the same show on the same day. There must be a significant change of course between the 153cm and the Intermediate WH course.
223. 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 148.
Dykes, ditches with no knockdown pole will be marked for style and refusals.
224. 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.
225. **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 M.

SHOW HUNTER PONIES and INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER

226. **GALLOPING** 123cms, 133cms, and 143cms SHPs may be galloped individually or four at a time. 153cms ponies and Intermediate Show Hunters may be galloped altogether. In a SHP Championship the 123cms SHP may be galloped individually or with the 133cms SHP. The 143cms and 153cms animals may be galloped altogether.
227. **MARKING** - To be used at the H.O.Y.S qualifying Shows, and optional for Blue Riband qualifying Shows and the Open SHP/SH classes at the Winter and Summer Championships. **Marks will not be used at the R.I.H.S. qualifiers or the Final.**
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| Manners & Way of Going | 50 |
| Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action | 50 |
| | 100 |
228. 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

229. 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Show Hunter Pony and part-bred classes, will immediately be denoviced (Animals may still enter the Novice Show Hunter Pony classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)
230. 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Intermediate Show Hunter and part-bred classes, will immediately be denoviced (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate SH classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Animals SIX Years Old and Over

231. A Show Hunter Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Open Show Hunter pony and part-bred 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 (Animals may still enter the Novice Show Hunter Pony Classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

232. A Intermediate Show Hunter animal SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge Open (except Pretty Polly) Intermediate SH and part-bred classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S., where the first prize is £5.00 or over, or has been placed 1st to 8th 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 (Animals may still enter the Novice Intermediate SH classes at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Novice Show Hunter Pony Exemption

233. 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 B.S.P.S. Horse Classes, and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S.

Novice Intermediate Show Hunter Exemptions

234. 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.
235. 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.
236. 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

237. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. 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 123cms. and 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. 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 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 their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Novice Show Hunter Pony Championship

238. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the 123cms, 133cms, 143cms, and 153cms Novice SHP classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

239. 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.

240. 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.
241. 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.

Novice Intermediate Championship

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

CHALLENGE OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONIES and INTERMEDIATE SHOW HUNTER.

243. Animals eligible for Challenge Show Hunter Pony Classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**
244. Animals eligible for Challenge Intermediate SH Classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

Challenge Open Show Hunter Pony Classes.

245. THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. 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. CHALLENGE PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 123cms.and 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. CHALLENGE 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 their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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 their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Challenge Open Show Hunter Pony Championship

246. Open to ponies that have been placed first or second in the 123cms, 133cms, 143cms, and 153cms Challenge Open SHP classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

247. THE B.S.P.S. MIXED HEIGHT CHALLENGE 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.

Challenge Open Intermediate Show Hunter Class

248. THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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 their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Challenge Intermediate Championship

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

OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONIES and OPEN INTERMEDIATE SH

Open Show Hunter Pony Classes.

250. THE B.S.P.S. OPEN PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. 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. OPEN PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 123cms. and 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. 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 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 their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Show Hunter Pony Championship

251. Open to ponies, 4 years old and over, that have been placed first or second in the 123cms, 133cms, 143cms, and 153cms. **Open** Show Hunter Pony classes only.

OR Mixed Height Class.

252. 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

253. 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 their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Intermediate Championship

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

SECTION N.

LEAD REIN PONY OF HUNTER TYPE

255. 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.
256. 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.
257. Riders will not be asked to dismount.

NOVICE LEADING REIN OF HUNTER TYPE PONIES

Four and Five Year Old Ponies

258. 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 8th 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 and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

259. A Lead Rein of Hunter Type Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th 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 and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year)

Novice Leading Rein of Hunter Type Exemption

260. 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., 123cms 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

261. 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

262. 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.

CHALLENGE LEAD REIN OF HUNTER TYPE

263. Animals eligible for Challenge Lead Rein of Hunter Type classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

CHALLENGE LEADING REIN OF HUNTER TYPE CLASS

264. THE B.S.P.S. CHALLENGE 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

265. 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

266. 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 O.
FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE SECTION

267. 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

268. 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

269. A First Pony of Show Hunter Type SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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

270. 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., 123cms 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

271. The B.S.P.S. TINY TOTS SHOW HUNTER PONY, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 123cms. 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

272. THE B.S.P.S. NOVICE FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 123cms. 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

273. 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

274. THE B.S.P.S. OPEN FIRST PONY OF SHOW HUNTER TYPE, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over, not exceeding 123cms. Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 10th. birthday before the 1st. January in the current year.

MINI OPEN HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

275. 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 P. **PRETTY POLLY**

AMATEUR HOME-PRODUCED PRETTY POLLY CLASSES AND RULES

TO COMPETE IN PRETTY POLLY CLASSES MEMBERS MUST HAVE BOTH AMATEUR AND HOME-PRODUCED STATUS. It is expected that Exhibitors will compete in the true spirit and fair play of these Rules. The Directors/Board/Council reserve the right, in their absolute discretion, to reclassify an Exhibitor's Amateur/Home Produced status/entry should they deem it necessary. E.g if you ride/compete equines on a regular basis, which you do not stable at home, your Amateur/home-produced status will be reviewed.

276. **Home Produced Status.** Open to Horses/Ponies which are either stabled at home or in a D. I. Y. yard and have not been shown by a Professional Producer since **1st January 2025** or stabled in a Professional yard at any time in the current year. Except where the horse/pony has been purchased from professional producer or been produced by a professional producer and sold and to a home-produced owner/rider, with transfer of ownership and registration with the B.S.P.S, to be stabled at home or a D.I.Y yard may compete in Home Produced classes the following season.

Where the owner is moving their horse/pony to be home produced from the beginning of the current season (1st January) on a permanent basis due to financial or other circumstances where this is a permanent arrangement with approval from the BSPS office they may compete in home produced classes.

Failure to abide by this rule and return the pony to professional production or to be ridden by a professional at any time during the season will result in the owner/rider losing their home-produced status for a minimum period of three years.

277. **Amateur Status** – a person is an Amateur for the purpose of classes run under Association Rules if he/she does not, during the current or previous season:

Ownership: All owners should be registered in the passport as per the latest DEFRA regulations.

278. **Professional Show Producer/Trainer/Rider:** A person who undertakes the preparation/training/keeping at livery, production of show equines/riders or competes as a show Rider or jobbing Rider.

279. **Professional Show Groom:** A person who is employed full, part-time or is self-employed and receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for the preparation/training/keeping or production of equines in showing.
No commercial branding can be visible in the ring, during an Amateur class (including Amateur Home Produced); this applies to equines, riders and any attendees; this also includes outside the ring, or online i.e., on social media. Care must be taken to not market sponsorship in any way shape or form which could be then attributed towards an Amateur; any such actions will result in the loss of Amateur status.

280. **Professional Showing Status:** anyone who has operated as a Professional Showing Producer, Show Rider or Show Groom will, for the purposes of these Rules, always be deemed a professional; including when acting as a Groom. (If you are in any doubt as to your status, please contact the office and discuss).

281. **Amateur Status** – a person is an Amateur for the purpose of classes run under Association Rules if he/she does not, during the current or previous season:

(i) Engage in showing livery/production, buying, selling, dealing or hiring of horses in any commercial capacity, or owning/standing a stallion at stud, teaching or coaching, as means of deriving a source of income.

(ii) Receive remuneration, whether it be monetary or goods in kind, for employment in the connection with horses in showing livery/production, teaching or coaching, (instruction at Pony Club and Riding Club excepted). This Rule does not include the suppliers of ancillary services in equestrianism, such as farriers, vets, therapists or administrative office roles.

(iii) Show a horse/pony owned or sponsored by a company or a commercial firm, or show a horse/pony for which his/her immediate family accepts showing livery production or training charges, from a person outside the immediate family concerned, in any showing classes, BSPS or otherwise.

(iv) Act as a Brand Ambassador, in any showing classes, BSPS or otherwise.

(v) A competitor is not eligible to compete in Amateur/home-produced classes on an Exhibit, which has been ridden by a Professional Rider in ANY class, BSPS or otherwise during the current year and the following year, up to and including the Royal International Horse Show.

(The above Rule does not apply, if the horse/pony has been Professionally Produced and ONLY ridden by a Professional, during the previous season, or if the horse/pony has subsequently been sold and re-registered under new Ownership).

(vi) If you ride/compete equines on a regular basis, which you do not stable at home, your Amateur/home-produced status will be reviewed by the Board/Council, i.e., if you ride/compete multiple equines or ride regularly for one or more owners, you could be deemed professional.

At any time whilst on the showground, where an Exhibit is going to be competing in Amateur/home-produced classes, Professionals, including Professional Grooms, are not allowed to ride, work-in (in any form), teach or coach the rider/horse, compete, or enter the Ring to groom/strip the Horse.

282. **Amateur Home Produced:** Open to horses/ponies, which are either stabled at home or in a D. I. Y. yard, assisted livery permitted, and which since 1st January in the current year, have not been shown/ridden by a Professional during the current season or stabled in a Professional yard at any time in the current year. To be ridden by an Amateur. This does not exclude Amateur Owner Home Produced riders having lessons at any time with an instructor, providing the horse/pony remains stabled at home. No Professional, including Professional Grooms, are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the horse/pony.

PRETTY POLLY RIHS QUALIFYING CLASSES

Ponies do not need a JMB measurement to compete in RIHS Pretty Polly classes and the Young Dragonara Riders Championship.

283. 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.
284. 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.
285. 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 in the 128cms class must not have attained their 13th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Riders on ponies exceeding 128cms must not have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
286. 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 not have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 153cms. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
287. 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 may be divided for the go round into Small and Large Breeds if sufficient entries the two sections will then be lined up together to do the individual show and conformation, following completion of these phases the judge or judges will determine the final result.

YOUNG DRAGONARA RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP RIHS

288. THE BSPS YOUNG DRAGONARA RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP (RIHS)
Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 153cm of show pony or show hunter pony type. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Riders not to have ridden in any class at HOYS (except lead rein and Search for a Star), or LIHS Heritage Supreme Ridden Championship and not to have been placed 1st-8th in any ridden show class at RIHS (except lead rein and Pretty Polly classes) in 2023 and 2024. Riders must be suitably mounted and ponies must not be undersized for the rider. Ponies and riders may be professionally produced as long as they adhere to the above criteria. Ponies will walk, trot and canter all together on the go-round.

SECTION Q

BSPS LONDON INTERNATIONAL SHOWING SERIES

289. London International Horse Show Qualifying Classes

PLEASE NOTE THESE CLASSES ARE ONLY TO BE HELD AT AFFILIATED ASAO SHOWS AND MAY NOT BE HELD AT OTHER B.S.P.S. AFFILIATED SHOWS.

- Class 1** **BSPS Junior Performance Pony**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over not exceeding 128 cms. Plaited ponies. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday on the 1st January in the current year. Any suitable bridle, no cantering except in individual show.
- Class 2** **BSPS Performance Pony** Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 148cm Plaited ponies. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday on 1st January in the current year.
- Class 3** **BSPS Performance Pony** Stallion, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 158cm. Plaited ponies/horses. Riders any age.
- Class 4** **BSPS Performance Coloured Native/Cob/Traditional Horse/Pony Class.** Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Riders any age. Unplaited.
- Class 5** **BSPS Performance Coloured Non-Native Horse/Pony Class.** Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Riders any age. Plaited.

Marks:

Performance	70 Marks
Manners and way of going	10 Marks
Presentation, suitability and condition	10 Marks
Type and freedom of action	10 Marks
TOTAL	100 Marks

Method of judging for Classes 1-5

Exhibitors enter the ring as a whole class on the right rein. (Classes may be split on the go round dependent on numbers at the judge's discretion). Exhibitors will walk, trot and canter, including change of rein and canter on the left rein before coming back to walk. No galloping on the go round. In the 128cm Performance Pony Class, NO CANTERING on the go round. NO PULL IN. In the event of a tie performance marks take precedence.

Exhibitors will perform an individual display, this must include a walk, trot and canter on both reins, a free walk on a long rein, canter circle, extension at canter (not a gallop) on one rein, and a halt. Canter transitions must be executed on the straight, (not at a corner)

No stripping. Any suitable bridle, including a Micklem bridle, flash or grackle, nosebands etc, and a correctly fitted running martingale can be used. Coloured or plain brow bands can be used. Bit-less bridles and Running Gags are not permitted. Classes 1-3 ponies must to plaited, running plaits are acceptable.

Shows may put on a Championship for the two highest exhibits.

290. BSPS Heritage Lead Rein Working Sports Pony

Mare or Gelding, 4yrs old and over, Mountain and Moorland registered ponies and non-registered Mountain and Moorland type ponies not exceeding 128cms. Ridden by a child to have attained their 5th birthday on the 1st January in the current year and not to attain their 10th birthday by 1st January in the current year. Any suitable snaffle bridle.

In Lead Rein WSP classes the Judges will be looking for a pony suitable for a child to begin their future in Working Sports Pony classes.

Marks:

Manners & Style whilst performing the test (including go round and jumping)	60 Marks
Type, Movement and Freedom of Action	20 Marks
Presentation, condition and suitability of pony for the rider	20 Marks
TOTAL	100 MARKS

Criteria

The Leader must be 16 years old or over and may only lead one pony in a class.

The rein MUST go directly from the bit to the rider's hand, with no extra aids 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 Lead Rein must be affixed to the noseband on which it must remain while the pony is in the ring.

Whilst in the ring ponies must always be led by the leader.

The Leader must lead on the near side with the lead rein in the left hand.

RIDERS - Hats in accordance with BSPS Rules, Tweed Jackets, Beige or cream jodhpurs, Shirt, tie, boots and gloves.

Body protectors are compulsory in this class.

No Buttonholes

LEADERS Country attire, Gentlemen Trilby Hats or Caps, Ladies modest hats.

Method of Judging

Ponies will enter the ring at the walk, they may be trotted altogether at the Judges' discretion. They will be pulled into line and asked to perform an individual test around obstacles including jumping a maximum of three small upright fences not exceeding 30cms. No spread fences. Water will not be included. Ponies will not be asked to walk on artificial material e.g. plastic sheeting during the test. *Riders will not be asked to dismount.*

Judges will penalise refusals, knockdowns or taking the wrong course at their discretion.

A stride or two of canter over the fences will not be penalised.

There will be NO conformation marks. **Ponies must be shown unplaited and in accordance with their breed standards.**

291. Heritage First Ridden Working Sports Pony

Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, For registered Mountain and Moorland ponies and non-registered Mountain and Moorland type ponies not exceeding 128 cm. Ridden by a child to have attained their 6th birthday on the 1st January in the current year and not to have attained their 12th birthday by 1st January in the current year. Any suitable snaffle bridle. Ponies to be shown unplaited.

In First Ridden WSP classes the Judges will be looking for a pony suitable for a child to begin their future in Working Sports Pony classes. Ponies will be shown unplaited.

Marks:

Manners & Style whilst performing the test

(including go round and jumping)

60 Marks

Type, Movement and Freedom of Action

20 Marks

Presentation, condition and suitability of pony for the rider

20 Marks

TOTAL

100 MARKS

Criteria

Martingales are permitted

RIDERS - Hats in accordance with BSPS Rules, Tweed Jackets, Beige or cream jodhpurs, Shirt, tie, boots and gloves.

Body protectors are compulsory in this class.

No Buttonholes

Method of Judging -Ponies will enter the ring at the walk, and then trotted altogether at the Judges' discretion. They will be pulled into line in any order and asked to perform an individual test around obstacles including jumping a maximum of three small upright fences not exceeding 30cms. At the end of the test, they will canter down one side of the arena to finish. No spread fences. Water will not be included. Ponies will not be asked to walk on artificial material e.g. plastic sheeting during the test. *Riders will not be asked to dismount.* Judges will penalise refusals, knockdowns or taking the wrong course at their discretion. Cantering over the fences will not be penalised. There will be NO conformation marks.

292. **Open Cradle Stakes Class LIHS** Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 11th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

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

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

- 292a. **Open Nursery Stakes Class LIHS**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 133cm.
Suitable to be ridden by a rider not to have attained their 13th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

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

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

Method of Judging

This is a judged over a course of WHP fences individually with a separate conformation section and then all ponies come together for the final result.

Shows may put on a Championship for the two highest placed animals.

SECTION R

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

293. **MARKING** - To be used at the Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme Championship and qualifying shows and optional at Winter, Summer and Heritage Championships for the Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden and Ridden Classes. **Marks will not be used at the R.I.H.S. qualifiers or the Final.**
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|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Show/Freedom of Action | Maximum | 50 |
| Breed Type/Conformation | Maximum | <u>50</u> |
| | | 100 |
294. 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.
295. **GALLOPING** – Ponies in Heritage Ridden classes must not be galloped all together. Galloping is allowed only in the individual show and in Championship.
296. No child under the age of 3 years may compete.
297. Stallions **are not** permitted in Lead Rein and First Ridden classes. Stallions are permitted in Heritage Ridden and WHP classes.
298. 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.
299. 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.
300. In Heritage Lead Rein classes the leader must be 16 years old or over and may only lead one pony in a class.
301. 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.
302. All Ponies in Novice Ridden (Flat Classes) and Lead Rein classes must be shown in suitable snaffle bridles.
303. 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 57. (See also rule 58).
304. Cantering is not allowed in Heritage Lead Rein classes.
305. 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.
306. Riders in Heritage Lead Rein and Heritage Tiny Tots First Ridden will not be asked to dismount, the ponies will not be stripped.

307. Heritage First Ridden (except Heritage Tiny Tots First Ridden) ponies may be stripped. In R.I.H.S. qualifying classes Judges MUST make every effort to strip an adequate number of ponies, unless on health and safety grounds it is deemed unsafe to do so. This will be agreed at the discretion of the organiser and judge(s).
308. No Cantering is allowed in Heritage First Ridden classes, except for individual performances. Ponies should leave the ring at the walk or trot.
309. No pony shall be shown on a leading rein except those entered in Leading Rein classes.
310. In all Heritage classes, ponies are restricted to the breed standard and height limits laid down by their appropriate Breed Societies.
311. The Ponies Breed Society Registration Numbers MUST be stated when entering Heritage Classes.
312. Judges will penalise ponies that have been excessively clipped or trimmed within the breed standard.
313. All other B.S.P.S. General Rules are applicable.

HERITAGE CHALLENGE CLASSES

314. Animals eligible for Challenge Heritage M&M classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

HERITAGE NOVICE LEAD REIN

FOUR and FIVE Year Old Ponies

315. 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 8th 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 current years 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 1st January in the current year)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

316. A Heritage Lead Rein Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th 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 current years 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 1st January in the current year)

Heritage Novice Leading Rein Exemption

317. 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., 123cms 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, LIHS WSP and any other classes not affiliated to the B.S.P.S. A pony that has been denoviced as a M&M Lead Rein under EU 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

318. 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. in the Mountain and Moorland First Ridden classes will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Heritage First Ridden class at the current years 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 1st January in the current year)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

319. A Heritage First Ridden Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th at the R.I.H.S. or H.O.Y.S in the Mountain and Moorland First Ridden classes. 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 current years 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 1st January in the current year)

Heritage Novice First Ridden Exemption

320. 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, 123cms. 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, LIHS WSP 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

321. 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 8th at the R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. or Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme Championship in the Mountain and Moorland Open Ridden classes will immediately be denoviced, except any qualification held for the Novice Heritage Ridden classes at the current years 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 1st January in the current year)

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

322. A Heritage Ridden Pony SIX years old or over, that wins three Open or Challenge 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 8th in the Mountain and Moorland Open Ridden classes at the R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. or Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme Championship 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 current years 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 1st January in the current year)

Heritage Novice Ridden Exemption

323. 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 B.S.P.S. 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

324. 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 8th in the Mountain and Moorland WHP classes at the R.I.H.S. or the H.O.Y.S. will immediately be denoviced. (Animals may still enter the Novice WHP class at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year). Animals cannot compete in the Heritage Novice Cradle & Nursery stakes if they have been placed 1st to 8th at HOYS in the 122cm WHP class.

Ponies SIX Years Old and Over

325. A Heritage WHP SIX years old or over, that wins **three** Open or Challenge 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 8th 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. (Animals may still enter the Novice WHP class at the B.S.P.S. Summer and Winter Championships providing they were novices on 1st January in the current year) Animals cannot compete in the Heritage Novice Cradle & Nursery stakes if they have been placed 1st to 8th at HOYS in the 122cm WHP class.

Heritage Novice WHP Exemption

326. 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, Worker Stakes 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 CHALLENGE CLASSES

327. Animals eligible for Challenge Heritage classes must **NOT** have qualified for HOYS in the relevant class in **the current or previous year.**

MARKING FOR HERITAGE WHP

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| 328. | 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 |
329. 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.

330. **HEIGHT OF FENCES FOR HERITAGE WHP CLASSES**

At B.S.P.S. Championship Shows Course Builders are permitted an extra 5cms for open classes.

	<u>HEIGHT</u>		<u>SPREAD</u>
<u>NOVICE CLASSES</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Max</u>
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>CHALLENGE CLASSES</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Max</u>
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>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Max</u>
Heritage Cradle Stakes	47cms	55cms	47cms
Heritage Nursery Stakes	50cms.	65cms.	50cms.
(HOYS Junior) 122cms.	45cms.	60cms.	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

331. 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 202 to 218 and 221 to 225 to apply.
332. Junior 122cms (HOYS) Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony. The course of fences must contain only one double and no water tray.

CLASSES FOR SUMMER SEASON.
HERITAGE TINY TOTS CLASSES

333. **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 to have attained their 5th birthday before 1st.
January in the current year.
334. **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.
335. **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

336. **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.
337. **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.
338. **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. Qualifiers)

339. **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

340. Separate Open classes may be held.
Different Mixed classes may be held with permission from Head Office
341. **Classes with R.I.H.S. qualification must be held in accordance with Rule 339.**
342. Shows with Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme LIHS Championship semi-final and direct qualifiers must hold four classes only. Six classes will only be held at the BSPS Heritage Championship Show semi-final London International qualifiers.

Four classes – Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B - Welsh C & D - New Forest and Connemara - Fells, Dales and Highlands.

Six classes – Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland - Welsh A&B - Welsh C - Welsh D - New Forest and Connemara – Fells, Dales and Highlands.

Semi-final and direct qualifiers, the top three ponies will qualify for the final at the BSPS Heritage Championships, excluding the champion (direct qualifiers) who qualifies for London International Horse Show.

343. **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

344. **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

345. **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.

346. **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.

347. **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.

348. 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

349. 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.

Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section

NOVICE HERITAGE LEAD REIN & FIRST RIDDEN CLASSES

350. 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.

351. 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.

352. 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

353. 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.

354. **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

355. **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

356. **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.

357. **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

358. **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.

Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section

CHALLENGE HERITAGE LEAD REIN & FIRST RIDDEN CLASSES

359. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CHALLENGE 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.
360. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CHALLENGE 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.
361. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE CHALLENGE MINI CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in the Heritage CHALLENGE Lead Rein and First Ridden classes.

CHALLENGE HERITAGE RIDDEN CLASSES

362. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CHALLENGE 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 CHALLENGE 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 CHALLENGE 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 CHALLENGE 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 CHALLENGE 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 Challenge classes may be held.

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

OR

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

CHALLENGE HERITAGE WHP CLASSES

365. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CHALLENGE WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over not exceeding 122cms. Riders any age.
- THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CHALLENGE 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 CHALLENGE 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 CHALLENGE WHP.
Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 143cms. Riders any age.
366. **THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CHALLENGE WHP CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st. and 2nd. in The Heritage Challenge WHP classes.
- OR
367. THE B.S.P.S. HERITAGE MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CHALLENGE WHP.
MIXED HEIGHT. Registered Pure Bred Ponies 4yrs. old or over. Riders any age.
Ponies must jump in their correct height section.
Classes may be divided by height and fences adjusted for each height section

HERITAGE YOUNG RIDERS RIDDEN CLASSES

368. 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.
369. 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 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
370. 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.
371. 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

SECTION S

ANGLO & PART BRED ARAB SECTION

- 372. In R.I.H.S. Classes affiliated to the B.S.P.S. the B.S.P.S. rules take precedence.
- 373. Owners must be B.S.P.S. Adult Showing members.
- 374. 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.
- 375. A rider over 18 years, 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.
- 376. Animals must be registered in the Arab Horse Society, Anglo and Part Bred Arab Stud Book and registration numbers must be declared when entering.
- 377. Hats must be in accordance with the B.S.P.S. Rules.
- 378. Any suitable bridles may be worn.
- 379. | Spurs may not be worn in the Anglo and part-bred Arab classes.
- 380. 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.
- 380a. 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.
- 381. If a Judge considers an exhibit ill-mannered unsound or unsuitable, he may ask the exhibit to retire without being ridden.

MARKING

382. **Marks will not be used at the R.I.H.S. qualifiers or the Final.**

Performance/Ride	50
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Conformation, Type and Freedom of Action	<u>50</u>
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TOTAL Maximum Mark	100
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383. 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 judge's decision is final.

JUDGES

384. The judges to be selected from the B.S.P.S "SH" Panel with a star. (Please also see Rule 458 & 459).

385. All other B.S.P.S. General and Championships Show Rules are applicable.

CLASSES

386. 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.

387. 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.

388. THE B.S.P.S. RIDDEN ANGLO AND PART BRED ARAB CHAMPIONSHIP
Open to 1st and 2nd prize winners in the Anglo and Part Bred Arab classes.

SECTION T

WINTER SHOWS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Ages of Riders see under relevant sections)

389. Shows held on or before 31st December 2024, all rules as per the 2024 Rule Book.
Shows held on or after 1st January 2025, all rules as per the 2025 B.S.P.S. Rule Book.
390. Winter shows that affiliate to the BSPS must include the BSPS Winter Worker Stakes and the Young Show Pony, Young Show Hunter Pony, Young Intermediate and Young Heritage Pony Winter qualifying classes. They should also hold mixed height novice classes for show ponies, show hunter ponies and heritage ponies, although these will not be qualifying classes.
391. BSPS Area shows that do not hold a winter show must include the above classes at the RIHS qualifying shows that are held before 27th April 2025. Qualifications after the closing date of the BSPS Winter Championships will be accepted.
392. 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.

B.S.P.S. WINTER WORKER STAKES

393. **60cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland Ponies 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 12yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class who will also qualify for the B.S.P.S. Winter Championships.**
394. **70cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland ponies, 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 14yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class who will also qualify for the B.S.P.S. Winter Championships.**
395. **80cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland ponies, 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 18yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class who will also qualify for the B.S.P.S. Winter Championships.**
396. **90cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland ponies, 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 18yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class who will also qualify for the B.S.P.S. Winter Championships.**
397. **100cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland ponies, 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 25yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class who will also qualify for the B.S.P.S. Winter Championships.**

N.B. Ponies may compete in more than one height section. Rider should be appropriate age 1st January in the current year.

398. The Highest placed 3 ponies will qualify for the B.S.P.S. Winter Championships together with the highest placed junior rider.

399. **FENCES**

There must be a minimum of 8 fences up to a maximum of 12 fences. Two judges may be used for these classes if numbers warrant.

Marks will be awarded:-

Jumping	70 marks
Style whilst Jumping	30 marks
Conformation and way of going	20 marks
Total	120 marks

400. **Method of Judging – One Judge – If using one judge, the exhibitor will enter the ring and present themselves to the judge.** The judge will judge the pony for conformation, the exhibitor will then be asked to walk away and trot back before commencing their jumping round. (Front boots can be worn) (Conformation phase)

At the end of the jumping round the exhibitor will extend (gallop) canter, trot, walk and halt. (way of going phase). The judge will then allocate the style while jumping mark (out of 30) and the conformation and way of going out of 20, (10/10 split)

401. **Two judges** – judge one will judge the jumping round allocating up to 30 marks for style while jumping. The exhibitor will then go to phase 2 with judge two. Front boots to be removed. Exhibitors will complete a short show as directed by the judge. Ponies will not be stripped. The judge will allocate 20 marks for conformation and way of going. (10/10 split)

YOUNG PONY WINTER QUALIFIERS

402. | **THE BSPTS YOUNG SHOW PONY OF THE YEAR**

Mare or Gelding Show Pony 4, 5 or 6 yrs. old not exceeding 148cms. Riders any age, but must be suitably mounted for the animal they ride.

403. | **THE BSPTS YOUNG SHOW HUNTER PONY OF THE YEAR**

Mare or Gelding Show Hunter Pony 4, 5 or 6 yrs. old not exceeding 153cms. Riders any age, but must be suitably mounted for the animal they ride.

404. | **THE BSPTS YOUNG INTERMEDIATE OF THE YEAR**

Mare or Gelding Intermediate 4, 5 or 6 yrs. old not exceeding 160cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the animal they ride.

405. | **THE BSPTS YOUNG HERITAGE PONY OF THE YEAR**

Registered Heritage Stallion, Mare or Gelding. 4, 5 or 6 yrs. old. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the animal they ride.

406. | In the Young Pony classes ponies can be shown in any suitable bridle.

407. | The highest placed 4, 5 and 6 year old pony in each class will qualify for the final the BSPTS Winter Championship Show.

408. | The Winter Worker Stakes and the Young Pony classes are qualifiers for the Winter Championship Show, no other BSPTS classes require qualification.

SECTION U
QUALIFICATIONS.

B.S.P.S. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS

409. B.S.P.S. “SIMPLY THE BEST” OPEN CLASSES. 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:
410. 1st. and 2nd. prize winners 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 123cms, 133cms, 143cms and 153cms S.H.P.
411. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners in the following classes:-
Open Cradle Stakes.
Open Intermediate Classes, including Mixed height Intermediate
412. **MIXED HEIGHT OPEN CLASSES**
The 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 4th. placed ponies will qualify.
413. **B.S.P.S. SHOWMAN’S AWARD**
BSPS Showman’s Award for riders 25 years and under, excluding lead rein and first ridden. To be held at BSPS Area affiliated shows with a final at the BSPS Summer Championships. For further details contact your area chairman.
414. **B.S.P.S. BLUE RIBAND PONY OF THE YEAR**
B.S.P.S. Affiliated Shows that are qualifiers for
“The BSPS 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 123cms., 133cms., 143cms., and 153cms. Show Hunter Pony classes.
Open 133cms., 143cms., and 153cms. WHP,
Intermediate WH, Intermediate SRT. and SH Classes
415. **THE B.S.P.S. THOR ATKINSON STEEL FABRICATIONS LTD CHALLENGE**
All B.S.P.S. qualifying shows are qualifiers for the B.S.P.S. 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, Open Cradle and Nursery Stakes, WHP, Intermediate SRT, SH and WH and Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP classes.
416. Ponies must not have qualified for the 2025 Horse of the Year Show. If a pony qualifies for the Horse of the Year Show it will forfeit its qualification for the B.S.P.S. Challenge.

417. **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.

418. **THE B.S.P.S. “BINKS FAMILY” 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 Binks Family Mini WHP Champion of Champions

419. **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 and B.S.P.S. Winter Championships – The highest placed pony 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 123cms. 133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Show Hunter Pony.

Open Intermediate Show Riding not exceeding 153cms.

Open Intermediate Show Riding not exceeding 160cms.

Open Intermediate Show Hunter & Working Hunter.

Heritage M&M Pretty Polly Lead Rein and First Ridden

Pretty Polly Mixed Height Show Pony Class.

Pretty Polly Mixed Height Show Hunter Pony Class.

Young Dragonara Riders Challenge

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.

420. **N.B. ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW QUALIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION FROM B.S.P.S. HEAD OFFICE**

421. **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 & Intermediate Working Hunter Pony classes.

Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type.

Open 123cms.133cms. 143cms. and 153cms. Show Hunter Pony classes.

Open Intermediate Show Horse

Part Bred

Mountain & Moorland Classes – Highest placed not qualified from top three ponies

N.B. THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW QUALIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION FROM THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

B.S.P.S. SUMMER WORKER STAKES

422. **60cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland Ponies 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 12yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class.**
423. **70cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland ponies, 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 14yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class.**
424. **80cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland ponies, 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 18yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class.**
425. **90cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland ponies, 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 18yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class.**
426. **100cm Worker Stakes** Plaited or Heritage Mountain and Moorland ponies, 4yrs old and over not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. **An Award Card for the highest placed child under 25yrs of age on 1st January in the current year in each class.**
427. **N.B. Ponies may compete in more than one height section. Rider should be appropriate age on 1st January in the current year.**
428. No qualification required for the B.S.P.S. Summer Championship Show.

429. **FENCES**

There must be a minimum of 8 fences up to a maximum of 12 fences. Two judges may be used for these classes if numbers warrant.

Marks will be awarded:-

Jumping	70 marks
Style whilst Jumping	30 marks
Conformation and way of going	20 marks
Total	120 marks

430. **Method of Judging – One Judge – If using one judge, the exhibitor will enter the ring and present themselves to the judge.** The judge will judge the pony for conformation, the exhibitor will then be asked to walk away and trot back before commencing their jumping round. (Front boots can be worn) (Conformation phase)
At the end of the jumping round the exhibitor will extend (gallop) canter, trot, walk and halt. (way of going phase). The judge will then allocate the style while jumping mark (out of 30) and the conformation and way of going out of 20, (10/10 split)
431. **Two judges** – judge one will judge the jumping round allocating up to 30 marks for style while jumping. The exhibitor will then go to phase 2 with judge two. Front boots to be removed. Exhibitors will complete a short show as directed by the judge. Ponies will not be stripped. The judge will allocate 20 marks for conformation and way of going. (10/10 split)

SECTION V

JUDGING OF CLASSES

- 432. 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.
- 433. 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.
- 434. Ponies displaying continued disobedience or ponies leaving the ring whether mounted or dismounted will be disqualified.
- 435. If a competitor dismounts in the Final Line-up, their placing will not be awarded.
- 436. 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.
- 437. 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.
- 438. A class is over when the Judge has given permission for the class to leave the ring.
- 439. Any ride Judge who has a fall must not remount the same horse.
- 440. Marks MUST be recorded in ink.
- 441. A mark must be recorded immediately after each pony's show or jumping round and Conformation Phase.
- 442. Judges MUST NOT alter Marks except pursuant to Rules 443 and 444 or in other exceptional circumstances, if the marks are altered the Judge MUST initial each alteration on the Mark Sheet.
- 443. 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.
- 444. 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.
- 445. 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.
- 446. B.S.P.S. Judges must not knowingly:-
 - a) Judge and exhibit in or produce an exhibit for any BSPS classes at the same show on the same day. This rule does not apply to BSPS Winter, Summer & Heritage Championship shows or Royal International Horse Show and London International Horse Show.
 - b) Judge BSPS classes at shows on the same day where members of their immediate family are competing in BSPS classes. This rule does not apply to the BSPS Winter, Summer or Heritage Championship Shows or Royal International Horse Show and London International Horse show.
 - c) Judge and exhibit or produce an exhibit in B.S.P.S. classes in the same section at any B.S.P.S. show, including Winter, Heritage and Summer Championships shows and Royal International and London International Horse Show.

- 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 previous 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 446(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 ponies owned or produced by a person who he has purchased ponies from or sold ponies to since 1st January in the current year.
- i) Judge ponies produced by a person who is producing any ponies he (the judge) has sold since 1st January in the current year.
- j) Judge ponies 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.
- k) Judge ponies owned or produced by a person who the judge has employed since 1st January in the current year.
- l) Judge ponies owned or produced by a person who has employed the judge since 1st January in the current year.
- m) Must not knowingly judge any pony or rider that has been taught by members of their immediate family, with the exemption of group clinics held by BPS areas.

447. Competitors please see Rule 32 regarding competing under judges. Exhibitors **MUST NOT** exhibit a pony under a Judge in circumstances that would constitute a breach of Rule 447 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.

- 448. If a judge has reasonable grounds for belief that any section of Rule 446 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.
- 449. 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 Judge's discretion **BUT** they will be judged Hors Concours.
- 450. No person including exhibitors or handlers should enter the ring at any time without the judges' permission.
- 451. 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 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.
- 452. Ponies must **NOT** be escorted beyond the entrance to the ring.
- 453. 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.
- 454. 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 SECTION**

SECTION W- JUDGES

455. Judges on the Panel are appointed yearly.
456. 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.
457. B.S.P.S. BLUE RIBAND, R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. and DIRECT HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP. 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 HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP qualifying classes.
458. If a Judge has judged a Direct Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme Championship qualifier, they are not eligible to Judge a Heritage M&M Ridden Supreme Semi Final at the Heritage Championships Show.
B.S.P.S. R.I.H.S. ANGLO & PART BRED ARAB CLASSES, only Judges on the B.S.P.S. *SH panel may be invited to judge the R.I.H.S. Anglo and Part Bred Arab qualifying classes.
459. Judges may only accept to judge **ONE** qualifying Show for the H.O.Y.S. & HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP.
ONE qualifying show for the **RIHS** and **LIHS** 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
 - I) Pretty Polly Mixed Height Show Pony
 - J) Young Dragonara Riders Challenge (RIHS)
 - 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.
 - O) Performance (LIHS)
 - P) Performance coloured (LIHS)
 - Q) Heritage LR/FR WSP (LIHS)
 - R) Cradle and Nursery Stakes (LIHS)
460. Judges may judge an additional qualifier if Shows have been let down at short notice, providing the Show asks Head Office for approval. Rule 457 must be adhered to.
461. Council members have the power to appoint substitute Judges in emergency situations.
462. Judges must not accept to judge at the R.I.H.S. Final and HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP more than once per 5 years in the same Section and this must be strictly adhered to. Judges asked to judge any final at RIHS must not judge a qualifying class for RIHS or HOYS prior to the final.
463. 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.
464. Selected Judges from Overseas may be invited to judge at the B.S.P.S. Winter and Summer Championships Shows.

465. **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.

GUIDELINES AND ADVICE FOR JUDGES

466. 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.
467. 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.
468. 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.
469. 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.
470. 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.
471. In B.S.P.S. BLUE RIBAND, R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S. or HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP qualifying classes judges **MUST** make every effort to strip an adequate number of ponies, except in the Lead Rein Classes. First Ridden ponies will be stripped unless on health and safety grounds it is unsafe to do so. Conformation in this case will be assessed by a walk up and trot back mounted. This will be agreed at the discretion of the organiser and judge(s).
472. 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.
473. 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.
474. 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.
475. Galloping is an essential part of a WH.P./W.H. and S.H.P./S.H. Performance.
476. 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.
477. 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.
478. Bridles – Judges should take into consideration the severity of the bit.
479. Whiskers – Judges should not penalise ponies who have had their whiskers trimmed in plaited classes. Judges **must** penalise ponies whose whiskers have been trimmed in Mountain and Moorland classes and who are not shown in accordance with their breed standard.
480. Newly elected judges **MUST** use marks and display them at every show they judge during their first year on the panel.

SECTION X

AFFILIATED SHOWS

481. 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 W for any classes they may wish to include in the schedules.
482. B.S.P.S. Classes **MUST NOT** be called by other names.
483. 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.
484. 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."
485. 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.**
486. 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.
487. 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.
488. A CHANGE OF SHOW SECRETARY must be notified to the B.S.P.S. Office immediately this occurs.
489. Any B.S.P.S. Affiliated Show with BLUE RIBAND, L.I.H.S, R.I.H.S. (including Heritage), or HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP qualification may not have qualification for any other Society in these particular classes.
490. **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 prize winners in the Open Lead Rein, Open 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.
491. **THE B.S.P.S. THOR ATKINSON STEEL FABRICATIONS LTD CHALLENGE**
All B.S.P.S. Affiliated shows are qualifiers for the B.S.P.S. Challenge and Schedules must state:-
This show is a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. 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.

492. **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 Royal Windsor Horse Show and the B.S.P.S. Winter Championships – The highest placed pony 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 Heritage Mixed Breeds Ridden, Heritage M&M Pretty Polly Lead Rein, First Ridden, OR Open Heritage Lead Rein and First Ridden, Open Heritage Ridden, Young Dragonara Riders Championship 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.
493. **N.B. THE R.I.H.S. QUALIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION FROM B.S.P.S. HEAD OFFICE.**
494. **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. 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, Open First Ridden, Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Open Show Pony, SHP, WHP, Intermediate SRT, SH and WH and Open Heritage Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden and WHP classes.
495. **B.S.P.S. BINKS FAMILY MINI W.H.P. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS ALL**
B.S.P.S. Affiliated Summer shows which hold the relevant classes are qualifiers for The Binks Family Mini WHP Champion of Champions and Schedules must state :-
This show is a qualifier for the B.S.P.S. Binks Family Mini WHP Champion of Champions the 1st prize winners in Open Cradle and Nursery Stakes will qualify.
496. **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 H.O.Y.S.
497. 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 HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP. 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)

498. Affiliated Shows with qualification for the RIHS, HOYS, LIHS and HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP direct qualifier will be required to give a first prize of not less than £15.00, other prizes pro rata.
499. Qualification for the B.S.P.S. Championships.
Schedules for Shows with the above qualification must state:-
FOR SHOWS HELD ON OR BEFORE 10th August,2025
This Show is a qualifier for the 2025 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 SRT (including Mixed height) WH and SH, and CS 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 5, 21 and 26 and ridden by a B.S.P.S. member.
500. Qualification for the B.S.P.S. Championship Schedules must state:-
FOR SHOWS HELD ON OR AFTER 10th August 2025
"This Show is a qualifier for the 2025 B.S.P.S. Championships Show. The 1st and 2nd prize winners only etc. as above.
501. Affiliated Shows wishing to be qualifiers for the Championships must give a first prize of £5.00, or over in each qualifying class.
502. 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."
Novice and Challenge Open NS., Novice and Challenge Open LR, Novice and Challenge Open FR, Tiny Tots Classes, Novice and Open First Pony SHT, Novice and Challenge Open Lead Rein of Hunter Type, Novice and Challenge Open 123cms. SHP, Novice and Challenge Open SHP, Novice and Challenge Open Show Pony, Novice and Challenge Open WHP, Novice and Challenge Open Intermediate, Heritage Cradle Stakes, Heritage Nursery Stakes Classes, Tiny Tots, Heritage Tiny Tots, Pretty Polly classes, Heritage Novice, Open and Challenge Ridden and WHP classes, Heritage Novice, Open and Challenge Lead Rein and First Ridden classes, Part Bred classes, mixed Intermediate classes, and teams are NOT qualifiers.
503. 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.
504. 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.
505. 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.
506. Shows are expected to reimburse Judges with their expenses and should make prior arrangements regarding the rate.
507. When Telephoning Judges please make sure you speak to the Judge direct and do not just leave messages.
508. When inviting Judges please inform them if their classes are qualifiers for the BLUE RIBAND, R.I.H.S., H.O.Y.S., L.I.H.S, or HERITAGE M&M RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP.

SECTION Y

SPECIAL SHOW STEWARDS

509. 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.
510. 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 512.
511. 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.
512. Special Show Stewards shall have the power to appoint such stewards to assist them as they consider necessary.
513. 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.
514. 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 516.
515. 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.
516. 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.
517. If in the opinion of a Special Show Steward a penalty greater than that permitted by Rule 517 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.
518. 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.
519. 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.

520. On appeal the Disciplinary Committee shall rule as to whether the decision of the Special Show Steward was correct or not.
521. Special Show Stewards shall have control over and free access to all places used for the purpose of B.S.P.S. (Members, Exhibitors or Authorised Representatives) 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.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES 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, 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 (SAFEGUARDING) PROCEDURE

- Child protection is defined in the Children Act 1989 & 2004 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 (2023).
- 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 (or those with parental responsibility) 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 accredited instructors and yards as they are subject to BHS Safeguarding & Child Protection policy.
- Photographs and videos must only be taken of children (under 18) by parents or those who have parental responsibility for the child or with the authorised consent of those with parental responsibility to do so. Official photographers and or those authorised to live stream events are excluded, parents or those with parental responsibility should advise the official photographer and or those authorised to live stream events if they do not wish their child to be photographed and or live streamed in advance of the class providing the competitor number.
- At B.S.P.S. Championship shows, where children stay overnight on the showground, 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 (or vulnerable adult) 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.
- Competitors are advised to seek further information from equestrian@safetoplay.co.uk

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 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 doctors letter stating their fitness to ride in the class (Rule 49; 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 48).

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 and Events

It is important to report any breaches of this code of practice to an official at the time the concern is raised so immediate action can be taken.

1 Preface

1.1 In this code of practice 'horse/pony' refers to all equines and should, where the context allows, be taken to mean 'horse or horses, pony or ponies, donkeys or other equidae'.

2 General Conditions

2.1 This guidance has been developed by The British Horse Society (BHS) who have advised The Showing Council (TSC) in developing bespoke guidance for competitors/members/exhibitors competing in Member Body classes.

2.2 These guidelines have been produced to provide advice and support to members, competitors, show organisers, stewards, judges, volunteer assistants and spectators.

2.3 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.

2.4 At all stages during the preparation and training of show horses, welfare must be absolutely paramount. This includes, but is not limited to, good horse management, training methods, farriery, use and fitting of tack and transportation.

2.5 Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health and condition before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that compromises welfare or safety and the use of aids. All Member Bodies are advised to have an anti-doping policy.

3 Health and Hygiene

3.1 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. For more information and guidance, please refer to the extensive information available on the BHS website and British Equestrian website.

www.bhs.org.uk

www.britishequestrian.org.uk British Equestrian - Equine Infectious Disease Advisory Group: Advice Notes for Member Bodies and Organisers of Equine Gatherings

3.2 As a minimum, we advise keeping up to date with equine influenza and tetanus vaccines. Check what the specific vaccination requirements are with the event organisers or relevant governing body. If your horse doesn't meet these requirements, you are unlikely to be allowed to attend and may be asked to leave the showground. Remember to check the vaccination rules of the venue if you are hiring equestrian facilities. Shows reserve the right to conduct spot checks to check compliance with vaccination regulations set by the show organiser.

3.3 To prevent the spread of disease, horses should not share water buckets or be allowed to drink from shared troughs. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to provide their own feed and water equipment.

3.4 Competitors must be mindful of an increased disease risk when stabling horses away from home. Best practice would be to remove any pre-existing bedding.

4 Transport

4.1 Competitors must be aware of The Welfare of Animals During Transport Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005. You must have the necessary Transport Authorisation (and associated Certificate of Competence for horses) if you transport animals as part of an economic activity (a business or trade), for a distance over 65km.

You will need a:

- type 1 transporter authorisation for journeys over 65km and up to 8 hours
- type 2 transporter authorisation for journeys over 8 hours

You will need to contact APHA's Welfare in Transport team for an application pack:

APHA Website: www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha Contact email for Welfare In Transport Team: WIT@apha.gov.uk

4.2 Economic activity is not defined in the regulations but would include anyone transporting horses for hire or reward or in the course of business or trade. This would therefore include those paid to transport horses to a show, and professional riders as this is part of a business.

4.3 General animal welfare provisions apply on **all** journeys. The horse must travel with its passport, 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 fear or distress.

4.4 In adverse weather conditions, i.e., very hot temperatures or very cold temperature, those travelling horses must give consideration as to what time of day to travel horses and to minimise travel when temperatures are excessively high or excessively low.

5 Equine Identification

5.1 Horses being transported to a show must be accompanied by their up-to-date passport in accordance with Equine Identification regulations.

6 Welfare of Horses

6.1 Responsibilities of Owners/Keepers/Competitors

Overall responsibility for the horse lies with the individual who has charge of the horse on the day of the show. All those responsible for horses have a duty of care to take reasonable steps in all circumstances to meet the welfare needs to the extent required by good practice in terms of:

- need for a suitable environment
- need for a suitable diet
- need to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
- need to be housed with, or apart, from other animals
- need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease.

6.2 Welfare Considerations

6.2.1 Sensory Whiskers

Sensory hairs are the hard hairs located on the horse's muzzle and around the eyes, also known as 'whiskers' that are used for sensation. It is recommended that horses should not have whiskers trimmed or removed (other than for veterinary purposes or with a vet's certificate). Mares and Foals should present with no evidence of whiskers or sensory hairs removed. At some shows, this is a mandatory condition of entry for all equines, so please check individual show ruling.

6.2.2 Blood

On rare occasions a horse may injure itself traveling, being worked in or competing, or blood may be noticed from the mouth or nostrils or other parts of the horse's body. In these circumstances the competitor should not compete or cease competing and get their horse checked as soon as possible once blood has been noticed. The horse should be treated and where necessary the person responsible for the horse should seek veterinary advice and attention to ensure the animal can travel home or continue to compete in further classes on the day.

6.2.3 Obesity

Obesity in horses and ponies must be avoided and all horses exhibited should be fit for purpose for the event or class they are competing in. Having a horse which is obese is extremely detrimental to its welfare and horses carrying too much fat are at a significantly increased risk of developing serious health and welfare issues such as:

- Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS)
- Laminitis
- Arthritis
- Increase stress on the heart and lungs
- Increased risk of developmental orthopaedic (bone and joint) problems in young and growing horses
- More strain on feet, joint and limbs
- Less efficient cooling of body temperatures

Members of the Showing Council are committed to working with The Horse Trust Body Condition Awards and promoting the Equine Weight Forum Statement and Actions including education by body scoring horses and ponies at events.

6.3 Welfare of the horse while not competing

6.3.1 No horse should be left unattended unless they are in a stable, horsebox/trailer and, known to behave sensibly when ordinarily left in such a situation.

6.3.2 For safety reasons horses should not be left unattended tied to a horsebox/trailer.

6.3.4 The weather conditions will affect the welfare requirements of the horse. Those responsible for horses should make the necessary adjustments to safeguard welfare in adverse weather conditions. For example, limiting the horse's time in direct sunlight in very high temperatures and using rugs in very cold temperatures.

6.3.5 During wet weather, waterproof sheets can 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.

6.3.6 During hot 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.

6.3.7 No horse should be ridden or lunged for an extended period without sufficient breaks for rest, watering and feeding. Children or those less experienced should be supervised by a responsible adult to ensure that the horse receives adequate rest time.

6.4 Stabling

6.4.1 It is the responsibility of the person caring for the horse to ensure overnight provisions and stabling – in loose boxes where they have freedom of movement and availability of water - are in place on arrival at a show to avoid any horse being kept overnight on a trailer/horsebox. Pull out stables on lorries, temporary pens, corrals etc are not permitted.

6.5 Age and Gender of Horses

6.5.1 Horses under four years of age should not be ridden on the showground at any Show.

6.5.2 Where stallions are being exhibited, a stallion disc must be worn on the bridle and the rider/handler must be the correct age to compete or strip the horse in the ring and or lunge in accordance with the current and relevant Member Body Rule and Handbooks.

6.5.3 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.

6.5.4 Mares with a living foal at foot, born during the current year may not be shown in ridden classes.

6.6 Control of Horses

6.6.1 Young and/or inexperienced horses require quiet, confident handling and should be appropriately handled.

6.6.2 Stallions and colts should be handled and ridden by competent people 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. 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.

7 Conduct and Responsibilities

7.1 Conduct and Responsibilities of Competitors

7.1.1 Competitors must consider the Health and Safety of other competitors, spectators and those working or assisting at the show.

7.1.2 It is necessary for all exhibitors to carry Public Liability Insurance for an adequate indemnity to protect against their negligence including any injury caused by their animals or property.

7.1.3 When riding outside of the warm-up arena and show arena, competitors should remain in walk or trot. Where available, horses/ponies must be ridden in designated 'horse walks'; grooms and spectators must use the designated pedestrian walkway.

7.1.4 No competitor should behave in an inappropriate manner to any horse, judge, event staff, members of the public or other competitors.

7.1.5 Under the Welfare Acts the parents/guardians of those under 16-years-old are responsible for the welfare of their children's horses/ponies.

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

7.2.1 Riders and handlers should adhere to the rules of working in an arena while warming up, for example passing left-hand to left-hand.

7.2.2 Riders and handlers should recognise potential problems and keep a good distance from any individual having difficulties with their horse.

7.2.3 When jumping, in either the warm-up and show arenas no horse should jump a fence in the wrong direction.

7.2.4 Any horse that falls in the warm-up arena should only compete after the agreement of a veterinary surgeon.

7.3 Conduct and Responsibilities of Competitors in the Show Ring

7.3.1 Every competitor should behave in a safe and respectable manner at all times.

7.3.2 Competitors should follow instructions from the Show Steward and Judge.

7.3.3 The amount of work the horse undertakes should be in accordance with its age, experience, and fitness. All riders should be a suitable size for their horse whether in the ring, or working in. Riders working in ponies for other competitors or children must also be a suitable size for the pony and suitably mounted.

7.3.4 No one under the age of 12 years of age may enter the ring to groom, strip or handle the pony/horse. Those entering the ring must be suitably dressed.

7.4 Conduct and Responsibilities of Spectators with regards to Horse Welfare

7.4.1 All children must be fully supervised.

7.4.2 If dogs are allowed on the showground, they must be kept on a lead, away from horses and appropriately controlled.

7.4.3 Spectators should not run, shout or cause excessive noise around the horses or arenas.

7.5 Use of the Whip

7.5.1 A rider/handler may carry a whip for safety and guidance purposes and limited to the backhand position only. When lunging, a lunge whip must only be used for safety and guidance purposes.

7.5.2 Legal action could be taken under the Welfare Acts should whip misuse occur.

7.6 Use of Spurs

7.6.1 The wearing of spurs in all classes held under BSPS rules is forbidden.

7.7 Use of Tack and Equipment

7.7.1 Tack should always be fitted and used in a way that protects and safeguards welfare and safety of both horse and rider/handler. This applies at all times whilst on the event venue.

7.7.2 Legal Action could be taken under the Welfare Acts should tack misuse occur.

8 Provisions for Veterinary Treatment

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

8.2 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.

8.3 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 and if being stabled overnight.
- 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.

8.4 It is recommended that Member Bodies should provide appropriate farriery provisions.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The B.S.P.S. acknowledges the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, 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. or its 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 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.

Bullying and abuse on social media can have a devastating and detrimental effect on those subjected to it and also on their family and friends. Rider Minds has created a resource on their website that offer support and advice for anyone affected. Visit: ridersminds.org. Call 0300 102 1540, or text 07860 065 202. Rider Minds offer an online counselling support, one to one sessions and a 24/7 helpline.

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 receipt of the notification 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. The Quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Judges' Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be three. No member of the Judge's 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.

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

- 7.4.9 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.
- 7.4.10 “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”
- 7.4.10 direct that if such person owns ponies registered with the Society they will be unable to transfer those ponies into the membership of someone else until the suspension is lifted.

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.
- 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.
- 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 2025.

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