

## **BY-LAWS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF THE SOCIETY'S SHOWS**

1. All Members whose subscriptions are not paid in advance shall be ineligible for any prize or prizes offered by the Society (subject to By-Law No2)
2. No person shall compete in the County Show unless he is a member, except in such classes as the Show Council deem it advisable to throw open and, in these, non-members shall pay at least double entry fee. The Show Council reserves the right to refuse any entry.
3. All stock shown in competition must be bona fide the property of the exhibitor at the time.
4. The entry fee for all classes shall be at the discretion of the Show Council, to be agreed annually.
5. The Show Council shall appoint competent judges to award the prizes. The judge may call in a veterinary surgeon if required.
6. Members shall be admitted to the Showground free; non-members as settled annually in committee.

### **ENTRIES**

7. All entries for the Society's shows shall be made upon the Society's official entry form. This shall be deposited with the Show Organiser not later than the closing date for entries specified in the Show's schedules and shall, in every case, be accompanied by the full amount of the appropriate entry fees. Every exhibitor shall sign the following Declaration, which shall be printed on the entry form: "I/We hereby agree that the particulars stated are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I/We agree to conform to the rules and regulations for the Society which are laid out in the Schedule. I/We confirm I/We have my/our own Public Liability insurance". Wherever, in accordance with a class definition or regulation, e.g. a mare is to be shown "with foal at foot" this Declaration shall be deemed to certify that the foal shown **IS** the foal of the mare with which it is shown.

### **SUBSTITUTION**

8. Except in the case of Show Jumping classes, no substitution or entries will be permitted on any section of the Show after the closing date of entries.
9. In every agricultural class (i.e. Cattle, Pigs, Sheep, Horses and Ponies) three prizes shall be offered. But it shall be lawful for the Show Council to add further prizes as they may from time to time deem desirable, and to relate the award of such additional prizes to the number of entries as they think fit. The prize may be withheld if, in the opinion of the Judge or Judges, the exhibit is unworthy or of insufficient merit.
10. No steward or other official of the Show, whilst in charge of any animal competing in the Show, shall wear any rosette or ribbon when he enters the judging ring.

### **PARADE OF PRIZEWINNERS**

11. During the afternoon of each day of the Show, at the time to be specified in the Show time table of events, there will be a parade of prize winning animals. Any exhibitor failing to bring his prize-winning exhibits into the appropriate Parade shall be liable, at the discretion of the Show Council, to forfeit any prizes awarded to such exhibits.
12. All exhibits and all persons in charge of the same will be subject to the Orders, Regulations and Rules of the Society and the Stewards shall have the power to remove from the Showground the stock or property belonging to, and to cancel the admission ticket of any exhibitor who shall infringe any of the Regulations and Conditions of the Show, or who shall refuse to comply with any instructions given by the Stewards, without any responsibility attaching to the Stewards, or the Society in consequence of such removal.

### **OBJECTIONS**

13. Any objections to any entry receiving any award must be made in writing to the Show Organiser with the least possible delay and, within 48 hours of 6 p.m. on the day on which the relevant Class has been judged. Any other dispute shall, similarly, be reported to the Show Organiser, and it shall be the duty of any Steward who sees, knows of, or has good ground to suspect any irregularity to report the same to the Show Organiser forthwith. Any objections made by or on behalf of an exhibit shall be accompanied by a deposit of £20, or such other amount as the Objections Committee shall from time to time determine, which shall be returned if the objection is considered to have been justified (even if not upheld) but otherwise shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Show Council.
14. All such objections, reports, disputes and allegations or irregularities affecting any entry shall be referred to Objections Committee whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

15. If, upon the hearing of any objection or other matter within the last rule, it shall appear to the satisfaction of those by whom it is determined that there has been a false statement as to age, ownership, identity or other material particular shall forfeit any awards in respect of the animal shall be disqualified and its owner shall decide that such irregularity has not materially affected the awards and has not been deliberately made. But if the Objections Committee shall conclude that the false statement has been deliberately made (as to which their decision shall be final and binding). All animals entered by the exhibitor concerned shall be disqualified from receiving any prize or award at the Show.

16. In the case of any prize animal being disqualified, the winner of the next prize in that class shall take that prize, and so on throughout the class; and the lower prize in that class shall go to the next in merit, a list of which the Judge shall be instructed to deliver in every class.

17. The Society, the Show Council, its officers or servants, shall not be responsible to any persons, whatsoever while upon the Society's premises, or while entering or leaving the same, for any damage or loss however caused to the property of any such person.

#### **18. LIABILITY**

(1) (a) In the By-Law the term "exhibitor" shall include persons taking part in any event, competition or display promoted or arranged by the Society and the owner of any exhibit, animal, plant, vehicle, equipment, machinery, article or other thing of whatever nature involved in any such event, competition or display or otherwise exhibited or used on the Showground or elsewhere.

(b) Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Society, its servants or agents, the Society will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any exhibitor or to his or her servants or agents or to any exhibit, animal, loss caused to any exhibitor or to his or her servants or agents or to any exhibit, animal, vehicle, equipment, plant, machinery, article or thing of whatever nature brought onto the Showground by the exhibitor or involved in any said event, competition or display.

(c) Save as aforesaid, the exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against all claims, losses, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of or the taking part of the exhibitor, his or her servants, agents, exhibits, animals, plant, vehicle, equipment, machinery, articles or other things of whatever nature on the Showground or elsewhere and shall assume full responsibility therefore.

(d) Acceptance of this By-Law shall be a condition of entry or participation in any event, competition or display, promoted or arranged by the Society.

(e) The Society accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any statement or information in any document published by the Society or the Show.

(2) The Society will in no case accept liability for any loss or damage (whether direct or indirect) arising from or caused by the abandonment or cancellation whether total or partial, or the postponement of any show, display, event, meeting or other happening on the showground or elsewhere for whatever reason.

It is therefore recommended that the exhibitor should arrange appropriate insurance cover.

#### **DATES**

19. The dates for the Annual County Show shall be set by the Show Council.

**ALTERATION OF BYE LAW** 20. These Bye Laws may be added to, repealed or amended, by the Trustees acting on recommendations from the Council.

**FIRST AID FACILITIES AT THIS SHOW ARE PROVIDED**

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THE BRITISH RED CROSS**

## HEALTH & SAFETY ACT 1974

### SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

By its nature an Agricultural Show presents a potentially hazardous environment. All persons concerned in the presentation of the Show need to be vigilant and ensure that any perceived hazard is, if possible, dealt with immediately and reported to the Show Organiser in order that the necessary action can be taken.

Any incidents or near misses must be reported. In this manner it is aimed to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons attending the Show in whatever capacity, whether as officials, contractors, exhibitors, traders, performers or members of the public.

This must be seen as an on-going commitment in which all are involved. In particular, Section Organisers and Chief Stewards must be satisfied that their Stewards have the training and experience to carry out any task allotted to them.

The Show Organiser will be responsible for issuing copies of the Safety Policy Statement to all show stewards and officials. The Show Organiser will ensure adequate provision of medical and first aid services through a nominated contract who will be responsible for maintaining accident records and where appropriate report to the Health & Safety Executive. Plans of the Showground will be held in the Show Office.

Potentially many hazards will arise from the activities of contractors. Only professional and appropriately qualified and/or experienced contractors shall be engaged for general showground work, electrical supply and maintenance, tentage, catering and course building. All contractors must undertake to have sufficient experienced staff on site to deal with emergencies on Show Days and to have sufficient insurance cover.

(a) The Show Organiser will advise all contractors that they must observe the Health and Safety at work standards appropriate to their trades, both in terms of equipment and in handling and storage.

(b) The Show Organiser will advise all individuals and organisations attending the show similarly and where any of their activities on the Showground give rise to potential hazards, e.g. demonstrations of machinery, they must provide any necessary barriers and or attendants to ensure public safety.

(c) Any operator of fairground or similar equipment that needs safety certification must certify to the Show Organiser that a valid certificate exists.

(d) The Show Organiser will advise all exhibitors of horses that only designated parking and exercise areas and walkways may be used.

(e) The Show Organiser will advise all exhibitors of cattle, sheep or pigs as appropriate that the designated unloading areas and pens must be used and that competent adult handlers must be present.

(f) The Dog Section Chief Steward will advise all exhibitors that all dogs must be kept on leads unless secured away from the public or under direction of a Show Steward.

The Show Organiser will plan the site layout paying particular attention to the designation of parking, unloading and penning arrangements for livestock to comply with current animal health legislation.

In addition to the British Red Cross medical service, the Police and veterinary surgeons will be on site during build up and on Show Days.

In the event of a major incident the General Manager and/or Show Organiser must be informed without delay. The appropriate emergency service will be contacted and the Show Emergency Plan initiated. The

objective is to protect the Public, contain the incident and minimise the consequence, (**SEE STEWARDS GUIDANCE NOTES**). Gate Stewards must be ready at any time to control incoming traffic in order to facilitate speedy evacuation of any casualties from the Showground. In the event of a serious fire or accident all admission to the Showground will be stopped, except by the Emergency Services. Stewards will direct people to safe areas of the Showground to leave the entrance and exits clear for Emergency Services.