



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Below is a list of common questions asked, our rules can be found at the end of the questions and answers section

Q When do entries close?

A Entries close at noon on Monday 22nd July 2024. No late entries will be accepted unless qualifying for classes at the Show, if you do qualify at the show, please go to the Secretary's office to make your entry.

Q We are interested in sponsoring a class, how do we do this?

A Please email info@equinesportsuk.com or telephone 01476 574755, class sponsorship starts from £75 and if you are stabling, your stables will be allocated in the Sponsors Barns

Q Is the VIP area only available to Sponsors or can I buy a wristband to sit in there?

A No the VIP area is for Sponsors and officials only

Q Will there be food and drink available to buy throughout the event?

A Café/Bar Opening Hours

Outdoor Café - 7.30am-5.30pm (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Conservatory Bar 5pm – Finish (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Bar Meals 6pm – 9pm (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Q Are there toilets and showers available on site?

A Yes toilets and showers are available 24 hours (but there are no hair dryers)



Q How do I qualify?

- A Qualification can be achieved by being placed in the top 3 in the relevant class at the many qualifying shows that are held across the country (see 'qualifiers' under 'Competitors' tab on home page), or you can enter a qualifying class on the Thursday (all disciplines) and Friday (show jumping and working hunter) at the Championships and the top 6 not already qualified will then qualify for the relevant Championship class. If your local show is not holding qualifiers, you can still qualify at ANY local show, simply download a qualification card off our website and take it along with you to the show. If you get placed in the top 3, ask the judge or show secretary to sign it and send it into us to validate your qualification. You will then be eligible to enter the Championship (C) classes at our Championships.

We also accept any unaffiliated qualification cards such as Equifest, Northern Lights, Showing Register, Amateur Showing Society, UK Riders, Royal London, Trailblazers, Sunshine Tour, Equestrian Life and many more. Just send your card to: Equine Sports UK, c/o Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham. NG32 2EF and your qualification will become validated.

Q Do I need to qualify to enter the Grassroots Championships?

- A Any class that is a Qualifier class, is open to all as a means to qualify for the Championship Classes or to use as a practice/warm-up. You need to qualify to enter any of the Championship Classes.

Q I have been given a qualification card, what do I do with it?

- A Complete your name, address and membership number and post in to ESUK following the instructions on the card.

Q Do I need a qualification card to enter every Championship class?

- A Yes, one card for each Championship class entered

Q How can I qualify at the Championships?

- A The top 6 in the qualifying classes qualify for the Championship classes, once your class finishes and you have qualified, please go to the Secretary's office to make your entry.



Q The class I qualified in, is not listed in the schedule

A Many unaffiliated shows hold classes that are different to the ones we hold at the Championships, if you qualified in a class that is different to the ones on the schedule, you may use the qualification to enter a similar class in the same discipline, ie in-hand, ridden, SJ or dressage

Q Can I arrive on Wednesday 24th July?

A Yes, stabling will be available after 3pm on Wednesday 24th July, strictly no early arrivals as you will have to wait for your stables

Q What is the difference between the Barn, Gold and temporary Stables?

A The Barn stables are situated directly behind the Indoor Arena and face each other with a large covered walkway which keeps everything dry.
The Gold stables are back to back, they have lights and are on a solid base.
Temporary stables are erected just for the event and have a tarpaulin roof

A £20 cash stable deposit is payable upon arrival when you are allocated your stable. Upon departure, your stable will be checked and if left clean your £20 deposit will be returned.

Q Are day stables available?

A Yes, these can be booked on our online entry system.

Q How to I book stables?

A The link to book stables is on our website www.equinesportsuk.com. Upon arrival, please stop at the Stable Manager office to find your allocated stable

Q Can I book a stable for just one night?

A Yes, one night stabling is available on-line when entering classes. This can be found in the 'Sundries' section after you have done your entries

Q Can I book a stable or additional nights at the Championships if I get into the Evening Performance?

A Yes, just pop along to the Stable Manager or Show Office to organise



Q Is electric hook-up available?

A Yes, this must be pre-booked through our online system

Q Is bedding available to purchase at the Championships?

A Yes, bedding and haylage is available to buy from the Stable Manager

Q Can I bring my own bedding?

A Yes, only wood shavings and pellets are permitted on site, NO STRAW

Q Do I have to bring my own mucking out/water buckets/feeding equipment?

A Yes, you need to bring everything that you would normally use at home, no mucking out tools or equipment is provided

Q Can we camp at ESUK?

A Yes, there will be a designated camping area, if you need electric hook-up in your tent/caravan, this must be pre-booked online

Q Are BBQs allowed at ESUK

A Only purpose built BBQs, No disposable BBQs are allowed

Q When will start times be available?

A Show Jumping start times will be published on our website and FB page by 6pm on the evening prior to the class. Dressage start times will be published the day before the class.



Q Are stallions permitted?

A Unless otherwise stated, stallions are only permitted in M&M Ridden & Working Hunter Classes. Stallions are not permitted in Lead Rein or First Ridden Classes and riders must be 12 years or over on 1st January in the current year to ride any Stallions not exc 138cm and must be 14 years or over on 1st January in the current year to ride any Stallions exc 138cm or large breed M&M stallions.

Q How old does the leader have to be to lead a Lead Rein?

A Leaders must be 16 years old or over to lead in a Lead Rein Class

Q How old must my child be to enter Equine Sports UK Grassroots Championships?

A No child under the age of 3 years may compete



RULES

Equine Sports UK Grassroots Championships are held for grassroots competitors. We respectfully remind all competitors to enter in the spirit of grassroots championships.

- To avoid confusion our definition of Grassroots is as follows: Definition of a grassroots rider - a person who engages in the most basic level of horse-riding (as opposed to an amateur - a person who engages in a pursuit, especially a sport, on an unpaid basis) and competes mainly at local unaffiliated shows. We do not rule out those that compete at their local affiliated shows, but do not encourage those that regularly compete in RIHS or HOYS qualifiers.
- The following restrictions apply and are excluded from the Championships: Professional Riders, (those who make a full-time living out of buying, selling, producing, breaking, schooling, teaching, grooming, training or competing).
- Horses/Ponies/Riders combination not to have qualified or competed in any classes at Olympia, RIHS or Horse of the Year Show including Search for a Star in the past five years. Rider not to have ridden at Olympia, RIHS, Horse of the Year Show including Search for a Star in the past five years in the discipline in which they are competing. For example, those that have ridden at any of the above, may still compete in the in-hand, working hunter, show jumping and dressage sections, but not the ridden section.
- If a horse or pony has competed at any of the any classes at Olympia, RIHS or Horse of the Year Show including Search for a Star with a different rider or owner, they are permitted to compete at our Championships providing the rider is eligible under our rules.

General

- No horse/pony can be entered more than once for any class
- One rider may enter more than one different horse/pony in Show Jumping, Dressage and Working Hunter classes.
- The judge's decision is final. Objections must be made in writing within 30 minutes after the class has finished and must be accompanied by a £50 deposit which will only be refunded if the objection is upheld.
- Competitors take part entirely at their own risk. It is strongly advised that all competitors have a third-party liability insurance in place when competing at our Championships.
- It is the responsibility of all horse/pony owners to ensure that their animals are fully vaccinated against equine flu.
- Riders must wear correctly fitted headgear which conforms with the current legal standards whilst mounted anywhere on the showground with their chin straps fastened at all times.
- 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. They may stop without penalty to fasten the strap.
- No rider may compete in ESUK classes with any type of broken limb.
- Competitors must be correctly dressed when competing, i.e. hat, jacket, collar and tie/stock jodphurs and riding boots.
- No items of saddlery or equipment is to be misused.
- Competitors shall not ill-treat their animals at any time whether by misuse or excessive use of a whip.
- No whips or spurs are allowed to be used in the fun classes.
- Ponies/horses must be four years old and over in all ridden classes. The age shall be calculated from the 1st January in the year of its birth.
- All competitors must be the right age/height and weight for the animal. We reserve the right to request any unsuitable mounted riders to dismount and they will not be allowed to compete in any ridden classes.
- A fall of horse or rider in any Class will result in disqualification and they MUST leave the ring dismounted.
- Animals displaying continued disobedience, or animals leaving the ring whether mounted or dismounted will be disqualified.
- Cantering on the showground is not allowed – except in the rings or working in area.
- Pedestrians must not walk in the Horse Walks at any time unless handling a horse/pony.
- Bicycles, scooters or segways are not allowed in any areas.
- No person shall behave in an offensive or abusive or unpleasant manner to any person at the show.
- No fires, barbecues or naked flames are allowed on the show ground.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and all poop picked up and disposed of in rubbish bins

Show Jumping

- Horse/Pony/Rider combination not to have earned more than twenty five (25) British Show Jumping points by 1st August in the current year (does not apply to BS Club points).
- Adults may only compete in the Show Jumping Classes, provided the pony is 133cms or over and the riders height and weight is appropriate.
- The same Pony/Horse may not be ridden by another rider in the same Pony/Horse Show Jumping Classes.
- Any Horse/Pony and Rider Combination may only compete in three Show Jumping Classes on each day.
- Classes entered must follow each height level, example: 70cm, 80cm, 90cm NOT 60cm, 80cm, 90cm.
- Ponies may not compete in the Horse Show Jumping Classes.
- Children may compete on horses in the Horse Show Jumping Classes provided they are 13 years of age or over as of the 1st January in the current year.
- Horses/Ponies must be entered in their Passport Registered Name not their Stable Name. Passports will be checked against entered name in all Show Jumping Classes and BS records confirmed.
- Weighted back boots are forbidden in all Show Jumping Classes.
- British Show Jumping Stallion Grading Rules do not apply.
- All Stallions must wear a white tail ribbon and be handled/ridden correctly at all times.
- A fall of horse or rider in any Class will result in disqualification and they MUST leave the ring dismounted.

Dressage

- Rider not to be a BD Group 6 or above
- Horse/rider combination not to have won more than 50 BD points in the current year
- No callers are permitted in any of the Championship Classes (does not apply to Open/Qualifier Classes)

Showing

- Horses/Ponies must not have been professionally produced or trained for the show ring, or kept in training or livery at a professional showing yard since 1st February in the current year.
- Horses/Ponies bought from a professional showing producer after 1st February in the current year are not eligible to compete in that year's Championships.
- Horses/Ponies cannot be ridden at the Championships by a rider that has ridden for a professional producer/trainer/groom in the past ten (10) years (unless in lead rein classes).
- Horses/Ponies and riders cannot have received any help from a professional producer/trainer/groom at any show since 1st February in the current year, (definition of professional those who make a full-time living out of buying, selling, producing, breaking, schooling, teaching, grooming, training or competing)
- Competitors will not be allowed into the showing ring late, after the class has been asked to trot.
- Stallions and colts over 138cms may not be ridden or led by juniors who have not attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- All riders/handlers must be three years old or over.
- Ponies/horses must be four years old and over in all ridden classes. The age shall be calculated from the 1st January in the year of its birth.
- Stallions or colts may NOT be entered in the Young Handler, Lead Rein, First Ridden, M&M LR or FR or any Show Pony Class.
- In all lead rein classes, ponies not to exceed 128cm.
- Earrings must not be worn in any Showing classes including Working Hunter classes.
- In the event of a rider having to leave his pony in the showing 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.
- Spurs must not be worn in Working Hunter Pony classes.
- During In-hand classes/sections including WHP Phase II sections, if an animal gets loose from its handler it will result in disqualification.
- Hind boots are not permitted in any Working Hunter class. Front boots including over-reach boots of a plain colour may be used for Phase 1 of the WHP/WH classes ONLY and must be removed before Phase 2.