

LEGAL LIABILITY

Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or Blackpool and Fylde Horse Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, rider, spectators, land, cars, lorries, trailers, their contents and accessories, or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or any other way whatsoever. Class entries are only accepted on this basis.

REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPETITORS

1. Associate members – An associate member is a junior member who wishes to compete in both junior and senior classes, due to height of horse/rider combination. To be eligible for senior classes the junior member must pay full senior membership and be competing on a horse exceeding 148cms (14.2hh). Horse must be appropriate to the riders height. The junior must be between the age of 13yrs and 16yrs to take up the associate membership.#
2. Trophies won at the September show must be returned to the Trophy Secretary (Della Lithgow) by the August points show in the following year (NOT THE ANNUAL) at the latest. **A penalty of £10 plus the cost of any telephone calls and postage will be levied on all late returns.**
3. Trophies awarded at the Dinner Dance must be returned to the trophy secretary (Della Lithgow) by 15th October in the following year at the latest. **A penalty of £10 plus the cost of any telephone calls and postage will be levied on all late returns.**
4. To receive a trophy at the September Members show, members must be paid up members by the June Show and also must have competed at three shows in that class not including the annual show. In the event of the show being cancelled this rule may (at the discretion of the committee) be amended. To collect your trophy you must present a valid membership form at the trophy tent.
5. Riders will not be allowed to take part in any riding event if not correctly dressed. Correctly secured British Standard Skull caps/riding hats of the standard required under the BSPS rules must be worn at all times when mounted and secured by a 3 point harness or riders will be excluded from all classes. This rule will be strictly enforced.
6. Junior members competing in any in hand class must wear a hard hat as defined in rule 5 above.
7. No objection/complaint can be placed without a £20 deposit being placed with the Club Secretary which will be forfeited if the objection/complaint is not sustained. The objection/complaint must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary, providing full details. Any dispute as to the height of a horse/pony shall be decided JMB certificate supplied by a veterinary surgeon to be produced by the owner to the Club Secretary within 14 days.
8. The judge's decision is final.
9. The committee reserves the right to refuse entries or combine classes in the event of insufficient entries.
10. The committee reserves the right to make any alterations to the classes, events, programmes and times as necessary.
11. No horse/pony aged under 4 years may be ridden at any event organised by the Club.
12. 4 year old horses/ponies may only be ridden in flat classes.
13. In order to qualify for points awards, competitors must have attended at least 3 point shows in the season. In the event of a show being cancelled this rule may be amended at the discretion of the committee. The combination of horse and rider must have entered the respective classes on 3 occasions.
14. In Hand classes – The handler must be named on the entry form. In leading rein classes the rider should be named on the entry form.
15. Whips must not be used excessively on the show ground.
16. No entries will be excepted after the class sheet has left the secretaries tent.
17. The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry or horse/pony which they do not consider suitable in order to safeguard the public and other competitors against accidents.
18. All members are asked to co-operate with the officials and stewards of the club. Remember help is on a voluntary basis and that should be respected.
19. A competitor may not return to a class if they have left it to compete in another class. *Except by the discretion of the judge.* If this is not granted, the entry will be forfeited.

20. Juniors are not permitted to wear spurs in any classes. No competitor may wear spurs in the following classes – Any Novice class, any M&M class and the ridden veteran.
21. Whips must not exceed 30 inches in length.
22. Members should not contact the secretary on the Saturday prior to the show.
23. In all lead rein classes the lead must be 16 years all older.
24. Children being shown on the leading rein are only eligible to enter leading rein, first ridden and bonny pony classes.
25. The minimum age for riders is 3 years old on the 1st of January of the current year.
26. Colts and Stallions must only be handled by persons over 14 years and kept under control at all times or they will be asked to leave the show ground. Handlers must wear a hard hat to the standards referred to in rule 5 at all times when in the ring.
27. Stallions under 138cms may only be ridden by persons over 12 years and stallions exceeding 138cms may only be ridden by persons over 14 years.
28. Colts age over 1 year and stallions entering any in hand class must wear a bridle.
29. Riders are not permitted to wear earrings or any other jewellery.
30. All Blackpool and Fylde Horse Club events will be run in accordance with Ponies (UK) rules, a copy of which can be obtained from the organisation.
31. The points scheme will run as follows: 6 points for 1st place down to 2 points for 5th place. A point will be awarded to any unplaced members competing in any class.