

# THE ARAB HORSE SOCIETY RULES FOR SHOWING 2026

All shows affiliated to The Arab Horse Society are bound by the Rules below.

The AHS fully support and align with the principles of The Showing Council's Equine Welfare and General Best Practice Guidance and Unified Rules Pack 2026. These guidelines have been produced to provide advice and support to exhibitors, competitors, show organisers, stewards, Judges, volunteer assistants and spectators.

Adopted Unified Rules are identified using The Showing Council logo 

All exhibitors/competitors in AHS shows and AHS Affiliated classes are advised to read the Equine Welfare and General Best Practice Guidance and Unified Rules Pack 2026 which can be found on the AHS website [www.arabhorsesociety.org](http://www.arabhorsesociety.org)

**Safeguarding.** Parents and guardians of handlers/riders and all other young people aged under 16 years are responsible for their welfare and their horses and should supervise them at all times whilst on the showground. Everyone is responsible for immediately informing the Show Secretary or other official if they have concerns relating to the welfare of a person or horse.

**Media and photography.** Exhibitors and their representatives are responsible for informing the Show Secretary and Photographer if they do not want images of their handlers/riders/horses to be in the Society's promotional material/ social media. This must be done at the time of completing and submitting show entries and can usually be done by marking the relevant box.

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## **RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS/COMPETITORS**

### **1. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING AN AHS OR AHS AFFILIATED SHOW**

- 1.1. Exhibitors entering horses for AHS affiliated shows agree to abide by these rules. Their grooms, riders, agents or respective companions are also required to do so.
- 1.2. All Handlers and all Riders must be members of the AHS before entering the ring to compete at the AHS National Championship Show, in any THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW qualifying classes and in classes for Pure Bred Arabs in ECAHO affiliated classes at a show also affiliated to the AHS.
- 1.3. **ELIGIBILITY:** All exhibits in Ridden and In Hand classes, with the exception of foals at foot accompanied by their own dam, must be registered in the appropriate Stud Book/Register of The Arab Horse Society, by the closing date for entries.

#### 1.4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

**An actual or apparent conflict of interest may occur if a horse is exhibited that:**

- 1.4.1. Is being trained or handled by a member of the official's family.
- 1.4.2. Has been bought or sold by the official either as an owner or agent or has been leased by the official at any time.
- 1.4.3. Has been bred or is owned in whole or part by the official or the official's family or business partner in an equestrian business or is the property of a breeding organisation in which the official is or was an employee.
- 1.4.4. Has been regularly trained, examined, or treated by the official in a professional capacity to include any horse belonging to the exhibitor.
- 1.4.5. Is the subject of an ongoing negotiation to buy or lease, or on a provisional purchase condition to which the official is a party.
- 1.4.6. Any official must decline to officiate if they consider themselves to have a conflict of interest concerning a horse, its handler or its owner.
- 1.4.7. Officials appointed at a show will not knowingly officiate in a class in which horses are entered concerning which there may be an actual or apparent conflict of interest. No official appointed at the show may exhibit, ride, drive or handle an entered horse or pursue any other activity not consistent with his/ her duties at the show in which they are officiating.
- 1.4.8. Exhibitors will declare on the entry form any actual or apparent conflict of interest with any of the officials invited at the show. Any exhibitor not declaring an existing conflict of interest, of which he is aware, will forfeit all entry fees and will be prevented from showing the horse.
- 1.4.9. Exhibitors will not associate with judges or their companions in the **14 days** before or at any time during the show. Judges and companions will not consult the catalogue at any time before or during the show.

#### 1.5. **DEFINITION OF AMATEUR STATUS:**

- 1.5.1. No Judge of the Society, or person who has acted in a professional capacity, either as a producer or making their living, or part of their income may compete in any amateur classes.
- 1.5.2. Handler or Rider not to have been paid for showing or producing any horse for a third party, this includes any remuneration either as employment, casual showing, or any in-kind benefits whatsoever.
- 1.5.3. Horse not to have resided on a professional yard on show or training livery. DIY and minimal assisted livery are excluded.
- 1.5.4. Horse not to have been shown by a professional handler or rider in the current year
- 1.5.5. Horse not to have received regular training from a professional in the current year.
- 1.5.6. All children aged 14 and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year will be eligible for amateur status.

## 2. **PREPARATION & PRESENTATION OF HORSE AND HANDLER/RIDER**

### 2. **TRIMMING AND CLIPPING:**

- 2.1. Tactile hair must not be removed by any means. Eyelashes and tactile hair must be left uncut. Removal of hair from inside the ear is forbidden.
- 2.2. No coloured products are permitted on hooves. All exhibits - No alteration to the natural colour of the coat or skin is permitted. The use of oils and clear make-up on horses exhibiting in the show ring

must be kept to a minimum. A judge may disqualify a horse, who in their opinion is wearing excessive make-up and /or oils.

### **2.3. ANGLO & PART BRED CLASSES:**

- 2.3.1. Horses/ponies in Anglo and Part Bred classes must be shown plaited (regardless of colour) apart from show cobs which may be hogged. Palominos in their class should be shown unplaited.
- 2.3.2. Horses/ponies shown in High Percentage Part Bred Class (min 50%) classes may be shown unplaited (regardless of colour).

2.4. **DRESS:** Handlers, riders, grooms, and exhibitors entering the ring at any time must all be neat and tidy. Traditional in hand showing or riding clothes are preferred. No form of advertising may be displayed by the handler, rider or on any horse in the rings. Gaiters may be worn; however, chaps are not permitted in any class. No earrings, piercings, or visible jewellery should be worn.

### **2.5. HEADWEAR:**



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- 2.5.1. It is strongly recommended that competitors aged over 16 wear correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats.
- 2.5.2. It is mandatory for competitors age 16 years and under to wear such Skull Caps or Riding Hats.
- 2.5.3. It is mandatory for anyone on the showground to wear correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats when mounted.
- 2.5.4. ***Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2026 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1.01.040 2014-12, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 or 2021 onwards.***

## **3. CONDUCT & WELFARE ON THE SHOWGROUND**

### **3.1. BEHAVIOUR/INTERFERENCE:**

- 3.1.1. Exhibitors will not encourage their horses or ponies in any sort of dangerous behaviour. They will not interfere with another competitor's horses or its performance. Any horse behaving in a dangerous manner which could threaten the safety of other competitors or spectators may be required by the judge or show official to leave the ring. The judge is empowered to order any exhibit to be disqualified if they consider that the exhibit or handler/rider has breached the rule.
- 3.1.2. A handler/rider appearing to display inability for any reason to safely and properly control the horse in his/her charge will be asked to leave the ring or collecting area, in which case the horse may be disqualified from its class.

### **3.2. CRUELTY:**

- 3.2.1. Whipping, intimidation, use of electric shock devices or infliction of pain by any means is forbidden in all parts of the showground, or stable areas, at all times. At the discretion of the judge horses that show fear of their handlers may be asked to leave the ring.

### **3.3. USE OF THE WHIP:**



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- 3.3.1. Show Canes, whips and padded whips must not exceed 75cms (30") in any classes. (ridden or in-hand)
- 3.3.2. Attachments of any length, type or material to whips is strictly prohibited.
- 3.3.3. The use of schooling whips is not permitted within any area of a showground, with the exception of classes where British Dressage tests form part of the assessment and are permitted for those exhibitors only.
- 3.3.4. Padded whips may be used provided the end of the whip is padded and smooth with no raised surface and must be made of shock absorbing material throughout.
- 3.3.5. When lunging, the use of a lunging whip is permitted, but it must not come into contact with the horse.
- 3.3.6. A whip or cane, not more than one metre in length 99cms (39"), may be carried in Side Saddle classes, and be of sufficient length to be used as a "right leg".
- 3.3.7. A whip must only be used as a light tap to support leg aids in encouraging the horse to go forwards, or to help the rider to encourage the horse in the right direction, such as down the shoulder to keep a horse straight on the approach to a fence.
- 3.3.8. A whip must never come into contact with the horse more than twice in any incidence.
- 3.3.9. The arm must never be raised above the shoulder whilst using the whip.
- 3.3.10. The whip must always be carried and used in the backhand position (handle pointed upwards) and never in the forehand position (handle pointed downwards).
- 3.3.11. If whips are used in anger, or against the head or neck, the competitor will be referred to the steward, the official veterinarian and the organiser, who will expel them from the event.

### **3.4. MISUSE OF DRUGS:**

- 3.4.1. It is forbidden to administer any stimulant, sedative, masking agent, anti-inflammatory agent, irritant or substance other than a normal nutrient to a horse or to cause one to be administered in any way whatsoever or to show or attempt to show a horse, which is found to have had administered to it any such stimulant, sedative or substance, whether intentionally or unintentionally, which may affect performance, appearance, temperament or soundness. Such forbidden substances are listed in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.
- 3.4.2. The Society reserves the right for tests to be carried out at any show, tests in accordance with the Standard Sampling Procedure prescribed in the Veterinary Rules of the F.E.I. Refusal to submit a horse for the taking of a sample for analysis shall constitute a breach of this rule. Anyone found to be in breach of this rule would be subject to disciplinary action and in the event of a positive test liable to pay administration costs.

### **3.5. TIMETABLE & LATENESS:**

- 3.5.1. Classes will not start earlier than the advertised time unless all the entries are present. Exhibits which appear late (missing the walk around the ring) will be excluded from the class.

### **3.6. BEHAVIOUR IN THE SHOW RING:**

- 3.6.1. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to any judge, steward or show official on the part of the exhibitor, groom, rider, agent or their respective companion of an animal will, at the discretion of the show, disqualify that animal from being judged.

- 3.6.2.If a handler/rider removes a horse from the ring without the permission of the judge or steward the show organiser will levy a £100 fine on the handler/rider. The exhibitor will be ultimately responsible for ensuring payment. Exceptions may be made if the horse is seen to be unsafe and the handler/rider is unable to attract the attention of the steward.
- 3.6.3.If any horse is disqualified from its class because of infringement of any rule, entry fees may be forfeited. Class placings will also be adjusted accordingly.
- 3.6.4.The use of mobile phones in the ring by exhibitors, grooms and judges is strictly prohibited.

### **3.7. SOUNDNESS:**

- 3.7.1.Exhibits which appear to be lame will be asked to withdraw at the judge's discretion, the judge's decision will be final.

### **3.8. AWARDS:**

- 3.8.1.If an exhibit is not up to the required standard a lower award may be given at the judge's discretion. The judge's decision is final.

### **3.9. CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

- 3.9.1.First and second prize winners are eligible. Class winner rosettes must be worn. All prize winners eligible must take part in their respective championships, failure to do so will result in disqualification and removal of awards.
- 3.9.2.In certain special cases only, permission may be granted by the show organiser, veterinary surgeon or DC for exhibits to miss the championship. Any such permission must be granted before the commencement of the relevant championship.

### **3.10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 3.10.1. No announcements of names of horses, exhibitors or handlers may be made until the completion of the class in which they appear.

## **4. RULES SPECIFIC TO IN HAND CLASSES**

- 4.1. **ELIGIBILITY: STALLIONS** must be four years old and over. Handlers of stallions and colts must have attained their 18th birthday. **MARES** which are entered for classes for mares without foal at foot must not be entered for brood mare classes. **FOALS** under 6 months old must be accompanied by their dams at all times. No brood mare or her foal may be shown in any class unless the foal is at least 30 days old on the day of judging.
- 4.2. **SHOW HALTERS:** All halters and bridles must be both secure and comfortable for the horse. Bridles and bits must not be so thin as to cause pain to the horse. Stallions and colts aged three years and over must be shown wearing a bridle with a throat lash and bit. Foals must be suitably haltered without chains. Nosebands and headpieces of cable, beads or any solid material are not allowed unless suitably padded to protect sensitive area.
- 4.3. **PRESENTATION:** At an AHS or AHS Affiliated Show horses **MUST** be shown in the accepted British In-Hand showing manner: A horse is to enter the ring at the walk; trot in a straight line without circling; stand naturally and not at a stretched or exaggerated pose. This applies to classes and championships.
- 4.4. **HANDLERS:** Handlers may exchange horses, if someone suitable and capable holds on to the other horse. No handler may leave the ring without the permission of the judge via the steward.

#### 4.5. **OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE:**

- 4.5.1. Attempting to influence the behaviour of exhibits in the ring is forbidden. Exhibits must not be stirred up (no bagging or winding up). Horses must remain calm in the collecting ring with a maximum of one handler/rider and one groom until they enter the ring.
- 4.5.2. No devices, artificial gadgets or loud noises shall be used to excite horses. This rule also applies to persons on the outside of the ring or collecting ring.
- 4.5.3. Exhibits which are excessively excited will be asked to leave the ring or collecting ring and will be disqualified from the class, the person causing the issue will be given a first warning with no consequences, if any sort of unreasonable behaviour occurs again at the same show a second official warning will be issued this will be announced by speaker and failing that a third warning is a fine of £250 payable to the AHS. These sanctions can apply to both the handler and persons outside of the ring.
- 4.5.4. Warnings will be given and administered by DC's / Stewards / Judge. The fine will be collected by the Show Office, if the office is closed then whoever administers the third warning will issue a promissory note, which can then be taken and paid. The promissory note will be signed by whoever issued the warnings. Please also note all handlers are responsible for their grooms and helpers.

### 5. **RULES SPECIFIC TO ECAHO AFFILIATED CLASSES**

**At shows which are also affiliated to ECAHO the rules of both organisations will apply to some classes but ECAHO Rules take precedence where there could be a clash or conflict, other than where the rule relates to safety or welfare when the AHS Rules will take precedence.**

- 5.1. An ECAHO Title Show, 'A' Show Champion or GCAT Show Gold and Silver medal winners are not allowed to take part in a British National Class for the rest of that calendar year and the two calendar years following unless the horse has passed from a junior to a senior, yearling to junior category or in hand to ridden.
- 5.2. Geldings that have won Champion gold or silver medals at the World Championships, a Title show or an 'A' show cannot be shown for the rest of that calendar year and one calendar year following.
- 5.3. **HEREDITARY DISORDERS.** This applies to **ECAHO** affiliated shows **ONLY**
  - 5.3.1. **OVERBITE/UNDERBITE** of more than the depth of 1 tooth is not permitted. Horses 12 months old and over cannot compete unless they have a veterinary certificate to verify that they do not have overbite/underbite.
  - 5.3.2. **CRYPTORCHIDISM** – Colts 24 month and older or stallions cannot compete unless they have a veterinary certificate to verify that they do not have cryptorchidism. If the colt's condition changes, and upon a completed veterinary certificate, the horse is the eligible to compete.
- 5.4. In case of doubt, the DC is allowed to carry out spot checks.
- 5.5. Anybody submitting an incorrect declaration not corresponding to the true condition of the horse will receive a fine of 500 Euros. The original of the declaration of such horse will be kept by the DC. The certification must be present with the passport when the horse is being checked by the DC.

## **6. RULES SPECIFIC TO YOUNG HANDLERS AND RIDERS**

The AHS believes it is essential that children and young people are encouraged to take part in outdoor activities and sport as part of their development to adulthood. Their participation in this sport must be a secure and safe environment protected from harm, the positive effects of involvement with horses can develop self-esteem, teamwork and leadership, we have a statutory duty to protect children and safeguard their welfare.

- 6.1. All riders and handlers aged 16 years and under must wear correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats. Exceptions cannot be agreed.
- 6.2. ***Hat standards accepted as of 1st January 2026 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1.01.040 2014-12, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 or 2021 onwards.***
- 6.3. Under the Welfare Acts, parents and guardians of those under 16 years old are responsible for the welfare of young peoples' horses and must supervise them at all times.
- 6.4. No one under the age of 16 years old may enter a show ring to groom, strip or handle horses in a ridden showing class.

## **7. RULES SPECIFIC TO ALL RIDDEN CLASSES**

7.1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Horses entered in ridden classes must be 4 years old or over. Age is calculated from the 1st January each year. (e.g. a foal becomes a yearling on the 1<sup>st</sup> January following that of its birth). Mares with a live foal born in the current year may not be exhibited under saddle. Please also note Rule 6.4.

### **7.2. EXHIBITORS MUST NOT:**

- 7.2.1. Exhibit in any class where the horse/pony is under the ownership or production of the judge, their relative and/or their personal business partner, has provided or obtained livery or had any other connection (business or otherwise) with the judge since 1<sup>st</sup> January of the preceding year. (Stud fees are exempt)
- 7.2.2. Exhibit any horse/pony that is or has been owned, bred, produced, trained, or exhibited by the judge, a relative, business partner or partner. (NB: Group teach-ins and demos are exempt, but regular lessons or individual lessons with the judge, or their personal or business partner, are not)
- 7.2.3. Riders must not have shown any horse/pony owned, produced, or trained by the judge or their personal or business partner since 1<sup>st</sup> January of the preceding year. (NB: Group teach-ins and demos are exempt)
- 7.2.4. The exhibiting rider must not have received from, or provided to the judge, or their partner, any form of tuition at any time since 1<sup>st</sup> January of the preceding year on any horse. (Group teach-ins and demos are exempt).
- 7.2.5. Exhibit any horse/pony owned or produced by a person from whom the judge has purchased horses/ ponies or to whom he/she sold horses/ ponies.
- 7.2.6. If a judge has reasonable grounds for belief that any section of the above ruling is being contravened then the judge must ask the rider to leave the ring and the rider must withdraw.
- 7.2.7. Sponsored riders should refrain from showing under their sponsors.

### **7.3. PRE NOVICE RIDDEN:**

- 7.3.1. Pre Novice-Ridden horses must be four years old and will be judged as a riding horse. The judge will NOT ride. A short individual show will be required. A snaffle bridle must be worn.
- 7.3.2. A Pre Novice Horse is one that has not been placed first in three Pre Novice or Novice affiliated classes and upon the third win the horse would automatically upgrade to normal Novice Classes where the judge rides.
- 7.3.3. Horses entered in Pre Novice classes may not enter classes above Novice level at the same show. Should a Pre Novice horse enter any BNC Open or HOYS qualifying classes, it will not be eligible to enter Pre Novice classes again.

### **7.4. NOVICE RIDDEN:**

- 7.4.1. A **Novice** horse is no longer a Novice if it has been placed first in three ridden classes at Novice level or above at affiliated shows prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current season and/or has been awarded Champion in a HOYS qualifier.

### **7.5. RIDDEN STALLIONS:**

- 7.5.1. Stallion badges **MUST** be worn at all times when mounted, badges should be displayed on the bridle, not the rider.

### **7.6. TACK & EQUIPMENT:**

- 7.6.1. Ridden class exhibits must wear conventional and well-maintained English tack. The judge may refuse to ride or judge a horse if he/ she deems the tack to be unsafe or unsuitable. 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. Whips are not considered tack.
- 7.6.2. No horse shall be ridden on the showground in draw reins, side reins or running reins. A breach of this rule may result in the horse being disqualified from its classes in which case entry fees and awards will be forfeited. Side reins may be used when lunging.
- 7.6.3. Only normal shoes that do not cover the frog are permissible, no bar shoes, pads, gel pads are allowed.

### **7.7. USE OF SPURS:**



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- 7.7.1. Spurs may be worn for warming up only if permitted within the rules of a class(es) the horse is competing in.
- 7.7.2. Spurs must only be made of smooth material (metal or plastic) and must be blunt. The overall length should not exceed 2cm from the back of the boot to the end of the spur.
- 7.7.3. Spurs may only be used lightly to reinforce leg aids and must never be used to reprimand a horse. If they are, the competitor will be referred to the steward, official veterinarian and the organiser and will be expelled from the event.
- 7.7.4. Spurs must not be worn in Pre Novice or Novice classes.

### **7.8. JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE RIDER CLASSES:**

- 7.8.1. Restricted to riders who are 18 years and under or Intermediate riders who are 25 years and under on the first day of the show.

7.8.2. Stallions are not allowed for any rider 18 years and under and spurs are not allowed in either age groups. The judge will not ride any of the exhibits, the horses will give a short individual show and be placed on their performance and the ability of the rider.

#### **7.9. RIDDEN JUDGES:**

7.9.1. If the Judge falls from an exhibit, he/she must not remount that exhibit in that class, and it must be asked to leave the ring.

7.9.2. It is at the Judge's discretion as to whether he/she feels fit to continue judging. If the Judge does not feel fit to continue a replacement Ridden Judge may be found. If this is not possible an In Hand Judge may judge from the ground in which case the exhibits will be asked to do an individual show. The Show Organiser has the right to over-ride the Judge's decision should he/she consider that the Judge is not fit to continue.

#### **7.10. MOUNTING:**

1.1.1. Horses must be trained to stand quietly to be mounted. Judges may choose to use a mounting block.

#### **7.11. CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

7.11.1. All qualified exhibits must be ridden into the ring. However, if a rider has qualified more than one horse, that rider will be allowed, if they wish, to exchange horses and ride each horse for its individual display. A groom is allowed into the ring to hold the horse whilst not being ridden.

7.11.2. With the exception of HOYS Championships where every horse that has qualified must be RIDDEN into the Championship, no riders changes are allowed once the Championship has commenced.

### **8. RULES SPECIFIC TO HOYS QUALIFYING CLASSES**

**In THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW qualifying classes both the AHS Rules for Showing and THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW rules will apply but THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW rules will take precedence where there could be a clash or conflict.**

#### **8.1. THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW QUALIFIERS:**

8.1.1. To qualify, the horse must not have previously qualified during the current year.

8.1.2. Owners and riders of horses must be members of the Arab Horse Society. The horse must be registered in their owner's name.

8.1.3. The owner/exhibitor must have purchased an AHS Q Card displaying the name of the horse at least **5 days** prior to the first HOYS qualifying show in which they participate. Cards are available from Linda at AHS Office email [treasurer@arabhorsesociety.org](mailto:treasurer@arabhorsesociety.org). A full list of paid-up stallions, mares & geldings will appear on the AHS website. We request that all exhibitors entering these classes have the intention to compete at the HOYS final.

8.1.4. In these classes, all competitors must complete all phases, unless they have a dispensation card from The Arab Horse Society. Riders must be mounted for the presentation of rosettes.

8.1.5. The Horse of the Year Show qualifiers must be judged by a Ridden and In Hand judge using a marking system. Judges must NOT alter marks unless in extreme circumstances, if the marks are altered the judge must sign the marks sheet and initial the alteration. Judges have the right ONLY to alter placings if an animal misbehaves after the marks have been awarded. If a mistake in the marks is discovered, even after dismissing the class, it must be corrected, and any qualification/result amended. All score sheets must be returned to the AHS office within 7 days

## **9. GUIDELINES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS & COMPETITORS**

All exhibitors/competitors in AHS shows and AHS Affiliated classes are advised to read The Showing Council's Equine Welfare and General Best Practice Guidance and Unified Rules Pack 2026 which encompasses Equine Welfare and Best Practice on the showground, horse transport, conduct in the show ring and general conduct and responsibilities for us all and can be found on the AHS website [www.arabhorsesociety.org](http://www.arabhorsesociety.org).

### **9.1. SPORTSMANSHIP:**

9.1.1. Sportsmanship in competition refers to the act of displaying respect, fairness and courtesy towards others, including teammates, officials and spectators. It involves adhering to the rules and spirit of the show, winning graciously and losing with dignity.

### **9.2. COMPLAINTS AND OBJECTIONS:**

9.2.1. At the show, objections must be submitted in writing using the AHS complaints form (available from the show office) to the show organiser within one hour of the end of the class, or the incident occurring. If the show office is closed, the objection must be submitted by 9am the following morning.

9.2.2. Objections must state the AHS rule (s) believed to have been broken and be accompanied by a payment of £100 which will be forfeited if the objection is not successful. Where appropriate, the show organiser will refer the objection to the chair of the AHS Shows and Events committee, the chair of council or another council member.

9.2.3. All appeals and complaints after the show, will follow the AHS Feedback and Complaints Procedures which can be found on the AHS website. Complaints relating to a matter that occurred at the show should be made within 5 working days of the class or incident. Appeals should be made within 14 days of the initial objection.

### **9.3. EXAMINATION:**

9.3.1. Judges may require handlers to open horses' mouths or pick up their feet for inspection.

### **9.4. INSURANCE:**

9.4.1. All owners are strongly advised to have Personal/Public Liability insurance in place to provide cover for potential third-party injury or property damage arising from legal liability or negligence.

### **9.5. SOCIAL MEDIA and INTERNET POLICY:**

9.5.1. Whilst at an AHS show or event you should comply with the AHS Social Media and Internet Policy which can be found on the AHS Website [www.arabhorsesociety.org](http://www.arabhorsesociety.org). Failure to do so could result in action being taken against you and, untimely results being voided.

### **9.6. RIDDEN CLASSES.**

9.6.1. The class as a whole should be ridden and not judged solely from the ground; the exception being any pony 148cm and under which must NOT be ridden but must be asked for an individual show. In a mixed height class this exception must be communicated to all the exhibitors so that they clearly understand the position from the outset of the class.

9.6.2. Individual shows will be required in Championships.

9.6.3. Where a show meets the criteria for the Small Shows Scheme and appoints an In Hand Judge for ridden classes none of the exhibits will be ridden.

9.6.4. In ridden classes a horse's manners are important, and Judges may refuse to ride unmannerly, unschooled, or dangerous horses. Any horse in a ridden class that behaves in a manner which could cause or result in danger or injury to any other horse or person in the ring, will be ordered to leave by the Steward on instructions from the judge of that class.