

TELFORD RIDING CLUB 2018 RULES

General

1. All visitors (whether members or not) to the showground shall abide by these rules.

Competitors

2. Qualifying age for all competitors shall be taken as at 1st January in that calendar year. Juniors shall not have attained their 16th birthday by the 1st January.
3. Pony classes shall only be entered competitively by Junior riders. Junior riders on a horse, and Senior riders on a pony, shall enter horse classes (unless otherwise specified).
4. All membership fees and entry fees shall be paid when due upon entry for classes.

Conduct

5. Any person found abusing a horse or behaving in an antisocial manner may at the discretion of two committee members be subject to an immediate ban from the showground, the duration of the ban to be decided at the next committee meeting.
6. A member of the committee, Judge or Steward, can stop a horse competing if they believe that it has a problem which could be aggravated by competition or is being entered into an excessive number of classes.
7. Riders shall:
 - wear appropriate BHS approved riding hats and appropriate footwear (open to inspection by a committee member at any time) and are recommended to wear a body-protector when jumping
 - control their horse/pony at all times
 - use a bridle and saddle when riding
 - wear a riding jacket in the ring unless dispensation has been granted by the Judge (in which case a long sleeved shirt shall be worn)
 - if entered a class non-competitively (HC) be entitled to compete in the jump-off if they qualify for the jump-off.
8. Riders shall not:
 - ride any horse/pony under the age of 4 years in the showground
 - canter or gallop in any part of the showground other than a designated ring or warm-up area
 - wear spurs in any showing class (junior riders only)
 - ride or handle another person's horse without permission
 - use practise jumps if not competing in show jumping or working hunter classes
 - compete in classes both on and off leading rein at the same show (except for classes 12 to 14 and 37 to 42)
 - use a schooling whip in excess of 30 ins in any ring
 - leave the ring without the permission of the judge or they will be eliminated from that class.
9. Horses/Ponies shall:
 - wear a red ribbon on their tail if they are known to kick
 - be tied up/tethered by means of a 'break' string
 - if they are an entire stallion, be declared as such on entry to the class and may, at the discretion of the show secretary, be required to wear an appropriate device to indicate this
 - be lunged away from the lorry/trailer parks and away from the competition rings

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10. Horses/Ponies shall not:

- be left tied to trailers/lorries unattended
- be brought onto the showground if they have, or have been in contact with, any infectious disease
- compete in any one class with two or more riders (this may be waived at the Committee's discretion in the case of young children in showing classes)
- compete non-competitively (HC) in a show jumping ring and then competitively in the same ring in a later class.

Competition

11. Points will be awarded where the horse/pony/rider combination is placed in each class. Six points are awarded for first place and reducing by one point per place and ending at one point for sixth place. In addition, bonus points will be awarded based on the number of times the horse/pony/rider combination has entered that class and irrespective of where they were placed:

| <u>No of times</u> | <u>Additional bonus points</u> | <u>Total bonus points</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 times | 2 points | 2 points |
| 4 times | 2 points | 4 points |
| 5 times | 3 points | 7 points |
| 6 times | 3 points | 10 points |
| 7 times | 4 points | 14 points |

12. In all show jumping classes 4 penalty points shall be awarded for any jump knocked down; 4 for the first disobedience; 8 for the second and elimination for the third disobedience.
13. A fall in any ring will result in elimination and the rider shall leave that ring on foot. For show jumping, if the fall occurs in the jump-off, the elimination will not affect the placing of that competitor following the first round and they shall be deemed to have not attempted the jump-off.
14. The judge's decision is final. Any objection must be made in writing to the Show Secretary within 20 minutes of the incident together with a deposit of £5, which will be forfeited if the objection is overruled.
15. Trophies/rosettes will be awarded at the Club's Presentation Evening to the horse/pony/member combination that has accumulated the most points in each class by the end of the season. Additional trophies/rosettes shall be awarded at the discretion of the committee. Only members shall be eligible.

Other

16. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and not left in an unattended vehicle. Liability for damage caused by dogs rests with the owners.
17. No litter shall be left on the showground except in the bins provided.
18. No liability will be accepted by the Committee, or anyone acting on their behalf, for any loss, damage, accident or illness to horses, ponies, riders, handlers, members, visitors or to any other person or to their vehicles or other property whatsoever. It is recommended that all visitors, competitors, their vehicles and horses/ponies shall have their own appropriate insurance cover.
19. When parking vehicles on the showground adequate space must be left for the safe circulation of pedestrians, horses/ponies and other vehicles and to provide for a firebreak in the event of fire.
20. The owner of the land upon which the show is held has the right to cancel any show at his discretion and without recourse.
21. In case of conflict the constitution shall have precedence over the rules.