

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW

Exhibitors

1. Competition is confined to Members of the Society except where otherwise stated in the Schedule of Premiums (hereinafter referred to as "the Schedule") issued by the Secretary prior to each Show.

Control of Show Yard

2. All exhibits shall during the Show, be in charge and at the responsibility of the exhibitors themselves or their servants and shall be placed in the Show Yard according to the direction of the Committee. Servants must remain in close attendance of their stock in the Show Yard.

3. The Committee shall decide all questions respecting premiums and other matters connected with the Show and their decision, by the mouth of the Convener or authorised official, shall be final and not subject to review on any ground whatever.

4. The term Exhibitor shall include persons taking part in any competition, exhibition or display arranged by the Society and the owner of any animal, plant, machinery or other thing involved in any such competition or display or otherwise exhibited on the showground. Save for death or personal injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any exhibitor or to his /her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant machinery or thing of whatever nature brought on to the Showground by the said Exhibitor from whatever cause death, injury, disease, damage or loss arises.

5. Save as aforesaid the Exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against all claims, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the Exhibitor, his/her servants, agents, exhibits vehicles or equipment on the Showground and shall assume full responsibility therefor.

6. Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry.

7. Exhibitors are advised to insure against fire and other appropriate risk not only as regards their own property but also against any third party claims.

8. Exhibitors shall be answerable for all acts, whether committed by themselves, their attendants, or others in charge of their stock, and shall be held responsible for the condition of their animals during the whole time they remain in the Showground. Animals which are known to be wild or fractious by nature must not be brought to the Showground. In the event of any animal being excluded or removed from the Showground on the orders of the Chief Steward, any refund of fees or deposit shall be at the sole discretion of the Society.

9. Exhibitors and their attendants are responsible for reporting any abnormal behaviour of their animals to the Chief Steward of their Section or to the Official Veterinary Surgeons. The Stewards shall have the authority to exclude from Parades and/or the Showground any animal which in their opinion is wild or fractious to the extent of being a danger to the public, without prejudice to what is provided in these Regulations as to the liability of exhibitors.

Exhibitors and their attendants or other persons in charge of the exhibitors' stock are responsible for the welfare of their animals, both during transit to and from the show and whilst in the Showground. The decision of the Society's Veterinary Surgeons during the Show shall be final on all matters relating to animal welfare.

10. Every exhibit must be intimated on a Certificate of Entry which must be completed, signed and lodged with the Secretary at a date to be fixed by him/her annually. Printed forms for Entries are available on application to the Secretary. No entry will be accepted unless it is accompanied by the necessary fees and the Committee shall have power at any time to call upon an exhibitor to furnish proof of the correctness of any statement in his Certificate of Entry.

See also rules for sheep section in Premium List.

11. All entries must be in the Show Yard and, where appropriate, penned not later than 9 o'clock am... on the day of the Show and will not be removed before the time stated in the Catalogue of Entries or such other time as may be fixed by the Committee.

12. Attested Cattle - All such entries shall comply with regulations.

Stock

13. The age of all stock shall be calculated as from 1st June of the previous year, unless otherwise state.

14. Calves not over two months old when purchased by the exhibitor shall be treated as bred by him.

15. All mares and geldings competing for premiums, unless where age is mentioned in the Schedule, must be Four years old or upwards.

16. All horses and cattle must be paraded in accordance with the instruction of a member of the Committee or other authorised Official.

Judging and Premiums

17. The decision of the judges shall be final and shall not be challengeable on any ground whatever.

18. Premiums may be awarded although there is no competition if, in the opinion of the judges, the exhibit shown is of sufficient merit.

19. Any prize which may be awarded by the judges to an exhibitor who has failed to pay entry money or, being a member, to pay the annual subscription will be withheld and be due to the exhibit which the judge may find next in order of merit. This rule is without prejudice to the right of the Committee or an authorised official to prohibit any exhibit in either of these two cases.

Protests

20. A protest must be lodged in writing with the Secretary by an exhibitor within three days from the show day. The protest must state specifically the grounds of the objection and a deposit of £20.00 must be lodged with each protest otherwise the same shall not be considered.

21. The Secretary shall, as soon as possible, bring any valid protest before the Committee for their consideration. In their sole discretion the committee may give the exhibitor against whom the protest has been lodged an opportunity of being heard on the matter. Should the protest be sustained, the deposit shall be returned in full to the person lodging the sum but otherwise the deposit shall be forfeited and go to the Society's funds unless the Committee direct otherwise.

22. In the event of a prize being awarded to an exhibit against which or its exhibitor a protest has been lodged and sustained, the said prize shall be forfeited and shall be due to the exhibit, if any, which the judge shall have found to be next in order of merit.

Infringements

23. An exhibitor who, on the decision of the Committee, commits an infringement of any of the foregoing conditions and regulations, will forfeit any prize or prizes awarded and shall be liable, if a member, to suspension from the Society on the decision of the Committee which shall not be liable to challenge on any ground whatsoever. The next ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Society shall decide as to such person's expulsion or reinstatement to full membership.

Proprietors farming the whole of their land will be considered as tenants.