

RULES FOR THE EQUESTRIAN LIFE 2008 WORKING HUNTER AND SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**To be held on
Saturday 27th September 2008
at
Arena UK, Grantham, Lincs**

THE EQUESTRIAN LIFE 2008 WORKING HUNTER AND SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE AIMED AT THE KEEN AMATEUR, AND NOT THE PROFESSIONAL. AN AMATEUR IS SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT MAKE ANY FINANCIAL GAIN OUT OF HORSES FOR A LIVING INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- Does not get paid to ride or compete horses/ponies for clients.
- Does not buy and sell horses/ponies for financial gain.
- Does not professionally produce, school or break in horses/ponies.

HORSES AND PONIES THAT HAVE QUALIFIED FOR OR COMPETED AT HOYS, (except Search for a Star), THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW, (including Non-Qualifying classes), OR OLYMPIA in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE.

PLEASE READ THE RULES CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ENTER AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE NOT ENTERED IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. ANYONE ENTERING THESE CLASSES WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

Equestrian Life reserves the right to disqualify any persons or horses/ponies they deem not eligible to compete in the qualifiers. All objections must be made to Equestrian Life in writing one month before the Championships together with a fee of £20 which is non-refundable.

COMPETITORS WISHING TO QUALIFY FOR THE EQUESTRIAN LIFE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WHO MEET THE AMATEUR CRITERIA MUST HAVE PURCHASED AN EQUESTRIAN LIFE QUALIFICATION CARD, PRICED AT A ONE-OFF PAYMENT OF £10. THIS MAY BE DONE EITHER BY POST OR ON LINE at www.equestrianlifemagazine.com

Competitors may purchase ONE QUALIFICATION CARD ONLY which allows them to compete two horses/ponies in a maximum of three classes. If you lose your card please notify Equestrian Life immediately so they can issue you with a duplicate card.

Should you qualify, your Qualification Card status allows you entry to the Championships up to a maximum of three classes with an entry fee of £5.00 per class.

Competitors should make sure that they have their valid Qualification Card with them to show to the SECRETARY when entering. Also when competing Qualification Cards MUST be carried in the ring and signed by the JUDGE ONLY in each class. Qualification Cards MUST NOT be signed outside the ring. NO CARD, NO QUALIFICATION!

NO SUBSTITUTIONS OR NOMINATIONS OF HORSES/PONIES AND NO CHANGE OF RIDER IS ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. IT MUST BE THE SAME HORSE/PONY AND RIDER COMBINATION THAT COMPETES AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS THAT QUALIFIES.

In each Class the highest two placed exhibits not already qualified within the first five places and with a valid 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify for the Championships. There must be five or more competitors in any class before qualification is passed down to second place ie: Five or more competitors, two qualify. Less than five competitors, one qualifies.

At the Judges discretion, he/she may ride the exhibits in the following classes: Ridden Hunter, Ridden Horse, Ridden Cob, Ridden Coloured, Working Hunter Horse. The judge may elect not to ride certain exhibits. If you enter the Ridden Hunter Class OR the Ridden Cob Class, you MAY NOT enter the Ridden Horse Class at the SAME Show. You may only qualify once in each class. If you have already qualified, the qualification passes to the next highest placed within the first five places. You cannot enter two horses in the same class. Stallions are not allowed.

At the Championships you may only enter a maximum of three classes.

Working Hunter Classes only:

Protective boots, bandages and body protectors may be worn for the jumping section, but must be removed for the showing section. No other change of tack is permitted. NO CHANGE OF RIDER IS ALLOWED.

The Supreme Working Hunter Championship & The Supreme Showing Championship will take place during the Evening performance. Evening dress may be worn.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE AND ENJOY THE CHAMPIONSHIPS!!

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CLASSES FOR THE 2008 EQUESTRIAN LIFE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WORKING HUNTER CLASSES

Open to Mare or Gelding, four years old and over.

Section A

Open Working Hunter Pony not to exceed 143cms. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in current. The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Section B

Open Working Hunter Pony exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms. Riders any age but to a suitable size and weight for the pony. The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Section C WORKING HUNTER HORSE

Horses to exceed 153cms. Riders to have attained their 16th Birthday by the 1st January in the current year. The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

PLEASE NOTE

Protective boots, bandages and body protectors may be worn for the jumping section, BUT must be removed for the showing section. No other change of tack is permitted. NO CHANGE OF RIDER IS ALLOWED. A fall of horse or rider will result in elimination. Classes will be judged 60% jumping, 40% conformation and manners.

SHOWING CLASSES

Ridden Hunter

For horses exceeding 148cms and over, open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. Judge may ride at qualifying shows and at the championships at the judges' discretion (the judge may elect NOT to ride certain exhibits).

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Small Hunter not to exceed 158cms
- b) Lightweight Hunter
- c) Heavyweight Hunter

The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Best Ridden Horse

For Horses 148cms and over, open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. Judge may ride at qualifying shows and at the championships at the judges' discretion (the judge may elect NOT to ride certain exhibits).

This class will be split at Championships into:

- a) Exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.
- b) Exceeding 158cms

The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Ridden Cob

For Horses over 148cms, open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. Judge may ride at qualifying shows and at the championships at the judges' discretion (the judge may elect NOT to ride certain exhibits).

This class will be split at the Championships into:

- a) Exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms
- b) Exceeding 155cms.

The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Ridden Coloured

Open to horses and ponies, mares or geldings, four years old and over, any height.

This class will be split at the Championships into:

- a) 148cms and under.
- b) over 148cms

The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Lead Rein Pony

Open to ponies not exceeding 122cms, mare or gelding, four years old and over. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday on the 1st January in the current year. To be led by an attendant aged 14 years old and over. To be shown in a snaffle bridle, lead rein to be attached to the noseband and not to the bit.

This class at the championships will be split into:

- a) Plaited
- b) Mountain & Moorland

The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

First Ridden Pony

Open to ponies not exceeding 128cms, mares or gelding, four years old and over. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday on the 1st January in the current year. To be shown in any suitable snaffle bridle.

The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2007 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Best Ridden Pony

Open to ponies exceeding 128cms but not exceeding 148cms, mare or geldings, four years old and over. Riders any age but to be a suitable size and weight for the pony, (Excluding Lead Rein and First Ridden).

The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Ridden Mountain and Moorland Small and Large Breeds

Open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. Lead Rein Ponies are NOT permitted.

This class will be split at the Championships into:

- a) Small Breeds: Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh Section A and B.
- b) Large Breeds: Highland, Dales, Fell, New Forest, Connemara, Welsh Section C and D.

The highest placed two exhibitors not already qualified within the first five places and with a 2008 Equestrian Life Qualification Card will qualify.

Concours d'Elegance

To be ridden astride or side saddle. Open to horses and ponies, mare and gelding, four years old and over. Riders any age. Costumes or traditional allowed. To be judged on the overall picture of elegance presented by horse/pony and rider including appearance, conformation, and individual show.

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