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No variations to the rules and regulations will be enforceable unless made in writing by the Society.

1. PENALTY FOR BREAKING RULES

The Board of Directors reserves the right to bar from exhibiting, either in person or through a nominee or agent, any exhibitor, who, in the opinion of the Board, contravenes or has contravened any of the Society's Rules, Regulations or Conditions or who has been disqualified or prohibited from exhibiting or has been fined or otherwise dealt with under the said Rules, Regulations and Conditions, for such period as it shall think fit.

The Board of Directors may refuse to accept an entry without giving any reason for such refusal. Should any member or exhibitor conduct himself or herself in an improper or offensive manner on the Showground or if it be proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors (or of any official of the Society to which the Board has delegated such responsibility) that any member or exhibitor has attempted to mislead the Society by any form of misrepresentation whatsoever or has failed to provide a satisfactory explanation for a failure to produce an exhibit duly entered for a Show or has violated any of the Rules or Regulations of the Society then, and in any such case, the Board of Directors may decline to allow the member concerned to renew his or her membership or the exhibitor concerned to exhibit at any future Show of such period as the Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion determine and may forfeit any prize or prize money of such exhibitor.

2. EXHIBITS NOT FORWARD FOR JUDGING

Any exhibitor who is unable to attend the event, **must** inform the Society in writing by **Wednesday 10 June 2026**, a refund will then be issued. Cancellations should be provided by completing the cancellation form and sent **via email to livestock@rwas.co.uk or sent by recorded delivery**.

After this date, although no refund will be issued, exhibitors must still inform the Livestock Office of their absence in writing. Any tickets and passes received must be returned directly to the Livestock Office by 15 July 2026 with a receipt as proof of return.

Failure by any exhibitor to notify the Society of their absence in writing and return any tickets or passes received, may result in action being taken against that exhibitor. Under the terms of the Society's Disciplinary Procedure, any exhibitor who is found to have breached the Society's rules may be barred from exhibiting at future shows for a period of time

Any Exhibitor whose animal becomes injured whilst on the Showground and is unable to compete in its class, must be certified by one of the Society's vets. The vets certificate MUST then be supplied to the Livestock Office. Failure to adhere to these procedures may result in disciplinary action being taken as per above.

The Society will only issue a refund after 10 June 2026 in extreme exceptional circumstances, such as government restrictions, serious illness or death. Any such refund would be subject to all tickets and passes being returned to the Livestock Office no later than 15 July 2026, with a receipt as proof of return. Those who post their tickets must do so by recorded delivery, with the proof of postage retained.

3. OPEN CLASSES

Open classes are for exhibitors and exhibits residing in any part of the European Community subject to all quarantine regulations being satisfactory.

Please see the beginning of each section for the regulations relating to the import and export of farmed livestock or equines.

4. EXTRA CLASSES

Extra classes are provided to meet special conditions which could not be applied to open classes generally. Animals entered in an extra class may also be entered in open classes, where eligible, upon payment of the relevant entry fee.

5. SPECIAL CLASSES

All cups, trophies and awards are offered at this Society's Show subject to the following conditions: -
Should an exhibit become ineligible for a class prize either: -

a) by direct disqualification on protest sustained by the Board of Directors, or
b) automatically through failing to comply with the Society's Rules and Regulations as to foaling, calving, lambing, farrowing, etc such exhibit will also be disqualified from the award of any special prize relating to such class.

No prize money will be awarded for special classes unless printed under the relevant section in the Livestock Schedule.

6. CHALLENGE CUPS AND PERPETUAL TROPHIES

All Society owned trophies will remain in the Society's trophy display room in the Clwyd Glamorgan Hall. The name of the winner will be engraved on the trophies following the Show. Each winner will receive a bespoke Society memento, to be collected from the Clwyd Glamorgan Hall, at which time the engraving instructions for the trophy MUST be supplied.

7. *NON-SOCIETY CUPS, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

All cups, trophies and awards which are not the responsibility of the Society are marked
*. Donor's Family, Breed Societies, Non RWAS Society cups, trophies and awards will not have the winner's name engraved on by the Society. It will be the responsibility of the winner to carry out any necessary engraving.

8. AWARDS OFFERED

Only the signed awards of the Judges will be accepted by the Society as evidence that a prize has been awarded and the production of a prize or rosette by the exhibitor will not entitle him or her to a prize. Results sheets will not be displayed until the end of judging.

9. REGULATIONS AS TO THE PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY

The Society will issue all prize money via your online account, you will need to log in and claim this when it is available. The prize money, where there is no dispute in accordance with the terms of the Rules & Regulations, will be paid out within two months of the Show. Any outstanding accounts due to the Society may be set-off against any prize money or other amount owed to the exhibitor.

10. FORFEITURE OF PRIZE MONEY

Any infringement of any Rule, Regulation or Condition, will render the exhibitor liable to a fine of £50 by the Stewards, and to the forfeiture by order of the Board of Directors, of any prize he or she may be entitled to.

11. POWER TO CANCEL AWARDS

Any person who shall have been shown, to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors, to have been excluded from exhibiting for prizes at the exhibition of the Society, in consequence of having been convicted of any attempt to obtain a prize by giving a false certificate, or by other unfair means, shall not be allowed to compete for any prizes offered by the Society at any of its Shows, until otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.

If, through any evasion, such person shall make an entry and obtain an award, the Board of Directors shall have power to cancel such award and withhold the prize money.

Any person who has been disqualified from exhibiting for prizes at the exhibition of any Society, under the preceding condition, shall not be allowed to act as agent, representative or servant of any exhibitor at any of the Society's future Shows, until otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.

12. CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

a) The Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel or transfer any section or class if they deem there to be insufficient entries. In the event of any class or section being cancelled entrants therein will be notified as soon as possible after the closing date of entries and their fees will be returned.

b) If, at the discretion of the Society, two or more dairy breeds are amalgamated owing to insufficient entries, a Champion in each individual breed will be chosen.

c) The Society reserves the right, at their discretion, to amalgamate classes, as appropriate, which they deem to have insufficient entries.

13. REGULATIONS AS TO PROTESTS

A protest must be lodged in writing within an hour of the class being judged and handed to a senior member of the RWAS staff at the Headquarters Office, together with a deposit fee of £50.00 per individual objector. If, on investigating, the protest is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Protest Committee, then the deposit may be forfeited to the funds of the Society.

The Protest Committee would consist of the Show Director, Assistant Honorary Director concerned, the Chief or Senior Steward concerned and the Chairman of the Livestock Committee.

14. FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors reserves, to themselves, the right of determining all disputed cases as to disqualifications, discipline, etc. and the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

15. PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

All entries must be accompanied by entry fees and any entries in which these and the following conditions are not observed will not be accepted. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the "Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Ltd" and crossed "Not Negotiable".

Any outstanding accounts due to the Society may result in that exhibitor's tickets and passes being subsequently withheld. If a payment cheque for entries is returned from the bank, the Society **MAY** cancel the relevant exhibitor's entry for that year.

If a payment cheque for entries is returned from the bank, the Society will be charged a fee of £25.

16. TICKET ENTITLEMENT

Exhibitor ticket entitlement for the **HORSE** section: -

Horse exhibitors will receive one more ticket than horses entered on any day, up to a maximum of five tickets per day. For example, an exhibitor with two horses, one showing on Monday and one showing on Tuesday, will receive four one day tickets: two tickets for the horse shown on the Monday and two tickets for the horse shown on the Tuesday.

Additional adult one-day tickets may be purchased at £32.00 (including VAT) each and additional child one-day tickets may be purchased at £5.00 (including VAT). Additional 4 day exhibitor wristbands may be purchased at a discounted rate of £132.00 (including VAT) per wristband.

Exhibitor ticket entitlement for **CATTLE** section: -

Number of Exhibit/s	Exhibitor Four-Day Ticket/s
1	2
2	2
3	3
4	3
5/6	4
7+	5

The Cattle exhibitor badges will also admit exhibitors to the Cattle Buildings whilst they are closed to the general public during judging and parades.

Exhibitor ticket entitlement for **SHEEP, PIG** and **GOAT** sections: -

Number of Exhibit/s	Exhibitor Four-Day Ticket/s
1	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
5 & Over	3

Carcass Exhibitors – will receive one ticket for the Tuesday of the Show and one ticket for the Thursday of the Show.
Additional exhibitor four-day tickets may be purchased upon entering. Additional adult one-day tickets may be purchased at £32.00 (including VAT) each and additional child one-day tickets may be purchased at £5.00 (including VAT) or an additional 4-day exhibitor wristband may be purchased.
Immediately upon receipt of tickets and passes, exhibitors are requested to check that the allocation is correct. No duplicate tickets or passes will be issued during the Show period free of charge. Any outstanding accounts due to the Society may result in that exhibitor's tickets and passes being subsequently withheld.

17. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

No member of the Society will be accorded the concession of making entries at the reduced fees unless his or her membership subscription for that year has been paid by 1st February.
The Society will accept Applications for Membership following this date. However, all Applications must be accompanied by: -

- Cash/Cheque in respect of 2026 Membership Subscription.
- Fully completed Direct Debit Instruction (used to arrange payment of Membership Subscription on 1st February in subsequent years).

Exhibitors will not be permitted to receive a reduced entry rate if they are not fully paid-up members before making their entries.

18. ENTRY CONDITIONS - SPECIAL PRIZES

No entrance fee is charged to a member or non-member for a special prize, championship prize or challenge cup, but no exhibit can be entered to compete for a special prize, championship prize or challenge cup, unless already entered in a class for which an entry fee is chargeable. No prize money will be awarded for special prizes unless printed under the relevant section in the schedule.

19. CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES 20 May 2026 at 11.59pm

Particular attention is directed to the fact that dates stipulated for the closing date of entries will be very strictly adhered to. Late entries will NOT be accepted. Entries open at 10am. The Equine section will open on Wednesday 15 April 2026 Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Pigs & Goats will open on Wednesday 22 April 2026 and Sheep entries will open on Wednesday 29th April 2026.

20. COMPLETION OF ENTRY FORMS

The online entry form may be accessed through the RWAS Website https://rwas.wales/royal-welsh/. Paper entry forms may be obtained from the RWAS Office. To prevent any inconvenience and delay, applicants for paper entry forms are requested to name the kind of stock they are proposing to enter. No stock will be accepted for exhibition unless the certificate of entry, filled in upon the official entry form, completed and signed by the owner in the manner directed and shall have been delivered to the RWAS Office or sent (postage paid) direct to the same on or before the closing date of entries. All hand delivered entries on the first day of entries, will be classed as arriving on the second day, whereby all the envelopes will be shuffled, and entries picked out at random.

21. ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRIES

All exhibitors and exhibits must be registered with their respective Breed Society. All horses, except for foals, entered in Sections requiring them to be registered, should

be formally registered, with the registration number supplied by the closing date of entries **(20 May 2026**)

22. RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors are alone responsible for the accuracy and eligibility of their entries. Entry fees are not returnable to an exhibitor who enters an animal in a class for which it is ineligible or for entries which are withdrawn after the date of entry has expired.

Exhibitors are expected to behave responsibly at all times, any irresponsible misconduct or abuse of Health and Safety regulations by exhibitors to their exhibits, or towards any Society stewards will be dealt with as defined in the current Livestock Rules & Regulations. All exhibitors should note the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992, which requires co-operation and co-ordination between all exhibitors and the RWAS. The requirements on both are to carry out adequate risk assessments covering the work to be done. It is then necessary to implement any procedures as required by the above legislation, and also inform all those concerned of these assessments and procedures.

Animals which are known to be wild or fractious by nature must not be brought to the Showground.

Animals which are subject to restrictions under the Animal Health Act 1981 (as amended) or the Animal and Animals Products (Import and Export) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 will not be allowed onto the Showground.

Exhibitors in all sections (Except Goats or Dairy Cattle) are not permitted to enter an animal in any class, which is to be judged by a person who has or had a financial or other interest in the animal, or which has stood in his or her yard. Exhibitors should adhere to the specific rules of their relevant breed society on this matter, where such rules are available. The onus of complying with this regulation rests entirely on the exhibitor. In all Interbreed Championships the onus rests on the exhibitor to stand down if the interbreed judge has or had a financial or other interest in the animal or if it has stood in his or her yard.

23. DATES OF BIRTH

The ages of the cattle are (except where otherwise specified) calculated to the first day of the Show, but horses, sheep and pigs will be duly classified by the age estimated from 1st January in each year (thus a foal born at any period in 2025 becomes a yearling on the 1st January 2026). The exact date of birth of each animal must, wherever possible, be stated on the entry form, in order that the judges may take the actual ages into consideration in deciding upon the relative merits of the animals in each class.

24. PROPERTY OF EXHIBITORS

Every exhibit must at the closing date of entries be the bona fide property of the person or persons in whose name(s) the entry appears in the catalogue, except in the case of an animal contractually leased or on hire, or by prior special permission of the Board of Directors. The onus for complying with this rule is entirely upon the Owner, and the Society takes no responsibility for ensuring the eligibility of any exhibits.

The Society does not permit the catalogued owner's details and correspondence address to be amended after the closing date of entries. Therefore, if an animal is sold, exhibitors should be aware that the catalogue and the results will refer to the catalogued owner and cannot be changed. Furthermore, all tickets, passes, prize money and correspondence will only be sent to the individual who entered the animal. The exhibitor must inform the Society of the change of ownership and also inform the new owner of the need to contact the Society to complete a declaration form confirming that they will adhere to the Society's rules. Failure to submit this form prior to the Show may result in the animal being

disqualified from competing or stripped of any awards and prize money following the event.

25. SUBSTITUTIONS INTO THE SAME CLASS

An exhibitor who has made an entry of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs or goats in a particular class, will be permitted, up to the 10 June 2026, to withdraw the entry of such animal and to substitute for it an entry of another animal in the **SECTION** which was his or her bona fide property at the time of his or her original entry. The additional fee will be £1.00 for each substituted entry.

No substitutions will be accepted after 20 May 2026 (except as provided for under Rules & Regulations 26 below).

This must be provided in writing, email, or letter.

26. SPECIAL SUBSTITUTIONS

In the event of any animal duly entered for the Society's Show becoming ineligible for exhibition as a consequence of restrictions imposed by the National Assembly for Wales Agricultural Department, the Board of Directors reserves the right to allow the owner of such animal to substitute another one for it. In the event of substitution after the Official Catalogue has gone to press, full particulars of the substituted animal shall be displayed on its box, stall, or pen.

27. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Any livestock exhibitor shall pay to the Society for any costs incurred for liquidated damages if any animal which he or she exhibits is, to his or her knowledge, suffering from any contagious or infectious disease, and for each and every such animal if more than one.

28. STOCK FOR SALE

Exhibitors are invited to indicate on the entry form whether the entry is offered for sale. This information will appear in the Official Catalogue.

29. CORRECTNESS OF ENTRY

Every exhibitor shall prove the correctness of his or her certificate of entry to the satisfaction of the Stewards if and when called upon by them to do so. Failing to furnish the required proof, he or she may be prohibited from exhibiting. Any prize, if awarded, may be withheld and the award cancelled.

Any animal found at the Show incorrectly ear marked will be removed from the Showground.

Exhibitors should note that in the event of a dispute the Society reserves the right to carry out DNA testing.

30. CORRECTNESS OF CLASS ENTRY

The judges, with the sanction of the Stewards, will withhold prizes from exhibitors whose animals are entered in the wrong class, but if an exhibitor can prove to the satisfaction of the Stewards who can refer to the original entry form, filed in the Livestock Office on the Showground, that an entry has been catalogued in the wrong class through a clerical error of the staff or through a printer's error, the Stewards are empowered to have such exhibit judged in the class intended by the exhibitor.

31. PROOF OF ENTRY

No exhibits will be received at the gate unless the official entry document is shown as proof of entry.

32. ADMISSION TICKETS

Exhibitors must show their exhibitors admission ticket each time they enter the Showground. No-one shall be allowed to enter the Showground without the correct tickets and passes. The exhibitor will be responsible for the proper use of the tickets and passes issued to his or her attendants. In case of transfer, or other improper use of a ticket or pass, the exhibitor may be required to pay a fine of £50.00 for each case during the event or be referred to the Society’s Disciplinary Panel following the Show.

33. CONDITIONS OF ADMITTANCE

Persons are admitted to the Showground at their own risk and vehicles and their accessories and contents are admitted to and left in the Show car parks at the owner's risk, and, while every endeavour is taken to ensure the safety thereof, the Society will not (save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Society, its servants or agents) be responsible for personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise) loss of or damage to property and any other loss, damage, costs and expenses however caused.

34. CAR PARKING CONDITIONS

Persons are admitted entry to the Show car parks at their own risk and vehicles and their accessories and contents are admitted to and left in the Show car parks at the owner's risk, and, while every endeavour is taken to ensure the safety thereof, the Society will not (save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Society, its servants or agents) be responsible for personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise), loss of or damage to property and any other loss, damage, costs and expenses however caused.

Caravans and other vehicles used for accommodation - With Health and Safety/Fire Regulations having to be rigorously administered this year, exhibitors **MUST** state on their remittance form if their vehicle will be used for accommodation during the show. There will not be a fee for exhibitors using their vehicles for accommodation.

Exhibitors requiring caravan plots are requested to submit their entries in good time as these are very limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

To ensure compliance with fire safety regulations all caravans MUST be spaced with six metres between caravan walls and with three metres of clear space between associated equipment (e.g., car or awning) and the adjacent caravan. All caravans and other vehicles used for accommodation MUST **carry a suitable fire extinguisher (5-kilo dry powder type).**

Horse Exhibitors only – A caravan will not be admitted onto the Livestock Hill if it is being towed by a lorry.

35. ARRIVAL ON THE SHOWGROUND

Livestock Gate will be opened for stock at 9.00 am Saturday 18 July 2026. Horse Hill will be opened for horses at 12.00 noon Saturday 18 July 2026.

All vehicles will be inspected on arrival. Any vehicle displaying a "vehicle towing horses" pass and not carrying horses shall be turned away from the Showground. Horse exhibitors entering six or more horses will receive a second vehicle towing horses' pass free of charge.

Any exhibitor who arrives after the stipulated arrival times shall at the Society's discretion be barred from showing for a period deemed appropriate by the Society's Board of Directors.

36. DEPARTURE OF EXHIBITS AFTER THE SHOW

Departure of all exhibits is referred to at the commencement of each section and these times will be strictly adhered to. Any defaulters will be listed, and entry may be refused the following year with prize money withheld. Any defaulter will hold the right to appeal. The Society reserves the right to alter the departure times as necessary. However, exhibitors would be informed of any changes.

37. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SHOWGROUND

No animal can be removed from its place without recommendation from the Chief Sectional Steward or Society's Veterinary Officer nor can any animal be taken out of the Showground without a permit in writing, from the Livestock Officer.

38. POWER TO REMOVE ANIMALS

The Stewards, on the recommendation of the Society's Veterinary Officers shall have the power to remove from the Showground any unruly, vicious, deformed or diseased animals, and also the stock implements, or miscellaneous articles belonging to any exhibitor who refuses to comply with the instructions given to them by the Stewards

without any responsibility attaching to them or to the Society in consequence of such removal.

39. TRANSIT OF ANIMALS - WELFARE OF ANIMALS (TRANSPORT) ORDER 1997

It is an offence to transport an animal likely to give birth during transit. The owner or his or her agent shall not permit such an animal to be loaded.

40. EMERGENCY VETERINARY TREATMENT

In the event that an exhibitor cannot be found at any time and his or her animal/s have been found to be sick, the Society's Veterinary Officers may, on their own authority, give to any animal such emergency treatment at the cost of the exhibitor as they consider appropriate even if the exhibitor is not present at the time. Stewards may remove any animal to an isolation box if it is necessary.

In the event of an animal dying or having to be destroyed, any costs incurred for its disposal will be paid at the discretion of the Society.

41. HAY

Exhibitors are required to provide their own hay.

42. GREEN FODDER

Green fodder will be supplied free of charge (Except in the Horse section where **NONE** will be provided). It will be necessary for exhibitors to make their own arrangement for the supply of any corn, meal, cake, or other feeding stuffs which they may require.

43. MANGERS AND FEEDING TROUGHS

Exhibitors are at liberty to send any kind of food their stock may require, in which case the necessary troughs, etc. for holding the same must also be sent. Feeding troughs for horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats must be provided by the exhibitors.

44. STRAW

No straw will be delivered on Thursday 23 July 2026. Any straw remaining on the Showground after 6.00 pm on the last day of the Show, whether supplied by the Society or brought by the exhibitor, shall be considered the property of the Society. Sufficient straw only for litter for the conveyances, horse boxes or cattle wagons carrying the stock from the Show will be allowed to be taken from the Showground.

45. STRAW SUPPLY

Arrangements for the supply of straw will be made available by the commencement of the show.

46. NO SMOKING

No smoking will be allowed in or near horse boxes, stock buildings, lines, tents, shedding for exhibits or forage, in the Showground. No smoking will be allowed by judges, exhibitors, or stewards whilst in the judging rings.

47. COOKING AND SLEEPING

No cooking or sleeping will be allowed in the stock buildings or lines.

48. STOCKMENS' ACCOMMODATION - NEUADD HENLLAN

Neuadd Henllan will be available for use by cattle, sheep, pig and goat exhibitors. Each room has one, two or four beds – Some rooms contain bunkbeds. The beds cannot be reserved for individual night bookings.

The fee is payable at the time of entry and requests will be dealt with in date of receipt order.

This can only be booked via your online RWAS Account. It will be allocated on a ‘first come, first served basis’.

Linen, duvets, and pillows will be provided. The facilities in the block are for residents ONLY. If a changeover occurs in one room by stockpersons during the week, the keys MUST be given to the wardens. All exhibitors must ensure that any dirty footwear is

removed before entering the accommodation. If the facilities are abused or if more persons are sleeping in the room than allowed the wardens will consider a ban.
Breakfast, if required, is available on a daily basis.

49. BIKES, MOTOR BIKES AND ATV'S

No bikes, motor bikes or ATVs of any kind, may be taken onto the Showground except by prior arrangement in writing.

50. DOGS

No dogs will be allowed on to the showground without prior permission from the Chief Executive.

51. PLACARDS

No person shall be allowed to fix any placard in the Showground, or distribute any handbills, circulars, etc. except at their own stands, without the written permission of the Secretary. No person shall be allowed to take down or cover any official placard or notice.

52. ANNOYANCE

No exhibitor shall be allowed to shout or make undue noises in calling attention to his or her exhibit so as to be a source of annoyance to other exhibitors.

53. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Cruelty by exhibitors to animals in any form whatsoever will not be condoned. Proven evidence of any such cruelty may result in disciplinary action being taken towards the exhibitor. Exhibitors are required to ensure the welfare of their animals whilst stalled, penned, stabled or anywhere on the Society's property during the Show. Any incident of a welfare issue will be reported to the Society's vets and if deemed necessary appropriate action will be taken on the matter.

54. OTHER EXHIBITORS' ANIMALS

If an exhibitor is found tampering in any way with a fellow exhibitor's animal, the Society will direct its Disciplinary Panel to review the matter; if substantiated the individual(s) involved may be barred for a period the Panel deems appropriate. Exhibitors should also be aware that under no circumstances can medicines be administered to another exhibitor's animal. If an exhibitor is concerned over the welfare of another person's stock, please inform a steward.

55. JUDGING

The judge's decision shall be final.
The judges will regard the symmetry, early maturity, purity, size, and general qualities as the chief characteristics of the breed which they judge. The object of the Society in giving prizes for horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats being to promote the improvement of breeding stock. The judges in making their awards in the pedigree cattle, sheep, pig, and goat classes will be instructed not to take into consideration the present value to the butcher of animals exhibited, but to decide according to the relative merits for the purpose of breeding.
It is not necessary for a judge to place all the exhibits in the large classes or to place exhibits which in his or her opinion have insufficient merit.
No smoking will be allowed by judges whilst in the judging rings. Judges must not use a mobile phone whilst in the judging rings.
All handlers must be a minimum of **14** years old on the first day of the Show for the judging of all the in-hand horse classes, in order to lead a horse/pony down the horsewalk, judging of all cattle classes and for the Main Ring parades.
No judge shall be allowed to exhibit in the same species as they are judging at the Royal Welsh Show, in the year of their appointment.

56. JUDGING – WELSH PONIES & COBS

In order to reduce the pressure on judges and stewards in the Welsh Mountain Pony, Welsh Pony, Welsh Pony (Cob Type) and Welsh Cob Sections (A, B, C & D), the judges of these sections will be instructed that, after first inspection of the entries forward, twenty exhibits shall be called forward from which the appropriate number of

prize winners will be selected. The remaining exhibits will be asked to leave the judging ring after running once in front of the Grandstand.

In addition to the above, exhibitors of Section A and Section D stallions, please note that the judging process will take place as follows: -

Up to the first twenty will be selected and lined up. The stallions not selected will form a second line behind and will be given the chance of either having one run in front of the Grandstand and then leave the ring or stay in the second line until the final judging is completed and be included in the final display of stallions in the Main Ring.

If any exhibitor is found leaving the ring at any other time, he or she concerned will be warned by the Society's Stewards and subsequently reported to the Welsh Pony & Cob Society.

57. JUDGING - WELSH COBS - WELSH PONIES (COB TYPE) - UNDER SADDLE

The substance of the Rule 56 stated above applies except that the Riding and Conformation Judges will jointly select the best twenty exhibits per class to remain in the ring for further judging. After the exhibits have been chosen the remaining exhibitors will leave the ring unplaced. The Riding Judge will then ride each exhibit. Both judges will use the point system (50 riding & 50 conformation) to place the exhibits concerned.

58. JUDGING – ALL IN HAND & RIDDEN HORSE SECTIONS

In order to reduce the pressure on judges and stewards in the horse sections, if entries are high in any section other than where a HOYS qualifier is attached, the judges MAY be instructed that, after first inspection of the entries forward, the best twenty exhibits per class should be called forward from which the appropriate number of prize winners will be selected. The remaining exhibits will be asked to leave the judging ring after running once in front of the Grandstand.

59. JUDGING - SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIPS

Judges of Supreme Championships are not eligible to exhibit in the same species.

60. PROBATIONERY JUDGES

No probationer judges are allowed to judge at the Royal Welsh Show.

61. SUBSTITUTE JUDGES

Should a judge be prevented from fulfilling his/her engagement, the Board of Directors reserve, to themselves, the right to appoint a substitute. The Assistant Honorary Director of the section would appoint the substitute judge on behalf of the Board of Directors, where necessary.

62. APPOINTMENT OF AN UMPIRE

In case of a difference of opinion between the judges respecting the award of any prize on the Showground, a Committee of not less than five members of the Board of Directors shall be immediately summoned by the Livestock Officer, and an umpire appointed by it, whose decision shall be final. In the event of any judge leaving before the class which he or she is judging is completed, the appointment of his or her successor shall also be made in the same way. The same procedure shall be adopted if it is found necessary to appoint a referee judge.

The Assistant Honorary Director of the section would act on behalf of the Board of Directors where necessary.

63. PARADE OF ANIMALS FOR JUDGING

Horses and cattle must be paraded and exhibited in the rings with their number affixed to the head and neck, for inspection during the Show as directed by the Stewards.

Smoking by persons in charge of stock during judging or on parade is strictly prohibited.

Whilst judging or parading all persons in charge of stock must be suitably dressed i.e., cattle, sheep, pig, and goat handlers wear white coats or appropriate Society dress and horse handlers the correct attire. Appropriate footwear must also be worn. Whilst the judging of a class is in progress, no animal competing therein shall be permitted to wear any prize card or rosette (except in a championship or group championship) which may have been awarded to it in a previous class. Judges, Stewards, and

exhibitors leading or riding animals in classes, ring displays or parades and all other persons who have to go into the Show rings should be suitably attired, including footwear.

Anyone riding an equine anywhere on the Showground must wear a hat to British Standard specification appropriate to the relevant Section which they are exhibiting. All handlers must be a **minimum of 14 years old** on the first day of the Show for the judging of all the in-hand horse classes, in order to lead a horse/pony down the horsewalk, judging of all cattle classes and for the Main Ring parades.

64. SEDATION

The use of sedation for judging and parading is prohibited and any animal so sedated will not be allowed to be judged or paraded. The Society's Veterinary Officers reserve the right to carry out spot checks for drugs on winning exhibits.

65. AWARD ON MERIT

The judges will be instructed to withhold any prize if they are of the opinion that there is not sufficient merit in any of the stock exhibited for such prize to justify an award; and when there is only one animal or pen of animals shown in the class, the judges may award the first, second or any other prize according to the merits of the animal or pen of animals exhibited.

66. RESERVE AWARDS

The judges will give a reserve award in each class to the exhibit which would in their opinion, possess sufficient merit for a prize, in case an animal to which a prize has been awarded should be subsequently disqualified. They will specially report equality of merit to the Board of Directors, who will in such event, decide the award. They will also report the animals which deserve to be specially commended and then sign and deliver their results through the Stewards to the Awards Office.

67. ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

Any owner or attendant in charge of stock will be subject to the orders of the Stewards and will be required to exhibit or parade the animals in his or her charge at such times as may be directed and any owner or servants disobeying such orders by indiscipline or using abusive or offensive language will be liable to be fined and/or removed from the Showground, at the option of the Board of Directors. The catalogued exhibitor will be held accountable for any misbehaviour by themselves or by any person(s) involved with the handling and preparing of their animals whilst on the Showground. Persons in charge of animals shall be in attendance each day during the Show and shall have such animals' ready at least a quarter of an hour before the time appointed for exhibiting the animals in the show rings for judging or parades.

68. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STEWARDS

The stewards will attend on each sectional judge. It will be their duty to see that no obstruction is offered to them, and that the space reserved for them is not encroached; or that the proper animals entered in the Official Catalogue are presented before the judge, to communicate to the Secretary any questions that may arise for the consideration of the Board of Directors, to complete the judge's results, to give prize cards and rosettes to the prize animals and to collect before the parade of a class the measurement cards signed by the Society's Veterinary Officers (if applicable).

In the cattle classes it is their duty to satisfy themselves as to the identity of all cattle presented for judging either by checking the earmarks with those printed in the Official Catalogue or if the earmark is incorrect or illegible and other satisfactory means of identification is not available, the animal shall be taken off the Showground, by order of the Assistant Honorary Director.

All judging books must be fully and correctly completed, including a list of absent exhibits, and be returned to the relevant results steward or Awards Office. In addition, the perforated judging slips must be removed from the judging /folder book and taken to the relevant results steward or Awards Office IMMEDIATELY after a class has been judged.

The Board of Directors delegates full power to the Stewards to enforce the carrying out of the Rules & Regulations relating to livestock and other exhibits at the Society's Shows.

The stewards are required to report to the secretary's office, the names of the exhibitors with the catalogue numbers of exhibits absent, and of the horses and cattle not brought out for parades. Those exhibits that fail to parade will forfeit their prize money.

69. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

In this clause the term "exhibitor" shall include persons taking part in any competition 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 caused by the negligence of the Society, its servants or agents, the Society will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any exhibitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant, machinery or thing of whatever nature brought onto the Showground by the said exhibitor from whatever cause, death, injury, disease, damage or loss arises.

Saves 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 or her servants, agents, exhibits, vehicles or equipment on the Showground and shall assume full responsibility, therefore. Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry.

As a condition of entry to the Show, all exhibitors must have Public and Products Liability Insurance cover for a minimum of £2,000,000. Proof of cover to be provided on request. Exhibitors are also advised to insure against fire and any other appropriate risk.

70. REGULATIONS RELATING TO LIVESTOCK AND EXHIBITS ENTERED AT THIS SOCIETY'S SHOW

The Society, its Officers or Servants shall not be responsible for any person whatsoever while upon the Society's premises, or while entering or leaving the same, for any damage or loss however caused to the property of any such person or for any injury, fatal or otherwise to any such person.

The Society, its Officers or Servants, shall not be responsible for any accident, damage or loss however caused, that may occur to any exhibitor or his or her servant, or to any animal, article or property brought into the Showground, or while entering or leaving or being carried into or out of the said Showground.

Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may be done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal, article, or property exhibited or brought onto the Showground by him or her, he or she shall indemnify and hold harmless the Society from and against all actions, suits, expenses and claims on account of or in respect of any such damage or injury which may be caused or occasioned.

It is, therefore, recommended that exhibitors insure against fire and such liabilities as the exhibitor may incur under these regulations.

The Society, its Officers and Servants will not be liable for any errors or mistakes that may happen in placing or penning the stock or articles to be exhibited, but the servants in charge of the same must see that they are placed according to their entries. All livestock entered within the Society's classification MUST be housed in the appropriate lines and NOT on a Tradestand.

71. ALCOHOL ABUSE

It will be an offence to carry alcoholic drink around the Showground. Drinking in public places especially in the avenues will be an evictable offence and members will run the additional risk of having their membership cancelled.

In the interests of health and safety, no exhibitor/competitor should consume alcohol until his/her competition has ended. Individuals or teams who ignore this ruling will risk being banned.

72. MANYLION ARDDANGOSWYR, CYHOEDDUSRWYDD A DIOGELU DATA / EXHIBITOR DETAILS, PUBLICITY & DATA PROTECTION.

The Royal Agricultural Society is committed to protecting your personal data and processing it only in accordance with legal requirements. For more details you should request a copy of our GDPR Policy. We process your personal data as it is necessary for the performance of your contract with you to facilitate your entry to the event. We will not transfer your data outside of the European Economic Area and will not share your data with third parties except for the regulatory authorities or breed societies to who we may submit entries and results to be checked for validity and eligibility based on legitimate interests. Your name, address and animal details will be published within the Society's catalogue for purchase at the event. Results will also be circulated with members of the press and published on our website. We retain your data in accordance with our retention schedule to simplify future applications. You have various rights in the data we hold including rectification and objecting to processing. Please also be aware that photographs and film will be taken throughout the Showground for broadcast, publicity, and marketing purposes.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO HORSES

See also Regulations 1 to 71

Anyone riding a horse, pony or donkey must wear a hat to British Standard specification appropriate to the Section that they are exhibiting or competing in. This hat must be worn at all times.

73. COLTS AND STALLIONS

All colts and stallions, three years old or over excluding Miniature Shetlands, MUST be shown in bridle and bit. A stallion hired for the season will be considered to be the property of the hirer.

74. HORSE EXHIBITS

The use of sawdust above the knee, or of resin, or other substances in any form or way designed to give an animal artificial appearance, cording or any improper means adopted in showing an animal, will lead to disqualification. Inspectors may be appointed, whose decision will be final, to examine every horse before it enters the judging ring to adjudicate on the issue. The Society also reserves the right to dope test any exhibit.

The Docking and Nicking of Horses Act 1949 - All entries must comply with this Act (including imported animals).

75. EQUINE INFLUENZA

The Society expects all equine entries to have an up-to-date equine influenza vaccination record. Following advice from animal health professionals and the prevalence of the Equine Flu in the summer of 2019, the Society Officials have made the decision to allow only horses vaccinated against Equine Flu to attend the 2026 Royal Welsh Show.

The Society expects all equine entries to have an up-to-date equine influenza vaccination record. They must have received two primary vaccinations which are given not less than 21 days and not more than 60 days apart.

If sufficient time has elapsed the equine entry must also have received a booster vaccination which is given not less than 120 days and not more than 180 days after the second component of the primary vaccination, and further booster vaccinations at intervals of not more than a year apart.

None of the vaccinations must have been given on the day of entry to the showground or on any of the six days before entry to the showground.

Note: Minimum requirements are the two primary vaccinations, plus seven days before entry to the showground. Foals six months of age or older must meet the minimum equine influenza vaccination requirement. Foals born during the year of the Royal Welsh Show are given special dispensation to enter the show i.e. all foals born in 2026 will not require vaccination.

76. VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

Exhibitors whose animals are examined for soundness at the request of the judge or when a protest is lodged and the animal rejected, may on application be furnished with a Veterinary Certificate and may remove the animal from the Showground.

77. MARE WITH FOAL AT FOOT

A Mare that has lost her foal in the current year may, on production of a vet's certificate, compete in the Brood Mare class. **The vet's certificate must be presented to the Assistant Honorary Director or his Deputy, in the Main Ring Control Tower half an hour before the class commences**. The exhibitor must notify the Livestock Office beforehand and carry a copy of the certificate into the judging ring.

78. HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS

Official height certificates obtained from the Society's Veterinary Officers will only be required for exhibits entered in the following sections: -

Riding Ponies Breeding Welsh Part-Bred

Pony Trekking

79. HARNESS CLASSES

In the harness classes, for animals exceeding 143 cm, no shoes may exceed 2 lbs in weight. For harness ponies exceeding 122 cm and not exceeding 143 cm, also for yearling colts and fillies, no shoe shall exceed 1.5 lbs in weight.

For harness ponies not exceeding 122 cm, no shoe shall exceed 1lb in weight. 1 cm will be allowed in height for shoeing.

Inspectors may be appointed to examine the shoes, and if it is thought that any shoe exceeds the prescribed weight, it will be removed, and if found to exceed the weight specified the animal will be liable for disqualification.

In the harness classes, the judges will be instructed not to award prizes to horses, if, in their opinion, the shoes are of excessive weight.

80. FOALS

All foals must be the offspring of the mares with which they are exhibited, and the sire of the foal must be given on the certificate of entry, unless otherwise stipulated in each section.

81. SHOWING FOR SALE

Horses may be examined and shown for the purpose of sale, in the paddock provided for trial and veterinary examination, on receiving authority from the Assistant Honorary Director of Horses or such other person as may be appointed.

82. HARNESS HORSES, RIDING AND IN-HAND HORSES, PONIES AND JUMPING Exhibitors are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience toward the officials on the part of those engaged to ride or drive will disqualify the horses from showing. The judge may refuse to judge any exhibit that he or she considers too dangerous to ride.

In ALL classes each rider must appear in proper riding attire approved by the Stewards and see that his or her horse carries the Official Catalogue number.

Riders must be mounted fifteen minutes before the time appointed for jumping and parade their horses in the Collecting Ring.

83. STABLES

A fee of £45.00 (Members), £55.00 (Non-Members) (including VAT) each, per night, will be charged and must be paid at the time of entry for the use of all stables. Any exhibits found to be in a stable not paid for will be disqualified. Exhibitors are requested to submit their entries in good time, as a limited number of stables will be available and not all exhibitors can be accommodated. Therefore, exhibitors must realise that certain reservations will have to be cancelled, exhibitors will be informed accordingly. Stables will be allocated on a first come first served basis immediately following the posting of the Livestock Schedule from the Livestock Office. Stables are for use by horses and ponies only. Any damage caused to stables will result in exhibitor penalisation.

In case of emergency, the Society will not be held responsible for the horses and ponies if they have to be let out of their stables.

If exhibitors use stables that have not been booked, paid for or allocated to them by the Society, or if they are proven to have sold / transferred their stable to another exhibitor, the matter will be put before the Society's Disciplinary Panel to issue appropriate future sanctions, which may or may not include a ban on entering the Society's events for a period deemed appropriate. Stables are not transferable between exhibitors. The Society reserves the right to re-allocate stables at its discretion. Stable fees may be refunded if cancelled, in writing and received before Wednesday 10 June 2026. **No stable fees will be refunded after this date.**

No animal is to be stabled in a box or lorry outside the perimeter fence overnight.

The Society will not permit the use of portable stables by exhibitors, nor the use of hurdles by which to make a pen or the tethering of horses, on any area designated for use by the Society during the Show period.
Failure to comply with this rule will result in the exhibitor concerned being barred from exhibiting at the Royal Welsh Show for a period of ten years. They will also forfeit any RWAS Membership for ten years. The exhibitor will be removed from the Showground and no refund of monies paid will be issued.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO CATTLE

See also regulations 1-71

In the interest of safety, no prams or pushchairs are allowed in the Cattle Buildings.

84. CATTLE ON PARADE

All cattle will be required to be paraded as directed by the Stewards. Stock attendants shall wear white coats or appropriate Society dress at judging and parades. Exhibitors must ensure that sufficient stockmen are available to lead all first, second and third prize winning animals for cattle parades. All handlers must be a **minimum of 14 years old** on the first day of the Show for the judging of all cattle classes and for the Main Ring parades.

In the interest of safety, all bulls (male cattle not castrated by 10 months of age) must be controlled at all times on the Showground through one of the following handling methods: -

(a) Two people, one using a bull pole attached to the bull's nose ring and the other using a rope or chain attached to the halter or head chain via the nose ring.

(b) Two people both using ropes or chains, one rope or chain attached to a halter, the other either attached directly to the nose ring or via the nose ring to the halter.

(c) One person using a bull pole attached to the bull's nose ring and a rope or chain attached to a halter, or head chain via the nose ring, with a competent person standing by able to assist in the control of the bull if necessary.

(d) One person using a rope or chain attached to a halter with a second rope or chain attached directly to the nose ring or via the nose ring to the halter, with a

competent person standing by able to assist in the control of the bull if necessary.
In the interests of safety there should be no unauthorised movement of animals during the Show period. Failure to parade may result in forfeiture of prize money.

85. IDENTIFICATION OF ENTRIES

a) In classes for dairy cows the judges are instructed to make the milking capacity and form of udder one of their chief points in awarding the prizes.

b) The identification of all entries may be checked by the Stewards on behalf of the Assistant Honorary Director.

c) All exhibits must be registered in their respective Breed Society's Herd Book, except for Commercial Cattle classes.

86. CALVING CERTIFICATE

No cow, unless in milk or in calf, will be eligible for a prize. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to prove that any particular cow has actually calved since 1st November 2022 and 22nd May 2026. The accepted definition of calving shall be 'full term calving' as defined in Statutory Instrument 1981 No. 1455.

87. CATTLE STALLS/ENTRIES

(a) The Board of Directors reserve, to themselves, the right to reduce the number of cattle stalls originally booked by an exhibitor if the total number of stalls booked exceeds the capacity of the buildings concerned. The Assistant Honorary Director - Cattle will act on behalf of the Board of Directors, where necessary. Exhibitors' who fail to arrive with exhibits that a stall has been booked for, shall forfeit their stall, with no refund given. The Society will re- allocate the stall/s as appropriate.

(b) Cows and heifers entered in the "in milk" classes, if they have not calved by the date of the show, may compete in the "in calf" classes and vice versa.

(c) **The Society reserves the right to have all animals inspected by a Veterinary Officer either prior to, during, or after judging.**

88. MILK

The milk yielded by cows in the Showground must not be sold at the stalls. Milking must be carried out under supervision in the Dairy provided by the Society.

SHOWGROUND MILKING ARRANGEMENTS

The facilities provided will allow the production of the milk to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959. All persons connected with milking must meet the following requirements of these regulations. Any exhibitor found not complying with the regulations will be prohibited from again entering stock for the Society's Show for a period of up to five years or as the Board of Directors may see fit.

At milking times, the exhibitors are expected to: -

a) Wear clean washable overalls and head covering (to be provided by the exhibitor for this purpose). Competitors will not be allowed into the milking area without such protective clothing.

b) Foremilk all cows.

c) Ensure cows' teats and udders are clean before attaching units.

d) Refrain from smoking.

e) Sanitise the milking equipment after use.

f) Store equipment in clean and dust free conditions in the plastic bags provided.

g) Grooming and shampooing of stock will not be allowed in the milking area.

h) Only milking personnel will be allowed in the milking area.

i) The Society reserves the right to refuse to accept milk from any exhibitor who contravenes the Regulations, having received a warning from the Steward on duty.

Any exhibitor found offering contaminated milk for sale will be held responsible for all consequential losses.

Unacceptable Practices:

1. The following practices and procedures are prohibited when showing registered dairy cattle:

(a) Misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal.
(b) Filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing).
(c) Balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
(d) Treating the udder internally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance(s) to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation.
(e) Treating the udder externally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance(s) to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation. (Allowable practices/substance(s) include the use of external anti-inflammatory substances for the **wellbeing** of the animal)
(f) Causing any unlicensed substance(s) to be entered inside the teat orifice.
(g) The setting or sealing of teats with any substance(s).
(h) Roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the suspensory central ligament.
(i) Administering epidural anaesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum or vagina) area.
(j) Inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline (including hair not attached to its own hair follicle) or on the feet (administration or prescribed medications, and false switches and tails is permitted).
(k) Performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. (The removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves is allowed).
(l) Wrapping hocks or draining fluid from hocks unless authorised by a veterinarian at the show.
(m) Attaching an appliance to an animal other that for milking.
(n) Criticising or interfere with any or all the individuals involved in the organisation and judging of the show (including the judge, show management or other exhibitors) or any other conduct detrimental to the breed or RWAS show; and
(o) The wearing of shackles.
(p) Any other practices which is in the reasonable opinion of the RWAS causes unnecessary suffering to an animal, unfairly improves its performance in a show, or otherwise undermines or interferes with the integrity of the RWAS show or brings the RWAS show or society into disrepute.
(q) Shaving or cutting the hair on the ribs, using the very fine blades of the trimming machines or cutters, such that the ribs appear scratched or bald, is **forbidden.**

Inspection:

1. All participants at the RWAS Show shall provide promptly to the organisers and/or Inspectors, upon request, whatever information and produce any documents reasonable required for the proper monitoring of compliance with the RWAS showing rules and regulations and shall fully cooperate with any inspections.
2. All entries to the RWAS show and personal property of the members or participants are subject to inspection by the Inspectors/Veterinary Officers/Stewards. Members or Participants shall cooperate with the Inspectors/Stewards, provide access to the animal, and shall provide all such information as is reasonably required in connection with such inspections.
3. Members or Participants shall provide to an Inspector/Veterinary Officers, if requested, samples of urine, milk, blood, or any other body fluids suitable for analysis.

4. Members or Participants shall deliver to an Inspector/Veterinary Officer upon request any hypodermic syringe, needle or any other device, swab(s), cloth(s) or other material(s), or sample(s) of any medicine(s), preparation, or substance(s) whether in liquid or other form(s), for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
5. Members or Participants shall remove any udder supports, blankets or other objects limiting the ability of an Inspector/Veterinary Officer to undertake a thorough inspection.
6. Additionally, Inspectors/Veterinary Officers or their agents or representatives shall have the authority to perform on any animal entered in the RWAS show any of the following.

(a) An ultrasound examination of the udder, prior to and after milkout.
(b) A milkout of any individual cow or cows.
(c) The collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids, at any time.
(d) The use at any time of any other technology and other inspections and/or analysis, including autopsy, that the Inspector/Veterinary Officer considers may be useful for assessing compliance with the RWAS showing rules.

7. The Organisers and/or Inspectors/Veterinary Officer shall have the option, following the judging of the milking cow classes, to ultrasound the udders, prior to milkout, or a representative number of the milking cow classes, or to take samples from a representative group of cows. If the Organisers/Inspectors/Veterinary Officer decide to carry out such inspections, they shall make an announcement to this effect before the judging of the milking cow classes.
8. The maximum length of any body hair (excluding tail swish) should not exceed 40 millimetres.

Warning of Possible Breach of RWAS Showing Rules.

1. Where relevant, the Organisers/Inspectors/Veterinary Officer will take reasonable and practical steps to warn Members or Participants before entering the RWAS show ring where:

(a) A complaint has been received of a possible breach of Showing Rules concerning an animal(s) to be shown; or
(b) They have reasonable belief that there would be a breach of the Showing Rules if the Participant's animal(s) are shown.

2. If a Member or Participant decides not to show an animal(s) after receiving a warning a possible breach of the Showing Rules, such conduct will be taken into account in mitigation should the RWAS decide to bring disciplinary proceedings against the Participant in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO SHEEP

See also Regulations 1-71

89. SHEEP ENTRIES

(a) In all classes, two shear and shearling means sheep born in 2024 and 2025 respectively. Lambs must have been born in 2026 unless otherwise stated.
(b) All rams, two shear and over, must have been used in the year preceding the Show and have proved stock getters.
(c) To comply with Health and Safety Regulations, the use of any substance containing toxic chemicals, including sheep dips to prepare sheep for showing, whilst on the Showground is strictly forbidden. Any defaulter will be asked to leave the Showground and entry refused in the following year. **The Society reserves the right to take samples to test any substance used on the sheep.**

(d) For health & safety reasons, All persons present in the Sheep Ring during judging, handling sheep in the Main Ring Parade or present with sheep handlers in the Main Ring Parade, MUST be a minimum of 11 years old on the first day of the Show. (This rule does not apply to the Young Handler Competition)

90. LIMITATION OF ENTRIES - SHEEP SECTION

The Society reserves the right to limit entries and/or pens if necessary. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries per class.

91. SHEEP DISEASES & REGULATIONS

(a) Sheep Scab

The Society reserves the right to make any checks that it feels necessary. Any exhibitor of livestock shall forfeit and pay to the Society for costs incurred as and for liquidated damages if any animals which he or she exhibits is, to his or her knowledge, suffering from any contagious or infectious disease, and for each and every such animal if more than one.

The Stewards, on the recommendation of the Society's Veterinary Officers shall have the power to remove from the Showground any unruly, vicious, deformed or diseased animals, and also the stock implements, or miscellaneous articles belonging to any exhibitor who shall refuse to comply with the instructions given to them by the Stewards without any responsibility attaching to them or to the Society in consequence of such removal.

(b) Scrapie Monitored Sheep

No breeding ewes, which have lambed within the previous month of the Show, or ewes in lamb or running with the ram, will be permitted to show. No separate provisions will be made for Scrapie Monitored Sheep.

(c) The SAC Sheep and Goat Health Scheme

The onus is on the MV/CAE Accredited Flock owners and exhibitors to take appropriate measures to avoid close contact with non-scheme sheep and goats.

The following are the requirements for separation of accredited and non- accredited sheep and goats.

I. Only lorries or stock vehicles with solid partitions and separate unloading/loading ramps for each type of stock may be used for transport of both accredited/non-accredited animals.

II. Scheme sheep being presented at the Show where there are separate sections for Scheme and Non-Scheme sheep must be accompanied by a green SAC valid Certificate of Status stating the number and type of sheep and the accredited flock's registration number. These Certificates must be presented to either the Official Veterinary Officer or the Secretary or his nominee before the sheep are allowed into the separate accommodation for Scheme sheep.

III. If any sheep come into close contact with non-accredited sheep, it must, on return to its own or other scheme premises, assume the status of the contact sheep. Generally, this will require isolation and testing at six to nine monthly intervals until the status is regained.

IV. There will be no separate facilities for qualifying exhibits, and the sheep Section will consist of Accredited and Non-Accredited Status.

V. Sheep will not be allowed into the judging rings except for the purpose of taking part in judging or championships or parade.

VI. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that sheep of any one health status are confined at all times to the areas thus designated by the Society.

(d) Records, Identification and Movement of Sheep

Exhibitors' must ensure that they comply with the requirements of national legislation in force at the time of the Show.

(e) The Welfare of Livestock (Prohibited Operation) Regulation 1982 Short Tail Docking of Sheep

Exhibitors should take note that all exhibits must comply with this Regulation in that tails must be long enough to cover the Vulva of the female and the Anus of the male.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO PIGS

See also Regulations 1-71

92. PIG ENTRIES

(a) A breeding sow in any of the classes if in pig shall be certified to be in pig at the time of entry. In the case of an 'in Pig' sow, the prize will be withheld until the exhibitor shall have furnished the Secretary with a Certificate of Farrowing.

(b) If a litter of pigs be sent with a breeding sow, the young pigs must be the produce of the sow and must not exceed two months old.

(c) In the event of a protest being lodged against an exhibit on the ground that it does not comply with the age requirements of the class in which it is entered, the exhibit shall be submitted to the detection test by the Society's Veterinary Officers, and the decision shall be final. In applying the test, pigs with either one of their permanent incisors cut will be considered as exceeding six months old, pigs with their central permanent incisors up, and any of the three first permanent molar cut will be considered as exceeding twelve months old and pigs with their lateral permanent incisors fully up will be considered as exceeding eighteen months old.

(d) Any pig, found to be artificially coloured, either at the time of judging or afterwards, will be disqualified. The use of artificial whitening and/or powder on white breeds is prohibited and will lead to disqualification.

(e) The judges will be instructed to withhold prizes with the sanction of the Stewards, from any animals, which appear, to them to have been entered in the wrong class.

(f) The prizes in the pig classes are offered subject to any orders of the Ministry of Agriculture or of the Local Authorities. No pigs from a "Swine Infected Area" can be admitted for exhibition.

(g) The Society reserves the right to limit entries and/or pens if necessary.

(h) For health & safety reasons, all persons present in the Pig Ring during judging, handling pigs in the Main Ring Parade or present with pig handlers in the Main Ring Parade, MUST be a minimum of 11 years old on the first day of the Show. (This rule does not apply to the Young Handler Competition.

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