

SUTHERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW LTD
HORSE AND PONY RULES

1. All entries must be the bona fide property of the competitor at the time of competition and for at least 2 months previous thereto.
2. The organisers and the Convenors reserve the right to have an entry measured if they think fit.
3. All entries must be sound and in good health. No animal suffering from any contagious disease will be allowed on the showground. The veterinary surgeons' decision on this shall be final.
4. **All animals must be kept under control at all times or they will be asked to leave the showground.**
5. The decisions of all the judges shall be final in all events and jumping course heights will be at the course builder's discretion.
6. Any objections must be lodged, in writing, with the Convenors on the day of the show or within one week thereafter where the information on which the objection is based is revealed after the show. A deposit of ten pounds shall be lodged for each objection raised and will be refunded if the objection is sustained.
7. **Disqualification will result from the improper use of saddlery, whips, spurs or from the verbal abuse of officials or helpers.**
8. There are no age restrictions on riders (except lead rein class) in this section but any rider considered by the judge to be over or under horsed will be asked to leave the ring.
9. All stock must be on the show ground for a 9.30am start as classes may not run in catalogue order to allow for competitors taking part in more than one class.
10. **Horses and ponies may be entered in any class for which they are eligible but as the In Hand and Ridden classes will be judged at the same time participation in all classes entered cannot be guaranteed. We will try our best to ensure you get in to all your classes. Do not abuse this concession.**
11. Novice horse or pony; any animal not placed in open classes or won more than two novice classes in the last 12 months.
12. All entries must be received by the closing date on the entry form along with the appropriate fees. **Late entries, if accepted will be charged double.** Entries received after the closing date may not appear in the catalogue.
13. **Stockman tickets for free entry to the show will be issued on a one ticket per horse/pony entered and must be produced at the entry gate.**
14. The organisers will take every precaution to ensure the safety of the public but accept no responsibility whatsoever for the, injury or damage to any person, animal or property whilst on the showground, in the car park or on the approached thereto.
15. The organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry without giving reason and also reserve the right to split, amalgamate or cancel classes if so desired.
16. **Classes will be called in good time to allow for competitors to get to the appropriate ring and late comers will be admitted only at the judges' discretion. As weather conditions can affect the PA system please keep your eyes and ears open and if in doubt ask which class is in progress.**
17. Approved headgear must be worn at all times while mounted and strongly recommended for the in hand classes as well.
18. **Competitors are strongly advised to ensure that they are adequately covered by their own insurance.**
19. **No horse or pony may be left tethered to the outside of trailers or horseboxes or to any other posts or structures around the showground and must not be left unattended. This will be strictly enforced and anyone breaking this rule may be refused entry to future shows.**
20. **All horses and ponies must have their passports with them in case of inspection by the relevant authorities.**