

Ashby and Orton Riding Club - Rules

General

It is a member's responsibility to read and comply with the club rules. Failure to do so may result in their exclusion from the club.

- The judge's decision is final.
- Classes may be combined if there are insufficient entries.
- All horses and ponies must be kept under control at all times.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Age restrictions that apply to certain classes are taken from the start of the current year.

All ridden classes are confined to horses and ponies aged 4 years and over. Any animal considered to be unfit or unsound will be disqualified. No stallions are allowed on the show grounds. Competitors may be disqualified for reckless or dangerous riding or for taking part with a horse that is considered to be a danger to any person, animal or property on the field. And competitor seen misusing the whip or deliberately using the action of the bit as a means of punishment likely to cause pain or discomfort to any horse or pony will be asked to leave the show ground immediately with no refund of any fees paid.

No cantering or galloping can take place outside of the practice arenas. Practice fences must be jumped with the red wing or flag on the right.

Any objections must be handed to the secretary in writing with a deposit of £20 within 30 minutes of the class ending. If the objection is not sustained the deposit will be forfeited. The committee's decision is final.

In the event of any competitor, parent, guardian, spectator or any other person conducting in an improper or offensive manner towards any of the judges, officials, committee members or any other person the committee has the power to decline the said person or persons to continue to compete or attend that, or any other future event.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that they are entered in the correct classes. Any competitor failing to present him or herself within one minute of being called into the ring may be eliminated. Classes will not be held up if a competitor is competing in another ring. If this occurs the competitor will require a signed certificate from the ring steward in order to obtain a refund.

The committee may, at any time, request to see a horse or pony's passport in order to determine a horse or pony's height and therefore eligibility for a class.

Disclaimer: All competitors compete at their own risk. Neither the committee nor anyone acting for, or on their behalf, shall accept responsibility for damage, loss or injury to any persons, animals or property, however caused.

Dress

Hard hats of PAS015, ASTM F1163 or BS EN 1384 with a kite mark, SEI or QAS mark are compulsory. The harness must be correctly fastened at all times when the rider is mounted. Blue or Black hat covers only are permitted. Bowler hats are not permitted. In the interest of safety hair should be secured appropriately. Jewellery is not permitted.

Neutral coloured gloves should be worn in showing and dressage classes.

Whips over 45cm but not exceeding 75cm are permitted. Blunt spurs, without rowels, not exceeding 3cm in length may be worn. No spurs are to be worn in junior classes. No whips or spurs are permitted in gymkhana classes.

Tweed jackets with a coloured tie or hunting stock, blue or black jackets with a blue, black or white tie or white or cream hunting stocks and pony club ties are permitted. In hot weather jackets may be removed and only shirts with long sleeves may be worn at the discretion of the committee. Jumpers may be worn in the gymkhana games only.

White, cream or yellow jodhpurs with either plain black or brown standard jodhpur boots or long leather or rubber riding boots should be worn. Plain black or brown gaiters or half chaps without tassels are permitted. Half chaps are not permitted in the showing or dressage classes.

Gymkhana

Gymkhana points will be on the rider only. The same pony must be used, in any one day, in all gymkhana events.

No spurs, studs or whips are allowed in any gymkhana classes. Lead rein gymkhana games may be subject to change depending on weather conditions or any other conditions outside of the clubs control.

Showing

In hand:

Competitors should be smart of appearance with a jacket and tie preferred. For competitors under 17 years of age a hard hat is compulsory.

Tack & Turnout:

To be judged on the cleanliness of the tack and horse or pony and on the riders appearance. No individual show is expected.

Style and Appearance:

To be judged on the riders style, ability and appearance of both the horse or pony and rider.

Riding Club Horse and Pony:

To be ridden in a snaffle. Class to be judged on manners, way of going in company and suitability for the rider and riding club activities. There will be an individual show to include a small jump or task set by the judge.

Showing Championship:

Horse and rider combinations placed 1st to 6th in each showing class will receive a rosette and a qualification card entitling them to enter the championships at the last show of the season. Once a horse and rider combination have qualified they may continue to compete in the showing class and may continue to collect further rosettes. However, their qualification card will move down the line to the next eligible horse and rider combination. The showing championship will be held at the last show of the season.

Show Jumping:

Fall of horse or rider in a jumping class will result in elimination. Competitors must then lead their horse or pony from the ring. Two refusals will also result in elimination and competitors must leave the ring. Outside assistance will result in elimination unless the round is non-competitive.

Ponies 14.2hh and under: riders any age may compete in the pony show jumping ring.

Horses 14.3hh and over: riders any age may compete in the horse show jumping

Lead rein: Any competitor who enters a lead rein class may not compete in any class off the lead rein on the same day. Class 18* is for true beginners and lead reins only, therefore, entrants cannot ride competitively in classes 19 to 23.

Novice Pony Jumping: Members placed 1st to 6th in novice classes at each show are eligible to

compete in the novice championship at the last show of the season.

Novice horse jumping £150 prize fund kindly sponsored by Sealwood Saddlery.

A trophy, sash and £100 prize money will be awarded to the winner, £30 to the reserve champion and £20 for 3rd place. Rosettes to 6th place will be presented by Sealwood Saddlery.

Novice horse not to have won an open jumping class in excess of 3ft 6 in the current season. Each horse and rider combination may enter the novice once each show. Horse championships are held at the last show of the season. Once a horse and rider combination have qualified they may continue to compete in the novice and may continue to collect further rosettes. However, their qualification card will move down the line to the next eligible horse and rider combination. The novice championship will be held at the last show of the season after the Sealwood Saddlery novice. All competitors compete at their own risk. Neither Sealwood Saddlery nor anyone acting on their behalf shall accept responsibility for damage, loss or injury to persons, animals or property, however caused.

Trophies

A points system will run for **full members who attend three or more club events** throughout the season. Anyone wishing to compete in any end of year championships must be **full members who have attended three or more club events**.

All perpetual trophies remain the property of the club and will be held by winners for one year. Engraving is the responsibility of the recipient. Please do not discard any old name plates. Trophies are to be returned to the club. Replicas awarded will be retained by the competitor. All end of year trophies must be returned by the date of the last show.