

SPSBS AFFILIATION RULES 2019

Please find enclosed an affiliation form for 2019. We are grateful for your support in the past, as are our many members, and hope that you will decide to affiliate again in the coming year.

Meanwhile, I would ask you to note carefully the Conditions of Affiliation as listed below and print these, where appropriate, in your schedule. Rules numbered 1-3 MUST be printed in your schedule. If the judge has a stud name included on our judges list then this MUST be printed beside their name in your schedule. Your attention to this would be appreciated.

If you wish your show included in the list sent to Society members in the April mailing then please ensure your completed form and fee reaches us by **March 1st at the latest**.

1. **Classes must be confined to SPS-BS registered ponies. Ponies must be named on the entry form and in the catalogue if one is produced. Society rosettes must only be given to ponies registered with the Society or to foals eligible for registration.**
2. **Three-year-old fillies with foals at foot may not be shown. All foals must be a minimum of three weeks old on the day of the Show. All entire males aged 2 years and over must display a stallion disc.**
3. There must be no colts or entire males in Young Handlers classes. Children under 14 yrs old may not show colts (excluding foals) or entire males in In-hand classes. Children under 12 yrs old on the day of the show may not show entire males in ridden classes. In the interests of safety, hard hats must be worn by all handlers aged 14 yrs or under in In-hand classes. Exhibitors should not kneel but remain standing while in the ring. Hard hats must be worn by all exhibitors, irrespective of age, in ridden classes. ***Ridden and driven ponies must be 4 years old or over.*** In ridden Classes, if a rider falls off at any time whilst in the ring, both pony and rider must leave the ring, rider dismounted, and take no further part.
4. ***A SCHEDULE, OR DRAFT OF SCHEDULE, MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS.*** Society rosettes may only be awarded by SPSBS Panel Judges who must be members of the SPSBS, with the exception of NPS M&M Panel Judges who may judge only mixed breed classes and can award “Best Shetland” rosettes. **** IF YOU INTEND TO INVITE A FOREIGN JUDGE, PLEASE CONTACT THE SPSBS OFFICE BEFORE DOING SO. ****
5. Where there are more than two ridden classes or the best ridden pony is to go forward to an overall Mountain and Moorland Championship, or where the class is a qualifier for Area or National M & M Championships, the Judge invited must have an “R” beside their name on the Society Judges List.
6. **Judges, Exhibitors and Show Secretaries must be aware that a judge may not:**
 - place in a class a pony which to his/her knowledge has been bred, sold, leased or produced by the judge or his/her immediate family, partner, business partner or employer.
 - place in a class a pony in which he/she has had a financial interest since 1st January of the preceding year.
 - place in a class a stallion by whom he/she has had a mare stunted in that season.
 - judge any rider/handler who has shown in a class a horse/pony owned, produced or trained by him/her since the 1st January of the preceding year.Should a situation arise when such a pony appears, a referee, preferably on the appropriate panel of judges, should be appointed by the show secretary to place the pony in question in its position in the class. If possible, a Judge may not have as their Steward any person who owns a pony, has bred a pony or has any other interest, financial or otherwise, in a pony in the class being judged.
7. A typewritten list of results should be sent to this office via email or post to ensure they are included in the Society's Annual results. The results must include the ponies' names or they will not be printed. **This is especially important as the society is operating a showing scheme based on affiliated show results.**
8. **Applications received without the correct fee cannot be considered. Fee - £30 for full affiliation, providing up to a maximum of ten rosettes, extra rosettes can be purchased for £2.50 each. £10.00 for a “Best Shetland” rosette only for mixed M&M classes.**
9. **Payment of affiliation fee is deemed to be confirmation that these rules have been read, understood and accepted.**