

SPSBS AFFILIATION RULES 2010

Please find enclosed an affiliation form for 2010. 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 should be printed in your schedule). Your attention to this would be appreciated.** Please note the Society regrets it is no longer possible to check entries for affiliated shows, due to the amount of time this takes. 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 **April 1st at the latest.**

1. **Classes must be confined to 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 eligible for registration (i.e. foals)**
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.**
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 11 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. Hard hats must be worn by all exhibitors, irrespective of age, in ridden classes. 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 or employer; nor may he/she place a pony in which he/she has a financial interest; nor may he/she place an entire male by whom he/she has had a mare stunted in that season. 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.**
7. A typewritten list of results should be sent to this Office via email or post to ensure they are printed in the Society's Annual magazine. The results must include the ponies names or they will not be printed. **This is especially important now as the society is operating a showing scheme based on affiliated show results.**
8. **Applications received without the correct fee cannot be considered. Fee - £25 for full affiliation, providing up to a maximum of ten rosettes, extra rosettes £1.50 each. £5 for a "Best Shetland" rosette only.**
9. **Payment of affiliation fee is deemed as confirmation that these rules have been read, understood and accepted.**