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THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2026

PLEASE READ THESE GUIDELINES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO HELP YOU

BSPA MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES BY ALL COMPETITORS

BE READY TO PRESENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR INSPECTION BY A BSPA OFFICIAL

We would like to thank our Sponsor Mr Alan Marnie and Family for the kind support of these classes Championships and Supreme Championship

Please look at the Hickstead website www.hickstead.co.uk for any updates

All Classes commence at 8am

Firstly let me congratulate you on Qualifying for and entering the RIHS 2026, this information is designed to help you make your day go smoothly. The classes will be held in the Rowan Barbary Feeds Ring 5, and the Roger Stack Arena for the Judges Ride in all horse classes.

Please remember it is FREE entry to the showground on Tuesday 21ST July for all spectators.

No rugs with company name or logos, or the name of the exhibit, or the owner may be used.

Running your horse up in conformation section - may be only done by the exhibitor - if you are injured you must submit a Drs certificate excluding you from this element, any substitute runner may not be a professional producer, rider, or Judge and must be a member of BSPA prior to the event, or a membership purchased on the day.

JUDGING - Judges will conduct the class under the rules of BSPA.

JUNIOR/ADULT MEMBERSHIP/AMATEUR/HOME PRODUCED CARDS- must be carried into the ring by all competitors, and Must be carried by the person named on the card. A BSPA official may ask to see your card.

CHANGE OF RIDER/OWNER- All riders/owners must be a current BSPA 2026 member to compete. Any change of rider/owner must be notified to BSPA, and membership for that competitor/owner purchased prior to the show. Membership is available on the day £40 should you have an emergency. Cash only. (Valid for one day only) Failure to comply with this rule will mean disqualification.

BSPA 2026 STALLION BRIDLE DISCS- Must be worn by competing BSPA Graded Stallions. No BSPA Stallion Disc then you may not compete.

SPURS - No spurs are to be worn by any competitor in any Pony class under 153cms, or in any Pony Championships. No spurs with rowels are permitted. Spurs must be correctly fitted.

SOLID CURB CHAINS - Banned - All tack must be correctly fitted.

NO CRANK NOSEBANDS in conjunction with double bridles may be worn.

JEWELLRY- No earrings/jewelry to be worn by any competitor.

HARD HATS- With chinstraps must be worn by all riders complying with The Showing Council Guide Lines; In Championships SENIOR RIDERS over 18 years may wear formal wear in all Championships. Junior riders must wear hats with chin straps in all Championships.

CHAMPIONSHIPS- The five Championships, Pony, Horse, Amateur, Junior and Supreme are to be held after all ridden classes have been completed, The wearing of formal wear (with suitable hat) for

these championships is requested. Hats with chin straps for all Juniors, adults wearing chin straps are permitted.

PONY DISPLAY- 153cms and under- A short display is required and will be free style. Please do not exceed time given, as you may be penalized.

BEFAR DOPE TESTING MAY TAKE PLACE ON THE 21st JULY

GROOMS - It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that grooms attending them in the ring are correctly attired, and for their behavior. RIHS Grooms entering the Ring must be smartly turned out; suitable clothing for a Championship Show must be worn. Grooms not following dress code guidelines will be asked to leave the Ring. Please refer to BSPA Rule Book. All grooms entering the ring must wait until the whole class has been lined up before entering the ring in a discreet manner. Grooms should approach the horses lined up from behind, and never walk across the Judges or horses path. The exhibitor is responsible for the behaviour of their Groom at all times.

THERE WILL BE A BEST TURNOUT GROOM AWARD IN ALL 7 RIHS CLASSES -Two Representatives from BSPA will be discretely judging this award whilst the classes are in progress. The Winner will be announced at the completion of each class. The winner of each section will receive a Hickstead RIHS Best Dressed Groom award at the end of each class. The Winner will be announced, by the number of the horse they are attending.

If it is a hot day please does not forget to bring water for your rider, groom and the horse or pony, the welfare of your horse or pony is paramount at all times. Taps are located in the vicinity of Rings.

A BSPA Equine Welfare Steward will be present in the collecting ring area; we will also be conducting a tack/spur check.

The RIHS Alan Marnie and Family BSPA Indian Trail Supreme Champion will qualify to compete on Sunday 26th July in EITHER The Supreme Products Supreme Ridden Pony Championship OR the Barberstown Castle Supreme Ridden Horse Championship.

For times of all Supreme Championships on Sunday please refer to the Hickstead Catalogue.

All warming up, riding in must be done in the areas provided, do not ride near the rings.

The BSPA Rule Book can be accessed on bspaonline.com

Mobile phones should be turned off whilst in the Ring.

Looking forward to seeing everyone, and your lovely horses and ponies in this our 24th year of BSPA RIHS Classes.

Please do not forget to look at the Hickstead website in respect of information for collection of back numbers.

The Dick Saunders Pavilion is exclusively for the use of invited guests only

Very best wishes and Good Luck to everyone competing at RIHS

Chairman and Council of BSPA