

## Rules governing exhibits and instructions to exhibitors at the 2023 show.

1. The Society shall have the right to order the removal of any animal they consider dangerous and will not be responsible for any injury or damage caused by such animals.
2. All animals and exhibitors are shown at the owner's risk. The Society will not be accountable for any damage caused to or loss of exhibits.
3. Prizes will be awarded in all classes where there is sufficient merit, but the judges will be distinctly instructed to withhold a prize where there is insufficient merit. All prizes disallowed or not awarded shall lapse to the Society.
4. **OBJECTIONS:** All objections to the decision of the judges must be lodged with The Secretary, in writing, accompanied by a fee of €20.00 not later than 2pm on the day of the show. The fee or fees so lodged will be forfeited in case the objections are considered frivolous.
5. **ENTRIES:** Will NOT be accepted unless accompanied by requisite fee(s).
6. The Society reserves the right to decline acceptance of entry/s or returning any entry or exhibit without incurring any liability.
7. Any person, i.e., visitor or exhibitor, found interfering with any exhibit other than their own will be asked to leave the grounds and will be disqualified from competing at this or future Shows of the Society.
8. The award of a Rosete or Prize card does not imply that the entry is entitled to Prizemoney.
9. No refund of entry fees in any class or Jumping Competitions will be made in the case of entries which are not sent forward for competition, or which are disqualified for failure to comply with regulations.
10. In case it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the society that the owner of exhibits has been found guilty of any violation of the rules of the Society, or has been found guilty of any practice calculated to deceive or mislead, or has made a false statement in the certificate of entry, so as to secure an unfair advantage, the exhibitor shall forfeit all prizes awarded to them at the Show, together with all fees paid by them, and shall be liable to be excluded from this or any future Show of the Society.
11. The Society reserves the right to cancel Class(es) due to insufficient entries.
12. No Prizemoney will be awarded in any class where only one entry has been received. No 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is to be awarded if only two entries received in a class and so on.
13. All stock must be the property of the Exhibitors.
14. Intending Exhibitors are advised to ensure that their public liability policy covers the exhibition of livestock at public shows.

\*\*\*\*\*RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED\*\*\*\*\*

## Important Notice to Animal Owners involved in showing animals at shows.

The Irish Shows Association would advise all Animal owners who have their animals insured to the insurance cover extended to cover them while showing animals at shows. We understand that it costs very little or nothing at all depending on who you have insurance cover with.

The reason for us giving you this advice is that if your animal were to lash out, and injure someone or damage someone's property, and it is established that your animal was out of your control at that time, you may be held responsible or partly responsible for any injury or damage caused and could end up paying all, or part of any settlement reached.

Horse riding is a dangerous sport and all competitors in Ridden Classes are strongly advised, for their own safety, to wear appropriate head gear which complies with up-to-date safety standards.

### **Discipline:**

See <http://irishshows.org/discipline/> for full ISA Discipline procedures

The Irish Shows Association expects and will insist upon appropriate behaviour from all Exhibitors and others participating in any of the activities at our Member Shows and will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour.

Inappropriate behaviour shall include but no be limited to the following:

- Profanity, course or vulgar language or gestures towards judges, exhibitors or other Show officials.
- Harassment or bullying, including using words or actions that threaten, intimidate or undermine judges or other officials before, during or following Member Show activities.
- Failure to follow rules and/or obey instructions.
- Abusing any animal.

### **Disciplinary Procedures:**

Complaints of misconduct against an Exhibitor or other participant at a Member Show shall be investigated and adjudicated upon by a subcommittee anointed by the Irish Shows Association. The said subcommittee shall consist of three members of the board of the Irish Shows Association and shall be known as the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall seek to ensure the existence of consistent, effective, fair and transparent complaint procedures and shall act in accordance with natural and constitutional justice. More information can be found on our website: [www.irishshows.org](http://www.irishshows.org)

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