

Horsford & District Riding Club - Rules 2012

All those attending will be subject to and considered as agreeing by the following rules:

At the Site:

1. We advise all competitors to hold their own public liability insurance
2. Please keep closed the roadside gate for safety
3. The club cannot be held responsible for the loss, injury, or damage to spectators, riders, animals or vehicles how so ever caused
4. All dogs must be kept on leads at all times
5. All competitors must leave the rings at a walk
6. Riders are only allowed to walk and trot out side of the rings and practice area. Any rider disregarding the rules will be verbally warned but if it continues they will be asked to leave the field
7. Clearly visible coloured tail wrap/ribbons should be worn to advise other riders or spectators or potential hazards – Red = kicker, Green = young/inexperienced horse/pony, Blue = Stallion
8. Ponies and horses with signs of infectious illness such as coughs will be asked to leave the field

Competing rules:

1. All ponies must travel to the shows with their passport
2. Ages are taken from 1st January 2012. If there is any doubt as to the competitors age they will be asked to produce their birth certificate
3. All ponies competing must be 4 years and over (proof of age maybe required e.g. passport)
4. If 2 or more committee members feel that any pony is unfit to compete in any way entries will be refused and the person responsible for the animal will be requested to remove it from the field
5. All members must wear hats with the correct British standard number/marks
6. Riders are strongly recommended to wear body protectors
7. Riders must wear suitable foot wear (not trainers or plimsolls)
8. All riders must have their arms covered by long sleeved garment or jacket
9. Misuse of the whip, spurs whether inside or outside the rings will result in the rider being reprimanded. Continuation will result in a ban from all other events for the rest of the day and asked to leave the field
10. Competitors or spectators who use abusive language to any judge, steward etc will be reprimanded and continuation will result in being asked to leave the grounds
11. Any pony on the leading rein should be led from the nose band NOT THE BIT
12. Ponies are to be entered into a maximum of four classes on the day (only entered in more with the judges/committees discretion). The gymkhana is classed as one class.
13. Entries need to be in for the class before the class has started.

Points, cups and membership:

1. To qualify for end of season points the rider must have competed at a minimum of 3 shows and be a fully paid up member (excluding showing shows & open shows)
2. In order to vote at the AGM voters must be members of the club. Non competitors can pay a nominal membership fee
3. All cups presented are perpetual challenge cups and cannot be won outright. If a member wins the same cup/trophy 3 years in succession on the same pony they will be presented with a special trophy. All challenge cups must be returned to the club 2 weeks prior to the date they are needed and in an acceptable condition
4. All queries regarding cup winners or points must be made to the point's clerk.
5. Ponies can be jumped by more than one rider in a class but the first rider is the only one to get points.
6. The points are awarded to pony and rider combination per class - if different ponies are ridden then points are awarded individually on each pony.
7. Six points are awarded for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd etc, down to 1 point for 6th place and 0 points for entering but not placed.

Specific Jumping rules:

1. No whips or spurs are allowed to be used until class 5
2. The lead rein runner must be the same for the 1st round and jump off (except for injury)

Specific gymkhana rules:

1. No spurs or whips are allowed
2. There is a standing start - if anyone is unable to control their mount they will be eliminated
3. If any competitor causes an obstruction to another competitor they will be eliminated from that event
4. The rider must enter into only one class.
5. The lead rein runner and pony must be the same for all 6 events (except for injury)