

RULES – 2025

1. Payment of entry fees indicate the agreement of competitors and spectators not to hold the organisers liable or responsible for any loss, damage or accident incurred by any persons or property on the show field and/or parking field.
2. **Competitors take part entirely at their own risk. It is now compulsory that all riding hats must display a BRC kite mark and to be Standard PAS015 (2011) or above. It is essential that all chin straps / safety harness must be fastened at all times, when mounted. Please note that riding hats to Standard PAS015 (1998) and Snell E2001 are no longer accepted and need replacing.**
3. The term **JUNIOR** means all competitors who are **aged 3 to 15 years on 1st January** are eligible to compete as a junior until the end of the calendar year. It is now **COMPULSORY** for all **JUNIOR** riders **to wear body protectors when competing in any class where jumping is involved and during any practise outside the rings. It is strongly recommended that body protectors are worn by other age groups, for all classes BUT those with a BETA 2000 or 2009 tags are no longer legal in British Eventing, Pony Clubs or British Riding Club Events.** We strongly advise that you wear the new **Standard Body Protector BETA 2018** when competing at our Association's events. **JUNIOR** riders are **NOT ALLOWED** to wear **SPURS** in any class.
4. **Judges' decision, in respect of each class, will be final. ANY objections should be made in writing to the Chairman, together with a deposit of £10 which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.**
5. All breaches of the rules, matters of discipline and objections shall be referred to a stewards committee, comprising either the President or Chairman, and any two other committee members. Their decision shall be final and binding and shall be notified direct to the person(s) concerned. Bad language will NOT be tolerated on the showfield.
6. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse entries considered to be unsuitable for any class or to **expel** from the field any person or horse/pony behaving in a manner likely to adversely affect the safety or enjoyment of others.
7. Family Membership means Parent/Guardian and children (i.e. immediate family only).
8. Points towards the Championship will only be awarded to **PAID UP** members of IDRA in current year. Once payment has been received, each member will be sent a membership card and a corresponding Back Number. These Back Numbers are to be used on show days during the year by the individual named on the reverse side. Please keep these Back Numbers safe and ready for use as Replacement Numbers will cost you £5.
9. Points will be cumulative in respect of the same horse/pony and rider. **Please ensure the same show name is used throughout the season when entering or points will be split between given equine Names and you could lose those valuable points.**
10. Points will be awarded in each class (except Clear Round classes). **One point will be awarded for each class entered and presented in the ring.** Points and rosettes will be awarded to the first four places - **1st – 5 points; 2nd – 4 points; 3rd – 3 points; 4th – 2 points.** If there are six or more entries in any class, a sash will also be awarded to the winner, kindly sponsored by Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream. **Double points for all placings (1st – 4th) will be awarded ONLY at the SEPTEMBER SHOW.** If there are any joint points placings at the end of the season, ie 1st = then the next placing will be 3rd etc.
11. The person named on the entry sheet must take the horse/pony into the ring. Any changes must be advised to the Judge and changed by the Ring Steward or Secretary before entering the ring.
12. **Ring Championships** – all qualified riders must be mounted to take part in any **Ridden Ring** Championship. When a rider qualifies on more than one horse/pony in the same Championship, the owner/rider must choose which animal to enter on, as it is the winning rider/horse/pony combination **only** allowed to compete for the championship (i.e. no substitute rider or led in hand). Same applies for **Ring 3 In Hand Championship** – only the winning handler may compete.
13. **NO COLTS or STALLIONS or horse/pony suspected of any illness are allowed on the showfield.** No horse/pony under 4 years can be entered in any ridden classes. Any horse/pony found to be causing problems or is deemed dangerous, will be asked to leave the show ground.

14. Jumping batons, riding whips or showing canes used in any class in any ring **must not** exceed 70cm (28")
Cruelty to any horse/pony or excessive use of the riding whips and/or spurs, immediately disqualifies entry.
15. No cantering is allowed on the track to Rings 2 & 1. Canter is only allowed in the schooling area and in the Rings. It can be dangerous to canter outside these areas and might result in being asked to leave the show field, forfeiting any entry fees already paid.
16. No horse/pony may be entered more than once for any class, although one rider may enter more than one different horse/pony (except in the Clear Rounds and Handy Pony classes).
17. **Show Jumping Ring 1.** Refusals in the show jumping will incur the following penalties:
1st refusal = 4 faults; 2nd refusal = 4 faults and 3rd refusal = elimination. Jumping the wrong course; Starting before the Bell; Fall of rider and/or horse/pony are all elimination. **RIDERS ARE NOT ALLOWED to re-mount in the ring under any circumstances. All classes, unless mentioned, in Ring 1 are now run as 2 round competitions with the 2nd round being the Timed Jump Off round and jump heights may be raised (i.e. BSJA Table A7).**
18. Riders must declare to the Collecting Ring Steward **BEFORE walking the course in Ring 1.** Only those riders competing in the current class will be permitted in Ring 1 Collecting Area.
19. Once a pony has been entered into a horse class it may not then be re-entered in a pony class and vice-versa that season. A senior rider may compete a pony in a horse class provided that pony has not competed in a pony class with any rider that season. A rider may compete on horses in the show jumping classes from the beginning of the calendar year in which the age of 12 is reached.
20. Junior riders (15yrs & under) riding ponies not exceeding 148cms **MUST** only compete in the junior jumping classes. Riders (16yrs & over) may compete on a 148cms pony in the senior classes.
21. Competitors are only allowed to enter **THREE consecutive jumping classes** on the same horse/pony in either Show Jumping classes in Ring 1 or Working Hunter classes in Ring 2.
22. **Non-competitive entries will NOT be allowed in any classes.**
23. If your horse/pony is known to kick out when crowded, you **MUST TIE A RED RIBBON** on the tail to warn other riders to stay clear. A **GREEN RIBBON** means the horse/pony is a novice and a **YELLOW RIBBON** on mane and/or tail means that the rider has communication issues.
24. **NO SPURS ALLOWED.** This appears against a large number of our classes in all three rings. Junior jumping classes, junior rider classes (see Rule 3), all Mountain & Moorland classes, some working hunter classes, ridden veteran class and all equitation classes.
25. All Equitation classes have to be ridden in a **snaffle bridle with a cavesson noseband and No Spurs.**
26. Lead Rein Classes – All riders entered in Lead Rein classes **MUST** stay in lead rein classes throughout that show day. The leader **MUST be 16 years or over** and stay the same person throughout the season. If you qualify as a Lead Rein Champion for STARS, please read their Rule 6.
27. Entries for Points Shows can be made online and is available for everyone until FRIDAY before show days. Then all entries will be taken on the day. All entries are **NON REFUNDABLE.**
28. Measurement of horse/pony may be taken at any time at the Judges' discretion or at the Committee's request.
29. Late entries **MAY** be taken at the Judges' discretion.
30. **NO** fires, barbecues / naked flames allowed on IDRA field or Nell Bank Field except for our caterers.
32. If you **Do Not** wish photographs to be taken of you and/or your family, you must inform our Official Photographers. Photographs taken by our official photographer may appear in the public domain and on the Club's social media sites to advertise and publicise Ilkley & District Riding Association.
33. **RIDERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RE-MOUNT IN ANY CLASS, IN ANY RING, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**THE ILKLEY & DISTRICT RIDING ASSOCIATION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS ITS MEMBERS
TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE COUNTRY SIDE CODE, GIVING CONSIDERATION TO OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON OUR SHOWFIELD AND THE PARKING AREA**