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## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. These terms and conditions (the "**Rules**") apply to the Competition. By submitting an Entry (as defined below) the owner ("**Owner**") and rider ("**Rider**") (the Owner and Rider each an "**Entrant**") named as such on the Entry Form (as defined below) agree to be bound by these Rules.
- 1.2. The Competition is organised by South Essex Insurance Brokers Limited and Your Horse Live (the "**Organisers**") whose principal place of business is South Essex House, North Road, South Ockendon, Essex RM15 5BE.
- 1.3. The Organiser reserves the right at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, the Competition with or without prior notice due to reasons outside its reasonable control.
- 1.4. The Entrant warrants that all information provided by the Entrant to the Organiser in the Entry Form (as defined below) and such other information that the Entrant may provide to the Organiser during or before the Competition is up-to-date, true and accurate. The Entrant must not provide any information which he or she knows or reasonably believes to be false, inaccurate or out of date. The Entrant accepts that the Organiser may conduct checks to verify the information that the Entrant has provided to the Organiser.
- 1.5. These Rules have been developed to ensure that competitors in the Competition may compete against one another under fair and equal conditions. They cannot, however, cover every eventuality; matters that cannot be resolved by interpreting the Rules to the letter will be resolved by following the spirit of the text to obtain a solution that is fairest to all competitors in the Competition.
- 1.6. Paragraph headings shall not affect the interpretation of these Rules.

## 2. SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FORMS

- 2.1. By submitting an Entry, the Entrant agrees to abide by the systems, rules and regulations of the Competition and these Rules. An Entry for a Rider under the age of 18 must be made by one of the Rider's parents or legal guardians. Except for such an Entry, an Entry on behalf of another person will not be accepted. The Entry Form must be fully and correctly completed. Incomplete or inaccurate Entry Forms or Entry Forms that are received without the Entry Fee will not be accepted.
- 2.2. The closing date for Entry (the "**Closing Date**") is as specified on the schedule to these Rules. Subject to paragraph 2.5, payment of the Entry Fee for each Entry must be received by the Organiser in cleared funds by no later than the Closing Date.
- 2.3. An Entry must be made in the appropriate class or classes for which the horses or ponies ("**Horses**") are eligible. Except for an Entry made in accordance with paragraph 2.5 (which may be accepted at the discretion of the Organiser) no entries will be accepted after the Closing Date. No amendments or substitutions may be made to any Entry submitted by an Entrant without the Organiser's prior written consent (which may be given or withheld at the Organiser's absolute discretion).
- 2.4. The Organiser does not accept any liability for any Entry which is lost, delayed, misdirected or incomplete or which cannot be delivered or entered for any reason.
- 2.5. Unless the Organiser agrees otherwise, an Entry will not be deemed to have been accepted until the Entry Fee has been received and the Entrant has received an acceptance email from (or on behalf of) the Organiser confirming that the Entry has been accepted.
- 2.6. If due to Covid restrictions we are unable to run the arenas at Your Horse Live 2021, the championships will roll over into 2022.

### 3. DISQUALIFICATION AND REFUSAL OF ENTRY

- 3.1. The Organiser has the right to refuse an Entry for any reason and at its sole discretion, including (but not limited to) if the class to which the Entry relates is full.
- 3.2. The Organiser may, without liability, disqualify and prevent any Entrant from entering, attending and/or otherwise participating in the Competition immediately by giving notice to the Entrant, if:
  - 3.2.1. the Entrant breaches any of these Rules; or
  - 3.2.2. the Organiser and/or the judges of the Competition (the "**Judges**") have reasonable grounds to believe that the Entrant has breached any of these Rules; or
  - 3.2.3. any person who assists, represents or acts on behalf of an Entrant or who is in the employment of any Entrant during the Competition conducts himself or herself in such a manner that were he or she an Entrant he or she would himself or herself be in breach of any of the provisions of these Rules.

### 4. NO REFUNDS WILL BE OFFERED

If an Entrant withdraws its Entry it shall not be entitled to a refund of any Entry Fee paid by it unless the Horse or Rider that is the subject of the Entry is unable to attend the Competition due to ill health, and, **no more than 7 days** after the Competition, a written application to withdraw the Entry is received by the Organiser and is accompanied with a valid certificate from a veterinary surgeon or doctor.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRANTS

- 5.1. This Competition is for amateur riders only. Any Rider who in the reasonable opinion of the Organiser is a professional may not enter the Competition and will be disqualified from competing.
- 5.2. For the purposes of the Competition, "amateur" has its ordinary dictionary meaning and includes any person:
  - 5.2.1. who is not within the category specified in paragraphs 5.4.1; and/or
  - 5.2.2. who does not engage in the activities specified in paragraphs 5.4.1 and 5.4.3 and has not engaged in these activities within 10 years preceding the date of the Competition; and/or

- 5.2.3. who does not advertise himself or herself as providing the activities specified in paragraph 5.4.3.
- 5.3. For the purposes of the Competition a "professional" has its ordinary dictionary meaning and includes any person:
  - 5.3.1. who is within the category specified in paragraphs 5.4.1 and/or
  - 5.3.2. who engages in the activities specified in paragraphs 5.4.1 and 5.4.3 or has engaged in these activities within 10 years preceding the date of the Competition; and
  - 5.3.3. who advertises himself or herself as providing the activities specified in paragraph 5.4.3.
- 5.4. Without prejudice to paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2, no Rider or Owner within the following categories may compete in or enter an animal in the Competition:
  - 5.4.1. Anyone on a show horses judges panel (including carriage driving) that have been registered with or judged for any association, organisation, society, club or other legal entity involved in equestrian show horse competition (including any showing association or breed society) whether they have been paid or unpaid, registered or unregistered with the organisation they have judged for;
  - 5.4.2. competitors that have judged a show horse class at an unaffiliated local show may compete in Search for a Star, if they were not the organiser and were unpaid and unregistered with the unaffiliated (to any body and having no qualifiers for any other competition) local show that they have judged for;
  - 5.4.3. anyone who produces, teaches, rides or schools show riders, horses or ponies for financial remuneration, or other reward;
  - 5.4.4. anyone who has ridden exhibited or owned a horse in any show class at HOYS since and including 2009;
  - 5.4.5. anyone resident at the same address as anyone who has owned, ridden or exhibited a horse or pony in a show class at HOYS since 2010;
  - 5.4.6. the immediate family of anyone that has previously competed in Search for a Star at HOYS since 2010;

- 5.4.7. the immediate family of anyone within the category specified in paragraph 5.4.1; and.
- 5.5. For the avoidance of doubt, these rules are specific to showing and any competitor engaged in any other discipline, for example, dressage, showjumping or eventing or equestrian business such as retailer, riding school, livery yard, breaking and schooling horses for another discipline other than for the showing of horses is eligible to compete in Search for a Star.
- 5.6. Notwithstanding paragraphs, 5.4.5 and 5.4.6, a sibling, son or daughter of a Rider who has previously competed in Search for a Star may compete in or enter a Horse in the Competition provided they do not compete on the same horse or pony as his or her sibling or parent.
- 5.7. Notwithstanding paragraphs, 5.4.5 and 5.4.6, a parent may compete in Search for a Star if they are not resident at the same address as the one from which their child competed in Search for a Star and they or their partner did not own the horse or pony that their child competed on in Search for a Star.
- 5.8. A Rider must meet any minimum age restrictions for the relevant classes of the Competition as set out in the Schedule.
- 5.9. Competitors cannot promote or represent a company or individual as Brand Ambassador or by being their Sponsored Rider, even if no money changes hands since 31 December 2019. Guardians of junior competitors (under 16 years of age) who promote any sponsorship brand ambassador role of junior competitors are not eligible to compete in Search for a Star
- 5.10 Competitors that have taken part in the TSR Masterclass at Horse of the Year Show are eligible to compete in Search for a Star.
- 6. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS**
- 6.1. The following Horses are not eligible to be exhibited at the Competition except in the Veteran Horse or Veteran Pony Classes:
- 6.1.1. any Horse produced in a professional showing yard although it may have been purchased from a Professional before January 2020. A Horse that has been owned from a youngster by the owner stated on the Entry Form may have been sent to a Professional to be backed and ridden away before January 2021 but the Professional must not have exhibited the horse or pony in the ring, except for the veteran classes.
- 6.1.2. any stallion or entire;
- 6.1.3. any Horse, excluding in the Veteran Classes that has qualified for HOYS before 1st March 2020;
- 6.1.4. any Horse that has been exhibited at any show by anyone the Organiser reasonably believes to be a Professional, except in veteran classes; and
- 6.1.5. A Horse may have qualified for Royal International Horse Show ("RIHS") before 1st March 2020 but must not have been placed in the rosettes before 1st March 2020, except in the veteran classes.
- 6.2. If a height certificate is requested by the Organiser or Judge, it must be produced to the Organiser within 14 days of the request.
- 6.3. A current valid Equine Identity Document (passport) or certificate of ownership (accompanied by the Equine Identity Document.) must be held for the Horse that is entered for the Competition, and must bear the same name as the Horse that is entered for the Competition and same name(s) and address of the Owner(s) named on the Entry Form. Every Entrant must be able to produce the original (or official duplicate) passport for their Horse to the Organiser at any time on request of the Organiser. Foreign passports can often be amended by the BEF. Please visit: [www.bef.co.uk/detail.aspx?page=passports](http://www.bef.co.uk/detail.aspx?page=passports)
- 6.4. Each Horse must comply with the eligibility criteria applicable to the class in which the Horse is entered as shown on the Schedule to these Rules
- 6.5. Each Horse taking part in the Competition must be healthy and able to compete on its own merits.
- 6.6. All Search for a Star rules must be adhered to until and during the Competition at Your Horse LIVE 2021.
- 6.7. Horses must be shown in simple snaffle, simple double or Pelham bridles. Excessive lever action of bits is actively discouraged and gags are not acceptable in any class. Nose nets are not acceptable.

- 6.8. Any Horse liveried in a show horse producer's yard whether DIY or full livery is not eligible to compete in Search for a Star.
  - 6.9. The eligibility criteria referred to in Section 6 applies irrespective of whether the Horse is owned, leased or on loan.
- 7. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE COMPETITION**
- 7.1. Horses must be plaited except for Mountains and Moorlands and show cobs that should be hogged and traditional types with full mane, tail and feather as appropriate.
  - 7.2. It is the responsibility of the Entrants to abide by the rules of Search for a Star.
  - 7.3. No person who is, or who the Organiser reasonably believes to be a professional may attend a Horse in the arena or otherwise assist a Rider during the Competition. This includes professional help with plaiting or turnout at the Search for a Star competition.

**8. WINNERS**

The Judges' decision is final and no correspondence or appeals process will be accepted or entered into.

**9. PUBLICITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

- 9.1. The Competition may be recorded and videos, photographs and other recordings may be taken where an Entrant may be captured participating in the Competition. The Entrant agrees to the publication of such photographs, videos, recordings and/or likenesses of the Entrant (whether edited, adapted, modified or copied) and their use by the Organiser and those authorised by the Organiser, without prior notice or compensation, in any way which the Organiser may see fit now or in the future including but not limited to film, broadcast, radio, TV, publications, future events and publicity. The Entrant acknowledges that the Organiser has the full right to sell and/or profit from the commercial use of such photographs, motion pictures, recordings and/or likenesses of the Entrant.
- 9.2. Any audio, visual or audio-visual recordings that are made by (or on behalf of) the Entrant of the Competition or any part of it are for personal use and cannot be published or used for any commercial purpose without the prior written consent of the Organiser.

- 9.3. The Entrant accepts and agrees that, if they win, the Organiser may announce their names, age and town of residence on the Organiser's website(s) and may use the same for publicity purposes which may include sharing and/or using the Entrant's details with the press and the Organiser's PR advisers.
- 9.4. The Entrant agrees and acknowledges that nothing in these Rules grants the Entrant any rights in or to any intellectual property owned or controlled by the Organiser.

**10. COMPLAINTS**

- 10.1. Any objection or complaint must be made in writing, signed and submitted to the Organiser. No anonymous complaints will be actioned. No personal details will be disclosed but the full name, address and telephone number of the complainant must be supplied for the complaint to be considered. No complaints will be accepted after the championship has taken place.
- 10.2. If any Entrant has any knowledge of a Qualified Horse or Rider that does not meet the criteria for qualification or entry for the Competition, please qualified please email Nicolina Mackenzie at nmackenzie@seib.co.uk with your name, address and telephone number. Your details will remain strictly confidential.
- 10.3. The decision of the Judges and Organiser is final and there is no appeals procedure or board of appeal for disqualified competitors to apply to.
- 10.4. By entering the Competition the Entrant accepts that if there is a complaint against them, the Organiser will not share the details of the complaint or contact details, name or address of the complainant with the Entrant.

## 11. DATA PROTECTION

- 11.1. By submitting your personal details you consent to us using this information in the ways described in our Privacy Policy, which includes sending you emails from time to time about our business partners specified in our Privacy Policy, and from ourselves, including, telling you about offers, discounts or other information which we think may be of interest to you. You can opt out at any time.
- 11.2. Our privacy policy can be found at [www.seib.co.uk/about-us/privacy-policy](http://www.seib.co.uk/about-us/privacy-policy), or by writing to us at our registered office address.
- 11.3. By entering this Competition, you consent to us sharing your personal details with YHL HOYS, as well as the press, the Judges and Organisers of the Competition, and our PR advisers for the purpose of enabling you to compete at YHL HOYS.

## 12. LIABILITY

- 12.1. Nothing in these Rules excludes or limits the liability of the Organiser to the Entrant for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, or any other liability that cannot be excluded by law.
- 12.2. Subject always to Clause 16.1, the total liability of the Organiser to the Entrant for any loss or damage arising from the Competition or any breach of these Rules will be limited to the Entry Fee.

## 13. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 13.1. These Rules and the Competition will be governed by English law.
- 13.2. The Organiser and Entrant irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

## 14. TESTS FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

In common with other similar bodies, the Organiser of the Competition takes a very serious view of the use of Prohibited Substances (as defined below), whether intentional or unintentional, having particular regard to the safety of children and vulnerable adults.

Entrants should be aware that many proprietary feeds and preparations contain Prohibited Substances as do many foods such as chocolate. Prohibited Substances can be absorbed through the skin and they are also contained in some homeopathic and herbal remedies including

calmers. It is the responsibility of the Entrant having custody of a Horse, particularly in the twenty four hours before the Competition, to ensure that nothing is fed, administered or applied to a Horse that contains a Prohibited Substance. Ignorance is not an adequate defence.

The Organiser is not authorised to give guidance to Entrants but the Organiser follows the Equine Prohibited Substances List ("EPSL") as published from time to time by the Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI").

Where appropriate, the Organiser will adopt threshold levels published in the EPSL. Please note that the EPSL includes any other substance with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s) as substances specifically mentioned on the list. All substances on the list, whether indicated as "Banned" or "Controlled", are prohibited substances under the Rules. Also prohibited are "metabolites" of the substances and "markers", both terms being defined below; save and except that Altronogest/synthetic progesterone is NOT a prohibited substance (e.g. Regumate) so long as it is not in Stallions or Geldings and that FEI Rules are adhered to:

**(A) Use of Prohibited Substances**  
**(B) Any changes to these rules for testing for prohibited substances will be published on the website**

- (i) Any Horse taking part in classes judged under the Competition Rules will be liable to Prohibited Substances Testing (as defined below) in accordance with the Prohibited Substances Testing procedure laid down by this Rule. A refusal to submit an animal for Prohibited Substances Testing shall constitute a breach of this Rule.
- (ii) The presence in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a Horse of a Prohibited Substance (as defined below) shall constitute a breach of this Rule by the Owner and/or Rider and/or another person within involved with the animal.
- (iii) **"Prohibited Substances Testing"** means the examination of a Horse by a duly qualified person appointed by the Organiser and includes the taking of samples for subsequent analysis of all or any body fluids, excreta, hair or skin scrapings at the discretion of the person conducting the examination.
- (iv) **"Prohibited Substance"** means any quantity of any substance listed as a "Banned" or "Controlled" substance on the EPSL as published by the FEI and in force from

- time to time excluding any quantity of any substance under any threshold level specified in the EPSL but including any other substance with a chemical structure or similar biological effect(s) as any substance on the EPSL and also including any metabolites of such substances and any markers. The terms metabolite and marker shall have the same meaning as in the FEI Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations as published by the FEI from time to time.
- (v) Any person who administers or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered or connives at or promotes or encourages the administration to a Horse of a Prohibited Substance shall be guilty of a breach of this Rule.
  - (vi) The Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to the Competition and/or to disqualify A Horse, Rider and Owner in the event that the Horse has previously tested positive for any Prohibited Substances following an examination by a duly qualified person at any other competition, whether organised by the Organiser or any other organiser, association, society or body.

## **(B) Sampling Procedure**

- (i) A duly qualified person will be appointed by the Organiser to undertake the Prohibited Substances Testing.
  - (ii) Prohibited Substances Testing should take place as soon as possible after the participation of the Horse in its class provided that it does not interfere with its programme in which case the Prohibited Substances Testing should take place as soon as possible after the Horse has completed its programme on that day.
  - (iii) It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the Horse whether it be the Owner or the Rider or other such person to supervise the Horse from the time of notification of selection for Prohibited Substances Testing until completion of the Prohibited Substances Testing. It is also the responsibility of this person to witness the sampling procedure and to sign a declaration to the effect that he/she has witnessed the collection and sealing of the test samples. Refusal or wilful obstruction by any person to submit a Horse for sampling or refusal to sign the above mentioned declaration is a violation of the Rules and will be subject to the same sanctions as a positive sample result.
- (iv) All samples taken on behalf of the Organiser will be kept in a secure place and dispatched to the laboratory selected as soon as reasonably possible after collection.
  - (v) The sample must be divided into two parts hereinafter referred to as Sample A and Sample B. The initial analysis will be done by the laboratory on Sample A.
  - (vi) If the result of analysis of Sample A is negative then the laboratory may forthwith destroy Sample B. The Owner or Rider will be notified within 14 days of the Organiser receiving any negative result.
  - (vii) If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive then the Owner and/or Rider must be notified in writing by recorded delivery post and may require confirmatory analysis of Sample B provided that a written request for such confirmatory analysis is received by the other Organiser within 14 days of dispatch by the Organiser of notification of a positive analysis of Sample A.
  - (viii) The Owner and/or Rider may request that findings be made in respect of particular matters during the analysis of Sample B on the basis that they will be responsible for all additional costs incurred whatever the result of the analysis of Sample B.
  - (ix) Upon receipt of a valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B, the Organiser shall inform the laboratory immediately and the laboratory shall carry out the analysis of Sample B.
  - (x) If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive and no valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B is received, the Owner and/or Rider shall reimburse the Organiser the cost of analysis of Sample A forthwith upon demand.
  - (xi) If the analysis of Sample B is positive then the person requesting the analysis shall reimburse the Organiser the cost of analysis of Samples A and B forthwith upon demand.

## **(C) Penalties**

- (i) If the presence of a Prohibited Substance in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a Horse is confirmed by laboratory analysis carried out pursuant to this Rule then the result of the Prohibited Substances Testing shall be reported to the Organiser.
- (ii) The Organiser shall investigate the matter and decide within 28 working days of the

date of notification of a positive Prohibited Substances test to the Owner and/ or Rider whether or not to institute disciplinary proceedings for a breach or breaches of this Rule and decide to disqualify the Horse.

- (iii) The Organiser may impose any or all of the following penalties:
  - a. The Horse shall be disqualified from any class, competition or championship in which it took part on the date of the Prohibited Substances Testing and any subsequent class, competition or championship for which it qualified on the date of the Prohibited Substances Testing and shall forfeit any placings, awards and prize money.
  - b. The Horse shall be suspended from being entered or shown or otherwise taking part in any Search for a Star or Racehorse to Riding Horse competition.
  - c. The Owner and/or Rider of such Horse may be suspended from entering and/or competing in the Competition or any future Search for a Star competitions.

## 15. SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET POLICY

### (A) Introduction

The Organiser acknowledges the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and all other forms of electronic communication ("**Social Media**") and the role which Social Media plays in the day-to-day lives of Entrants in, and attendees of, the Competition.

### (B) Using Social Media

- (i) You should be aware that the Organiser may from time to time carry out internet searches to identify postings which include references to the Competition.
- (ii) Search for Star images are the subject of copyright and should not be used in Social Media save as provided in the Search for a Star website.
- (iii) You should ensure that any material that you transmit or post to Social Media is clearly stated to be your personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of the Organiser.

- (iv) You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of the Search for a Star competition, or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of the Competition or the Organiser.

- (v) You must not post or transmit any material relating to the Search for a Star, competitors, former competitors, their horses, or which could otherwise be associated with or which may reasonably be attributed as coming from the Organiser:

- a. that is threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory, blasphemous, in breach of confidence, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or
- b. which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of these Rules, or constitutes a criminal offence, or which could give rise to civil liability, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of, or infringe the rights of any third party in the UK or any other country in the world.

- (vi) Any breach of this paragraph 19 may constitute a breach of these Rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against you.

### (C) Disclosure Under Law or Regulation

You should be aware that the Organiser will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting or directing the Organiser to disclose the identity or locate anyone posting any material in breach of this paragraph 19. If the Organiser is requested by the police or any other regulatory or government authority investigating suspected illegal activities to provide your personal information, the Organiser is entitled to do so.



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