

**THE 2009**  
**EQUESTRIAN LIFE**  
**WORKING HUNTER AND SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
To be held on  
**Saturday 13th September 2009**  
at  
**Arena UK, Allington, Grantham, Lincolnshire**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

THE EQUESTRIAN LIFE 2009 WORKING HUNTER AND SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE AIMED AT THE KEEN AMATEUR, AND NOT THE PROFESSIONAL. CLASSES ARE OPEN TO AMATEUR/OWNER/RIDER HOME PRODUCED EXHIBITS ONLY, which are either stabled at home or in a D.I.Y. yard and which since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 have not been shown by a professional during the current season or stabled in a professional yard any time in 2009. To be ridden by an amateur. This does not exclude amateur/owner riders from having lessons at any time with an instructor, providing the horse/pony remains at home.

AN AMATEUR IS SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT MAKE ANY FINANCIAL GAIN OUT OF HORSES FOR A LIVING INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- Does not get paid to ride or compete horses/ponies for clients.
- Does not buy and sell horses/ponies for financial gain.
- Does not professionally produce, school or break in horses/ponies for financial gain.
- Owners of livery yards may compete BUT only on their own Horse or Pony of which proof may be asked for.

HORSES, PONIES AND RIDERS THAT HAVE QUALIFIED FOR OR COMPETED AT HOYS, (except Search for a Star), THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW, (including Non-Qualifying classes), OR OLYMPIA in the years 2008 and 2009 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE.

PLEASE READ THE RULES CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ENTER AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE NOT ENTERED IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. ANYONE ENTERING THESE CLASSES WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a horse/pony bred, sold, leased or produced by the judge, his/her immediate family or his/her employer. An exhibitor may not show under a judge for whom he/she has produced a horse/pony in the same year. Equestrian Life reserves the right to disqualify any persons or horses/ponies that are deemed not eligible to compete in the qualifiers. All objections must be made to Equestrian Life in writing one month before the Championships together with a fee of £20 which is non-refundable.

COMPETITORS WISHING TO QUALIFY FOR THE EQUESTRIAN LIFE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WHO MEET THE AMATEUR CRITERIA MUST HAVE PURCHASED AN EQUESTRIAN LIFE REGISTRATION CARD PRICED AT A ONE OFF PAYMENT OF £12. THIS MAY BE DONE EITHER BY POST OR ON LINE at [www.equestrianlifemagazine.com](http://www.equestrianlifemagazine.com) IT IS ADVISABLE FOR COMPETITORS WISHING TO PURCHASE AN EQUESTRIAN LIFE REGISTRATION CARD FOR THEM TO DO SO BEFORE A SHOW.

Competitors may purchase ONE REGISTRATION CARD ONLY which allows them to compete two horses/ponies in a maximum of five classes. If you lose your card please notify Equestrian Life immediately so they can issue you with a duplicate card.

Should you qualify, your Registration Card allows you to enter the Championships. YOU MAY ONLY ENTER THE CLASSES AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH YOU HAVE QUALIFIED FOR.

You may enter up to a maximum of FIVE classes at the Championships. Entry fee at the Championships is £5.00 per class.

Competitors should make sure that they have their valid Registration Card with them to show to the SECRETARY when entering. Also, when competing Registration Cards MUST be carried in the ring and signed by the JUDGE ONLY in each class. Registration Cards MUST NOT be signed outside the ring. **NO CARD, NO QUALIFICATION!**

In each Class the THREE highest placed exhibits not already qualified and with a valid 2009 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships.

No substitutions or nominations of horses/ponies and no change of rider are allowed under any circumstances. It must be the same horse/pony and rider combination that competes at the championships that has qualified. You may only qualify once in each class. Riders or handlers may only compete with one horse/pony in one class. You may not enter two horses/ponies in the same class. If you enter the ridden mountain & moorland class you may not enter the best ridden pony class. If you enter the in hand mountain & moorland class you may not enter the in hand horse or pony class. If you enter the ridden hunter class or the ridden cob class, you may not enter the ridden horse class at the same show. At the judge's discretion, he/she may ride the exhibits in the following classes: ridden hunter, ridden horse, ridden cob, ridden coloured, working hunter exceeding 15hh. The judge may elect not to ride certain exhibits.

All Horses and Ponies must be four years old and over in ALL classes. NO stallions or Colts are allowed. Lead rein ponies must be shown in a snaffle bridle only. The lead rein must be attached to the noseband not the bit and be led by an attendant 14 years old and over. A correctly fitted chin strap must be worn by all competitors, riders and handlers. Correctly secured British Standard Skull caps/riding hats no's EN1384, PAS015 or PAS accredited must be worn.

Competitors who qualify for the Equestrian Life Working Hunter and Showing Championships and who wish to wear a Top Hat, Bowler or Beagler at the Championships MUST sign a Disclaimer. However it is advised that ALL competitors wear the correct fitting hats. ALL Children under the age of 16 must wear a secured British Standard Hat fitted with a chin strap. The wearing of spurs is only allowed in the following classes: Ridden Hunter, Ridden Horse, Ridden Cob, Working Hunter exceeding 15hh. No child under 14 years old may wear spurs. The fall of horse, pony or rider in any class will result in disqualification and they must leave the ring dismounted. Show canes and whips are not to exceed 75cms (30inches). The judge's decision is FINAL

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP EVENING PERFORMANCES**

The judging of the Concours d'Elegance class will take place in the Evening Performance. The Supreme Working Hunter Championship, The Supreme Showing Championship and The Supreme In Hand Championship will take place during the Evening performance. Evening dress may be worn.

#### **WORKING HUNTER CLASSES ONLY:**

Protective boots including over-reach boots, bandages and body protector's may be worn in the Jumping phase of any Working Hunter Class only but must be removed for the Showing Phase. No other change of tack is permitted. Spurs will only be allowed in the Working Hunter exceeding 15hh Class. No child under 14 years old may wear spurs.

The fall of a horse/pony and/or rider on the course will result in elimination.

**NO CHANGE OF RIDER IS ALLOWED.**

**GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE AND ENJOY THE CHAMPIONSHIPS!!**