

**THE 2010**  
**EQUESTRIAN LIFE**  
**SHOWING & WORKING HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**To be held on**  
**Sunday 12th September 2010**  
**at**  
**Arena UK, Allington, Grantham, Lincolnshire**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**(Please Note – some new wording for the 2010 Qualifiers and Championships)**

**It is the condition of entry that Competitors agree to be bound by the rules hereunder:**

THE EQUESTRIAN LIFE 2010 SHOWING AND WORKING HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE AIMED AT THE KEEN AMATEUR, AND NOT THE PROFESSIONAL.

CLASSES ARE OPEN TO AMATEUR/OWNER/RIDER/HANDLER 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 2010 have not been shown by a professional during the current season or stabled in a professional yard AT any time during 2010. To be ridden and led by an amateur only. This does not exclude amateur/owner riders/handlers 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/PONIES 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 any financial gain
- Owners of livery yards may compete BUT only on their own horse/pony of which proof may be asked for.

HORSES, PONIES AND RIDERS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR, OR COMPETED AT:

- a) The Horse Of the Year Show, except Search for a Star
- b) The Royal International Horse Show , including Non-Qualifying classes OR
- c) OLYMPIA

In the years 2009 and 2010 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE at the 2010 Equestrian Life Championships.

If you purchase a horse/pony during the current season who has competed at the above shows with another rider you cannot compete at the Equestrian Life Qualifiers and Championships with that horse/pony.

- 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 or at the Championships. 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 2010 Equestrian Life Showing and Working Hunter Championships and who meet the amateur criteria **MUST** have purchased an Equestrian Life Registration Card priced at a one off payment of £12.00. This may be done either by post or on line at [www.equestrianlifemagazine.com](http://www.equestrianlifemagazine.com)
- Competitors who wish to purchase a Registration Card on line or by post must have their application form together with the correct fee to the Equestrian Life office by the Tuesday of the week prior to the weekend Qualifier Show. This will ensure that you receive your Registration Card in plenty of time.
- If you print an application form for a Registration Card off the internet you cannot then ask for a Registration Card at a Qualifier Show on producing the form off the internet. This is not classed as payment. Full payment to Equestrian Life must be received before a Registration Card can be processed
- A very limited number of Registration Cards will be available to purchase at Qualifier Shows but it is advisable that competitor's purchase a Registration Card prior to a show.
- Competitors may only purchase **ONE REGISTRATION CARD** per season 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.
- 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!**
- 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 £6.00 per class.
- 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 at a Qualifier Show
- 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.
- In each Class the **THREE** highest placed exhibits not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships
- Competitors who qualify will be given a **CLASS QUALIFICATION CARD** in the ring. This must be kept by the competitor as proof of qualification and must be sent with your Equestrian Life Championship entry form.
- If you enter the Ridden Hunter class or the Ridden Cob class, you may not enter the Ridden Horse class at the same show
- If you enter the Ridden Mountain & Moorland class you may not enter the Best Ridden pony class at any Qualifier Show or at the Championships.
- If you enter the In Hand Mountain & Moorland class you may not enter the In Hand Horse or Pony class at any Qualifier Show or at the Championships
- No employee, his or her spouse may enter the Equestrian Life Qualifiers and Championships

- At the judge's discretion, at both Qualifier Shows and at the Championships, he/she may ride the exhibits in the following classes, The judge may elect not to ride certain exhibits
  - a) Ridden Hunter,
  - b) Ridden Horse,
  - c) Ridden Cob,
  - d) Ridden Coloured Horse
  - e) Working Hunter Horse exceeding 15hh.
- The wearing of spurs is only allowed in the following classes:
  - a) Ridden Hunter,
  - b) Ridden Horse,
  - c) Ridden Cob,
  - d) Working Hunter Horse exceeding 15hh.

**No child under 14 years old may wear spurs**

- Roans, Duns, Cremello and Palomino horses and ponies are not permitted to enter the Ridden Coloured Class or the In Hand Coloured Class
- 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.
- 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 not to exceed 75cms (30inches)
- The judge's decision is FINAL
- All competitors are advised to hold their own public liability insurance cover. Equestrian Life Ltd accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage to any person or property.
- A correctly fitted British Standard Skull cap/riding hat and chin strap no's EN1384, PAS015 or PAS accredited must be worn and correctly secured by all competitors, riders and handlers in all classes at Qualifier Shows  
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN THE CLASS QUALIFICATION BEING MADE VOID

**WORKING HUNTER CLASSES**

- Classes will be judged 60% jumping, 40% conformation
- Protective boots including over-reach boots, bandages 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.
- Body protectors may be worn in the Jumping phase of any Working Hunter Classes but must be removed for the Showing phase.
- Spurs will only be allowed in the Working Hunter Horse exceeding 15hh Class.
- No child under the age of 14 years old may wear spurs
- The fall of a horse/pony and/or rider on the course will result in elimination and they must leave the ring dismounted.
- The height and spread of each fence for each Working Hunter class is included in the class wording.
- A water jump may be included at Qualifier Shows and at the Championships.
- NO CHANGE OF RIDER IS ALLOWED.

## IN HAND CLASSES

- The age of the handler for all the In Hand Classes, both at Qualifier Shows and at the Championships is:
  - a) Handlers of ponies 14.2hh and under must be 12 years old and over
  - b) Handlers of horses over 14.2hh must be 14 years old and over
- If you enter the In Hand Mountain & Moorland class you may not enter the In Hand Horse or Pony class at any Qualifier Show or at the Championships
- No Stallions or Colts allowed

## EQUESTRIAN LIFE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

- All classes will be held on surfaces
- All classes are for horses/ponies/riders and handlers who have qualified for the Equestrian Life Championships at a Qualifier Show
- All entries are pre-entries no entries will be accepted on the day under any circumstances
- All classes will follow on in each ring
- All times are approximate and may be subject to alteration.
- All efforts have been made to avoid classes clashing, however if classes do clash competitors must choose which class they wish to compete in.
- No class will be held up for competitors
  
- Competitors who qualify for the Equestrian Life Working Hunter and Showing Championships are advised to wear a correctly fitted British Standard Skull cap/riding hat and chin strap no's EN1384, PAS015 or PAS accredited.
  
- Competitors who are **over 16 years old** and who wish to wear a Top Hat, Bowler or Beagler at the Championships only **MUST** sign a Disclaimer form to this effect. Disclaimer forms can be obtained from the secretary on the day of the championships. However it is advised that **ALL** competitors wear the correct fitting hats.
  
- **ALL Children 16 years old and under** at the Championships must wear a correctly fitted British Standard Skull cap/riding hat and chin strap no's EN1384, PAS015 or PAS accredited. No Disclaimer form is available for these competitors.

## CHAMPIONSHIP EVENING PERFORMANCE

- The judging of the Concours d'Elegance class will take place during the Evening Performance. This class will be split into:
  - a) Juniors 16 years old and under, to include Lead Rein competitors
  - b) Seniors over 16 years old.
- The judging of the Supreme Working Hunter Championship, The Supreme Showing Championship, The Supreme In Hand Championship and the Supreme of Show will take place during the Evening performance.
- Evening dress may be worn.

It is hoped that all competitors will enter into the true spirit of the  
2010 Equestrian Life Qualifiers and Championships

# **CLASS DESCRIPTION FOR THE 2010 EQUESTRIAN LIFE WORKING HUNTER AND SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **WORKING HUNTER CLASSES**

All Working Hunter Classes will be judged 60% jumping, 40% conformation  
A water jump may be included at the Qualifier Show and at the Championships

### **Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony**

Open to, pure breeds only, mare or gelding, four years old and over. NO STALLIONS  
ALLOWED. Rider's any age but to be suitable size and weight for the pony.

This class at the Championships will be split into the following sections:

- a) Small Breeds for ponies not exceeding 138cms

Height of fences      Minimum 2'0"  
   Maximum 2'3"  
   Maximum Spread 2' 0"

- b) Large Breeds for ponies exceeding 138cms

Height of fences      Minimum 2'6"  
   Maximum 2'9"  
   Maximum Spread 2'6"

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian  
Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships.

### **Open Working Hunter Pony not to exceed 133cms**

Open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. Rider's not to have attained their 14<sup>th</sup>  
birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year

Height of fences      Minimum 2'0"  
   Maximum 2'6"  
   Maximum Spread 2'0"

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian  
Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships.

### **Open Working Hunter Pony exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms.**

Open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. Rider's not to have attained their 17<sup>th</sup>  
birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year.

Height of fences      Minimum 2'6"  
   Maximum 2'9"  
   Maximum Spread 2'6"

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian  
Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships.

### **Open Working Hunter Pony exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms**

Open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. Rider's any age but must be a suitable size and weight for the pony.

Height of fences      Minimum 2'9"  
                                 Maximum 3'3"  
                                 Maximum Spread 2'9"

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships.

### **Open Working Hunter Horse to exceed 153cms**

Open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. Rider's to have attained their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. The wearing of spurs is allowed in this class.

Height of fences      Minimum 3'0"  
                                 Maximum 3'6"  
                                 Maximum Spread 3'0"

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships.

## **RIDDEN SHOWING CLASSES**

### **Ridden Hunter**

For horses exceeding 148cms. Open to mare or gelding, four years old and over.

The judge may ride at qualifying shows and at the championships at the judges' discretion (the judge may elect NOT to ride certain exhibits).

The wearing of spurs is allowed in these classes but no child under the age of 14 years old may wear them.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Small Hunter to exceed 148cms but not to exceed 158cms
- b) Lightweight Hunter
- c) Heavyweight Hunter

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships.

### **Ridden Horse**

For Horses 148cms and over, open to mare or gelding, four years old and over.

The judge may ride at qualifying shows and at the championships at the judges' discretion (the judge may elect NOT to ride certain exhibits).

The wearing of spurs is allowed in these classes but no child under 14 years old may wear them.

This class will be split at Championships into the following sections:

- a) Exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.
- b) Exceeding 158cms

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships.

### **Ridden Cob**

For horses over 148cms, open to mare or gelding, four years old and over. To be shown hogged and trimmed as appropriate. Judge may ride at qualifying shows and at the championships at the judges' discretion (the judge may elect NOT to ride certain exhibits). The wearing of spurs is allowed in these classes but no child under 14 years old may wear them

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms
- b) Exceeding 155cms.

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **Ridden Coloured**

**PLEASE NOTE** Roans, Duns, Cremello and Palomino horses and ponies are not permitted to enter the Ridden Coloured Class

Open to Piebald/Skewbald horses and ponies, mare or gelding, four years old and over, any height.

The wearing of spurs is allowed in these classes but no child under 14 years old may wear them

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) 148cms and under.
- b) over 148cms

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **Lead Rein Pony**

Open to ponies not exceeding 122cms, mare or gelding, four years old and over.

Rider's not to have attained their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. To be led by an attendant aged 14 years old and over. To be shown in a snaffle bridle, lead rein to be attached to the noseband and not to the bit.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Plaited
- b) Mountain & Moorland

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **First Ridden Pony**

Open to ponies not exceeding 128cms, mare or gelding, four years old and over.

Rider's not to have attained their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year.

To be shown in any suitable snaffle bridle.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Plaited
- b) Mountain & Moorland

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **Best Ridden Pony**

Open to ponies exceeding 128cms but not exceeding 148cms, mare or gelding, four years old and over. NO MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND PONIES ALLOWED IN THIS CLASS  
Rider's any age but must be a suitable size and weight for the pony.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Ponies exceeding 128cms but not exceeding 138cms
- b) Ponies exceeding 138cms but not exceeding 148cms

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **Ridden Mountain and Moorland Small and Large Breeds**

Open to pure breeds only. Mare or gelding, four years old and over  
NO STALLIONS ALLOWED Rider's to be a suitable size and weight for the pony.  
Lead Rein Ponies are NOT permitted to enter this class.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Small Breeds: Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh Section A and B.
- b) Large Breeds: Highland, Dales, Fell, New Forest, Connemara, Welsh Section C and D.

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **Ridden Veteran**

Open to horses and ponies, mare or gelding, 15 years old and over.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Horses/Ponies 15 -21 years old
- b) Horses/Ponies Over 21 years old

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **Concours d'Elegance**

THIS CLASS AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE JUDGED IN THE EVENING PERFORMANCE. ALL COMPETITORS WHO QUALIFY WILL COMPETE UNDER THE SPOTLIGHTS

Open to horses and ponies, mare or gelding, four years old and over. Rider's any age.  
To be Ridden astride or side saddle, Costumes or traditional allowed. To be judged on the overall picture of elegance presented by horse/pony and rider including appearance, conformation, and individual show. Judge may not ask for an individual show at their discretion.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Junior 16 years old and under to include Lead Rein competitors
- b) Senior over 16 years old

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

## **IN HAND SHOWING CLASSES**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

The age of the handler for all In Hand Classes, both at the Qualifier Shows and at the Championships are as follows;

- a) Handlers of ponies 148cms and under must be 12 years old and over
- b) Handlers of horses over 148cms must be 14 years old and over

### **In-Hand Veteran**

Open to horses and ponies, mare or gelding, 15 years old and over.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Horses/Ponies 15 -21 years old
- b) Horses/Ponies Over 21 years old

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **In-Hand Mountain and Moorland**

Open to pure breeds only, mare or gelding, four years old and over.

**NO STALLIONS ALLOWED**

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) Small Breeds: Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh Section A and B.
- b) Large Breeds: Highland, Dales, Fell, New Forest, Connemara, Welsh Section C and D.

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **In-Hand Coloured**

**PLEASE NOTE** Roans, Duns, Cremello and Palomino horses and ponies are not permitted to enter the In-Coloured Class

Open to Piebald/Skewbald Native / Non Native, horses and ponies, mare or gelding, four years old and over.

This class will be split at the Championships into the following sections:

- a) 148cms and under.
- b) over 148cms

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **In-Hand Horse**

Open to horses exceeding 148cms, any type, mare or gelding, four years old and over.

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships

### **In-Hand Pony**

Open to ponies not to exceed 148cms, any type, mare or gelding, four years old and over.

**NO MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND PONIES ALLOWED IN THIS CLASS**

The highest placed THREE exhibitors not already qualified and with a valid 2010 Equestrian Life Registration Card will qualify for the Championships