

Search for a Star 2017

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Rules

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. These terms and conditions (the "Rules") apply to the "Search for a Star" competition (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 (the "Organiser") whose principle 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 The Entrant must not provide any information which he or she knows or reasonably believes to be false, inaccurate or out of date.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 should be resolved 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. DISQUALIFICATION AND REFUSAL OF ENTRY

- 2.1. The Organiser has the right to refuse any entry.
- 2.2. The Organisers may without liability disqualify any Entrant from entering, attending and/ or otherwise participating in the Competition immediately by giving notice to the Entrant, if:
 - 2.2.1. the Entrant breaches any of these Rules; or
 - 2.2.2. The Organiser and/or the Judges have reasonable grounds to believe that the Entrant has breached any of these Rules; or
 - 2.2.3. 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.

3. SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FORMS

- 3.1. To enter the Competition (an "Entry") the Entrant must complete and sign the entry form provided by the Organiser (the "Entry Form") and send their completed and signed Entry Form together with the required entry fee (the "Entry Fee") to the Organiser at the address shown on the Entry Form. If entering online a competitor must agree to abide by the systems, rules and regulations in place as are required for a manual entry.. Entries for Riders under 18 must be made by their parents or legal guardians. Except for Entries submitted by parents or legal guardians of children under 18 years of age, Entries 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. No online entry for Landrover Burghley Horse Trials Racehorse to Riding Horse competition and no late entries will be accepted.

Immediately following qualification at the competition, a qualified rider must bring their horse's original passport to the secretary of the Organiser to be checked. The passport must be correct and in the name of the horse and owner on the Search for a Star entry form. Failure to comply with this ruling will mean disqualification.

- 3.2. Closing Date for entries is as specified on the schedule. Entries must be made in the appropriate class(es) for which the horses or ponies ("Horses") are eligible. Except for entries made in accordance with paragraph 3.3 (which may be accepted at the discretion of the Organiser) no entries will be accepted after the closing date for Entries. 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).
- 3.3. Entries made after the Closing Date for Entries may be accepted by the Organiser at its absolute discretion if:
- 3.3.1. Late entries will only be accepted through the on-line system
- 3.3.2. the class that the Entrant wishes to enter is not full on the day of the Competition; and
- 3.3.3. the Entrant agrees to pay the Organiser a late entry fee of £15; and
- 3.3.4. no entries will be accepted on the day of the competition without prior consent of the organisers.
- 3.4. Entries for only one Horse can be made on each Entry Form. If the Entrant wishes to enter another Horse in the Competition, the Entrant must submit a new Entry Form.
- 3.5. The Entry Form must be signed by the rider (the "Rider") (or his or her parent or legal guardian if the Rider is under 18) and all owners (the "Owners") of the Horse.
- 3.6. The Organiser does not accept liability for any entries which are lost, delayed, misdirected or incomplete or which cannot be delivered or entered for any reason. Proof of delivery or sending of an entry is not proof of receipt.

4. REFUND OF ENTRY FEE

- 4.1. Subject to paragraph 3.3 payment of the Entry Fee for each Entry must be received by the Organiser in cleared funds by no later than the Closing Date for Entries.
- 4.2. Entrants who withdraw their entries will not be entitled to a refund of any Entry Fee paid by them unless the Horse that is the subject of the Entry is unable to attend the Competition

due to ill health, and **within 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. The Organiser reserves the right to charge a fixed fee of £10 per class for administration costs associated with the withdrawal of the Entry and may deduct this fee from any Entry Fee it refunds to the Entrant.

- 4.3. Entries may be refused if the class to which the Entry relates is full. In these circumstances any Entry Fee paid by the Entrants will be returned to the Entrant in full.
- 4.4. Refunds (less any administration charges) will only be paid to the person who submitted the Entry and will not be paid to anyone else. No refund of any Entry Fee will be given for any disqualified Horse, Rider or other Entrant.

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 20 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 5.3.1 and 5.4.3 or has engaged in these activities within 20 years preceding the date of the Competition; and/or

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.

- 5.3.3. 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. Show horse judges (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);
 - 5.4.2. Competitors that have judged another show horse class cannot compete in Search for a Star whether they have been paid or unpaid, registered or unregistered with the organisation they have judged for.
 - 5.4.3. anyone who produces, rides or schools show 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 Horse of the Year Show since and including 1997;
 - 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 Horse of the Year Show since 1997;
 - 5.4.6. the immediate family of anyone that has previously competed in Search for a Star at Horse of the Year Show;
 - 5.4.7. the immediate family of anyone within the category specified in paragraph 5.4.1.
 - 5.4.8. Anyone on a committee, board or council of a recognised showing organisation.
 - 5.4.9. For the absence of doubt the rules are specific to showing and any competitor engaged in any other discipline for
- 5.5. Notwithstanding paragraphs 5.4.4, 5.4.5, 5.4.6 a sibling, son or daughter of a Rider who has previously competed in Search for a Star and/or Horse of the Year Show 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.
 - 5.5.1. Notwithstanding paragraphs 5.4.3, 5.4.4, 5.4.5 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.
 - 5.6. No entrant who has been convicted of an offence against an animal or an organisation and whose conviction is unspent may participate in the Competition.
 - 5.7. No Rider may compete in the Competition on a lead rein.
 - 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 a company as being their sponsored rider.
 - 5.10. Once disqualified for competing in a Search for a Star class the Owner/Rider/Horse will not be able to compete in Search for a Star again and will be automatically disqualified in the future. This does not include disqualification due to passport or vaccination issues.
- 6. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS**
- 6.1. The following animals are not eligible to be exhibited at the Competition:
 - 6.1.1. any Horse produced in a professional showing yard although it may have

been purchased from a professional before Jan 2017. 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 2016 but the Professional must not have exhibited the horse or pony in the ring.

- 6.1.2. any stallion or entire;
 - 6.1.3. any Horse that has qualified for the Horse of the Year Show ("HOYS") before 1st March 2017.
 - 6.1.4. any Horse that has been exhibited at any show by anyone the Organisers reasonably believe to be a professional;;
 - 6.1.5. A horse may have qualified for Royal International Horse Show (RIHS) before 1st May 2017 but must not have competed in classes at RIHS before 1st March 2017, except for Horses that have entered in the direct entry classes at RIHS in the past, such as amateur cob, riding horse and hack who will be allowed to compete in Search for a Star 2017.
- 6.2. If a height certificate is requested it must be produced to the Organisers within 14 days of the request.
- 6.3. A current valid passport or certificate of ownership (accompanied by the passport) must be held for the Horse named on the Entry Form, 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 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
- 6.4. The Horse must be up to date with all vaccinations generally recommended by veterinary surgeons.
- 6.5. 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.

- 6.6. Each Horse taking part in the Competition must be healthy and able to complete on its own merits.
- 6.7. The eligibility criteria referred to in this paragraph 6 applies irrespective of whether the horse is owned, leased or on loan.
- 6.8. All Search for a Star rules must be adhered to until and during the Competition at Horse of the Year Show 2017.
- 6.9. Hunters must be shod. Horses in other classes do not have to be shod but no remedial shoeing or pads will be accepted and the frog of the horse must be visible on each foot.
- 6.10. Horses must be shown in snaffle, simple double or Pelham bridles. In working show horse/pony the tack cannot be changed after the jumping section. Excessive lever action in bits is actively discouraged and running gags are not acceptable in any class. Nose nets are not acceptable.
- 6.11. Only tack that is accepted during the competition can be worn in the warm-up.
- 6.12. Horses and ponies must be warmed up by the rider that will compete on the horse/pony in the competition.
- 6.13. If a Horse has qualified for Search for a Star at Horse of the Year Show 2017 and is advertised for sale following or during the qualification and before the Competition at Horse of the Year Show the Horse will be disqualified from competing at Horse of the Year Show. The Owner or Rider of the qualified Horse that is advertised for sale will not be welcome back in the Search for a Star competitions with another Horse and will automatically be disqualified.
- 6.14. 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.

7. SHOW GROUND RULES

- 7.1. All Entrants must familiarise themselves with any applicable rules of the showground where the Competition takes places and must comply with such rules.

- 7.2. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times whilst on the showground.

8. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE COMPETITION

- 8.1. Hard hats fitted with a safety harness and to an approved and accepted British standard and correct footwear with a heel must be worn while mounted on the showground at all venues and at all times.
- 8.2. Entrants and any accompanying adults and children must be polite and civil at all times during the Competition and must not conduct themselves at the Competition in a manner which is discourteous, offensive, or uncivil to the public, or in a manner which is liable to bring the Competition and/or the Organiser into disrepute.
- 8.3. It is the responsibility of the competitors to abide by the rules of Search for a Star.
- 8.4. Entrants must not treat any animal at the Competition whether inside or outside the arena in a manner likely to cause pain or discomfort to the animal and in particular (but without limitation) must not use the bit, whip or spur in such a way as to punish an animal, or use a whip or spur excessively on any animal.
- 8.5. Riders must declare 30 minutes before the published start time of each class.
- 8.6. 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.
- 8.7. All persons entering the arena must be smartly and appropriately dressed, riders and grooms must comply with the clothing requirements specified in the Schedule. Persons who do not comply with this paragraph or are otherwise inappropriately dressed may be refused entry to the arena or asked to leave the arena.
- 8.8. Hard hats must be worn by grooms at all times when in the arena.
- 8.9. No Rider may compete side saddle.
- 8.10. No Rider or Horse may compete at the Competition where the Rider and/or Horse are not in the reasonable opinion of the Organisers and/or the judges fully qualified, fit or eligible. Entrants accept that the Organiser and/or the judge may refuse to allow a Horse and/or Rider to compete and/or may ask a Rider to leave the arena where the Organiser and/or the judge reasonably believe that the Horse and/or Rider are not fully qualified, fit or eligible or are unsafe either to themselves or to others.
- 8.11. Horses must be plaited except for show cobs that should be hogged and traditional types in the traditional types with full mane, tail and feather as appropriate in the Working Show Horse/Pony class.
- 8.12. Badly behaved or dangerous horses will be asked to leave the ring.
- 8.13. The judge has the right to refuse to ride any horse at any time.
- 8.14. The organisers and judges have the right to disqualify any Horse which appears to them (acting reasonably) to be lame, over-worked, in distress or injured.
- 8.15. No Horse may enter the competition arena on the weekend of the Competition before the start of the Competition.
- 8.16. All class times are for guidance only and the Organisers may amend these at any time.
- 8.17. Entrants must comply with all reasonable directions issued by the Organisers (including its employees agents and sub-contractors), and the judges.
- 8.18. Any Rider who has had a fall or sustains a serious injury anywhere in the Competition venue must see a doctor/medic and be passed fit to ride before continuing the Competition.
- 8.19. No lunging is permitted in any arena at the Competition.
- 8.20. No draw reins or side reins will be allowed to be used on the horse anywhere on the showground including during warm up.
- 8.21. Cane not exceeding 30" and spurs may only be worn by adults.

- 8.22. Exhibitors are under the jurisdiction of the judge(s) until asked to leave the line, after rosettes have been presented. Judges should consider behaviour at the prize giving and should take action if appropriate.

9. WINNERS

- 9.1. In this paragraph references to a "Qualified" or "Qualifying" Horse, Rider and/or Owner means a Horse, Rider and/or Owner who is placed first or second in the Competition.
- 9.2. All Horses which compete in the Competition will receive a rosette (provided that they are not disqualified at any time during the Competition).
- 9.3. Qualifying Riders and Horses who are invited to attend HOYS must comply with the rules applicable to HOYS.
- 9.4. An Entrant may enter more than one qualifying class at more than one Competition venue but can only take up qualification in one class with one Horse at HOYS.
- 9.5. If a Qualifying Horse and Rider are invited to attend HOYS but are unable to complete the class in the first round at HOYS they may at the discretion of the Organisers, and if the Organisers organise a "Search For A Star" competition on a subsequent year, be permitted to enter a "Search for a Star" competition organised by the Organiser on a subsequent year provided that they submit a letter with the new entry form explaining the circumstances.
- 9.6. A Qualifying Horse and Rider may be invited to compete at HOYS. Qualifying in a class in the Competition does not automatically entitle a Horse and Rider to an invitation to compete at HOYS. An invitation to compete at HOYS will be issued only if the judges consider the Qualifying Horse and Rider are suitable to appear at HOYS. For the avoidance of doubt, no Horse or Rider who might have been placed first, second or third but for the presence of the Qualified Horse or Rider, will be entitled to compete at HOYS unless invited to do so.
- 9.7. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 9.8. If a Qualified Horse and Rider is invited to compete at HOYS, the same combination of Qualified Horse, Owner(s) and Rider must compete at HOYS and for the avoidance of doubt the Qualifying Horse must remain with the same name, the same Owner(s) and the same Rider as it had at the qualifying Competition and no change or substitution of rider will be allowed.
- 9.9. If a Qualified Horse or Rider is invited to compete at HOYS but cannot compete at Horse of the Year Show no cash or credit alternative will be offered.
- 9.10. The Entrant accepts any invitation to compete at HOYS subject to the Entrant's full compliance that the rules of HOYS and entry to HOYS may be refused, or the Entrant may be disqualified from competing at HOYS, if the Entrant fails to comply with the rules of HOYS.
- 9.11. Immediately following qualification at the Competition, a Qualified Rider must bring their Horse's original passport/certificate of ownership to the secretary of the Organiser to be checked **Non disclosure at the event will lead to disqualification.**
- 9.12. The Checking of Passports is a service supported by SEIB to ensure that all the information re: name of horse, owner and residence given by the competitor is correct as per DEFRA criteria, on the day of the qualifier. The checking of Veterinary records including vaccinations details and height certificates must be the responsibility of the Owner and Rider and is not the responsibility of SEIB.
- 9.13. At the absolute discretion of the judges a Horse and Rider who have been placed third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the Competition may qualify to compete at HOYS if the Qualifying Horse and Rider have already qualified to compete at HOYS independently of this Competition.
- 9.14. At the absolute discretion of the judges, if a place becomes available at a SFAS class at HOYS, the place may be filled by any horse or rider (meeting the criteria of the competition) from any venue. Qualification does not automatically go down the line.

Immediately following qualification at the Competition, a Qualified Rider must take their Horse's original passport to the secretary of the Organiser to be checked. The passport must be correct and in the name of the horse and owner on the Search for a Star entry form. Failure to comply with this ruling will mean disqualification.

10. STABLING

The Organisers are not responsible for arranging for stabling of any Entrant's Horse. Entrants must arrange stabling for their Horses directly with their venue of choice.

11. HEALTH, SAFETY and SECURITY

All Entrants must comply with such health, safety and security policies as are notified to them from time to time by the Organisers.

12. INSURANCE

All Entrants must hold public liability insurance covering risks associated with their attendance and participation at the Competition.

13. PUBLICITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

13.1 Entrants accept and agree 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 Entrants' details with the press.

13.2 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.

14. COMPLAINTS

14.1. Should any competitor wish to register an objection or complaint, whether it is against a judge, exhibitor, show organiser or otherwise, they must write to the organisers of Search for a Star within 14 days of the event.

14.2. Any objection or complaint must be made in writing and signed and submitted to the organisers. No personal details will be disclosed but the full name, address and telephone number of the complainant must be supplied. Any complaint regarding the Search for a

Star competition at Horse of the Year Show will be subject to the Horse of the Year Show complaints procedure and no complaints will be accepted after the show has ended.

14.3 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 write as soon as possible to N. MacKenzie at SEIB, South Essex Insurance House, North Road, South Ockendon, Essex RM15 5BE with your name, address and telephone number. Your details will remain strictly confidential.

14.4 The decision of the judge and organisers is final and there is no appeals procedure or board of appeal for disqualified competitors to apply to.

14.5 By entering the Search for a Star competition a competitor accepts that if there is a complaint against them, the organisers will not share the details of the complaint or contact details, name or address of the complainant with the competitor.

15. DATA PROTECTION

15.1. 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, telling you about offers, discounts or other information which we think may be of interest to you, about our business partners which we have carefully selected and from ourselves. You can opt out at any time.

15.2. Our privacy policy can be found at www.seib.co.uk/about-us/privacy-policy, or by writing to us at our registered office address.

16. LIABILITY

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

17. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 17.1. The Competition will be governed by English law.
- 17.2. The Organiser and Entrant irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

18. DOPING AND DOPE TESTS

In common with other similar bodies, the Organisers of the Competition take a very serious view of doping, 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 defined below) 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 a show, to ensure that nothing is fed, administered or applied to a Horse that contains a Prohibited Substance. Ignorance is not an adequate defence. The organisers are not authorised to give guidance but the organisers follow the Equine Prohibited Substances List ("EPSL") as published from time to time by the Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI"). Where appropriate, the organisers 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) Doping

- (i) Any Horse taking part in classes judged under the Competition Rules will be liable to Dope Testing (as defined below) in accordance with the Dope Testing procedure laid down by this Rule. A refusal to submit an animal for Dope 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 any

other person within involved with the animal.

- (iii) "Dope Testing" means the examination of a horse by a duly qualified person appointed by the organisers 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 Equine Prohibited Substances List ("EPSL") as published by the Federation Equestre Internationale ("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 or promotes or encourages at the administration to a horse of a Prohibited Substance shall be guilty of a breach of this Rule.
- (vi) A Horse, Rider and Owner will be Disqualified following a Positive Dope Test

(B) Sampling Procedure

- (i) Dope 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 dope test should take place as soon as possible after the Horse has completed its programme on that day.
- (ii) 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 a dope test until completion of the dope test. 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 abovementioned declaration is a violation of the Rules and will be subject to the same sanctions as a positive sample result.
- (iii) All samples taken will be kept in a secure place and dispatched to the laboratory selected as soon as reasonably possible after collection.
 - (iv) 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.
 - (v) 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.
 - (vi) 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 Organiser within 14 days of dispatch by the Organiser of notification of a positive analysis of Sample A.
 - (vii) 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.
 - (viii) 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.
 - (ix) If the result of analysis of Sample B is negative then the entire test shall be considered negative.
 - (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 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 & B forthwith upon demand.
 - (xii) Any person who administers or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered or connives at the administration to a Horse of a prohibited substance shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules.
- (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 dope test shall be reported to the organisers.
 - a. The organisers shall investigate the matter and decide within 28 working days of the date of notification of a positive dope 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.
 - (ii) The Organisers 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 dope testing and any subsequent class, competition or championship for which it qualified on the date of the dope testing and shall forfeit its 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 competing within the Competition.

19. SOCIAL MEDIA and INTERNET POLICY

(A) Introduction

The organisers acknowledge the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Linked-In, and all other forms of electronic communication and the role which "Social Media" plays in the day-to-day lives of Members.

(B) Using Social Media

- (i) You should be aware that the organisers of the Competition 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 organisers of Search for a Star.
- (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 Search for a Star competition or SEIB Insurance Brokers.
- (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 organisers of Search for a Star:
- (vi) 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;
- (vii) which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of the Search for a Star 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.
- (viii) Any breach of this policy may constitute a breach of the Search for a Star 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 organisers of Search for a Star will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting or directing the organisers to disclose the identity or locate anyone posting any material in breach of this policy. If the organisers of Search for a Star are requested by the police or any other regulatory or government authority investigating suspected illegal activities to provide your personal information, the organisers of Search for a Star entitled to do so.



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