

SHOW HUNTER REGULATIONS

1. FEES:

IMPORTANT NOTE: All Show Hunters must first be entered onto the SHB(GB) Identity Record or Stud Book before they are eligible for entry onto the Show Register.

- a) THE SHOW HUNTER REGISTRATION FEE IS £45.00 V.A.T. EXEMPT.
- b) THE OWNER **AND RIDER** OF THE HORSE MUST BE FULL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY BEFORE THE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Full Members fee is £50.00 (discount is available when paid by Direct Debit. Please contact the office for details) and this should be forwarded with the registration fee if it has not already been paid. In the case of Joint Ownership **ALL** owners must be Members of the Society.
- c) **TEMPORARY REGISTRATION £10.00 per show (maximum of three shows)*** - The Society offers a temporary registration to competitors who wish to compete at A MAXIMUM OF THREE qualifying shows for a fee of £10 per show. An application form must be completed for each temporary registration. **The show at which you wish to compete MUST be stated or forms will be returned.** If the horse subsequently qualifies then you will need to complete a full registration before the championship deducting the £10 temporary fee. Should you wish to compete at more than three qualifying shows a full registration and membership must be completed (in this event the full Show Hunter Registration fee payable will be £35.00 plus owner and rider membership).

(* The registration fee includes temporary horse registration and temporary rider/owner membership.)

2. PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE RECEIVED WITH INCORRECT FEES, OR WHICH ARE NOT CORRECTLY COMPLETED, WILL BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER.
3. Entry to the Show Hunter Register is restricted to Mares and Geldings of four years old or over, exceeding 148cm (approximately 14 hands 2 ins).
4. When a Show Hunter is sold, the Registration Certificate must be returned to the Secretary of SHB(GB) immediately with the new owner's name and address given on the reverse side. The new owner must then apply to re-register the horse in the new ownership before it can be shown again in a qualifying class. The fee for change of ownership is £20.00 and an additional £10.00 is required to re-register the horse on the Show Hunter Register for the remainder of the season. **NO CHANGE OF HORSE'S NAME IS ALLOWED.** A horse previously registered with another Authority must be shown under its SHB(GB) registered name.
5. The person in whose name the horse is entered will be held responsible for abiding by the Rules and Regulations of the Show concerned and indemnifying it against any claims for damages, etc. which may arise. If a horse changes ownership after the closing date of entries, it **MUST** be re-registered in the name of the new owner before it is eligible to be shown, although it may not be possible to change the details printed in the catalogue.
6. The practice of any owner or their immediate family taking advice on the purchase, schooling, exhibiting or having at livery any horse, from someone and then within three calendar years commencing 1st January 2008 exhibiting in a class which this person is judging is prohibited by the Society (service fees for stallions and keep for mares whilst at stud are excluded). A judge must never judge a horse that has been in their ownership. The onus is on the exhibitor not to exhibit animals under such a judge.
7. Before a Ridden Show Hunter or Working Hunter is eligible for entry in a class which is a qualifying competition for a Championship Show, it must have been included on the Society's Show Hunter Register for that year and its Show Hunter Registration number quoted on all Show entry forms. The fact that an animal may already be registered in the Stud Book does not mean that it is exempt from being registered as a Show Hunter as the latter is an annual registration and the certificate issued will only apply to the current season.
8. Show Hunters **MUST** be exhibited in the weight class in which they are entered and catalogued, unless:
 - a) an application to change weight classes has been received by the SHB(GB) office, together with the original Show Hunter Certificate in time for the office to notify the Show of any change, **but limited to ONE weight change per season, OR**
 - b) if a Judge considers an animal to be up to more than the specified weight, he will transfer it to a higher weight class. If a horse is transferred into a higher weight class by the Judges on more than one occasion, the owner must inform the Society immediately and the animal's registration will be amended. Owners can appeal against this decision if they think fit, in which case the Society will appoint a Referee to give a final decision.
9. Grade A Showjumpers and Advanced Event Horses are not allowed to compete in Working Hunter Classes. Any horse which has qualified as a Grade A Show Jumper or Advanced Event Horse as at 1st January in the current year is not eligible to compete in Working Hunter Classes.
10. Small Hunters must exceed 148 cm (approx 14 hands 2 ins.), but not exceed 158 cm (approx 15 hands 2 ins.). When registering for Small Hunter classes the application must be accompanied by a current official Joint Measurement Board Height Certificate. Applications received without a Height Certificate **WILL** be returned. A horse which is registered as a Small Hunter cannot compete in an Open Weight Class.
11. Horses which will be exhibited in Ladies Hunter (Side-Saddle) Classes qualifying for a Championship Show must be registered.
12. Horses which will be exhibited in Amateur Hunter Classes qualifying for a Championship Show must be registered.
13. *Any horse that is entered for a qualifying class without first being on the 2009 Show Hunter Register may not subsequently be registered and therefore will not be eligible for entry in any qualifying classes for the remainder of the season.*