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## SHB(GB) Good Conduct and Discipline Policy

- a. The attention of Members and other persons is drawn to the disciplinary provisions of SHB(GB) whereby SHB(GB) has wide powers to discipline Members and other persons in the event of failure to observe any provisions of these Rules or any other regulations, rules and bylaws made by SHB(GB). The Rules are intended to ensure that Members compete against each other in SHB(GB) competitions under the fairest possible conditions but inevitably circumstances will arise which are not precisely covered. In such circumstances wherever possible the spirit of the Rules will be followed to produce the fairest result for Members.

All Members of SHB(GB) are bound by its Rules as amended from time to time and shall be deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof by reason of all or any of the following: -

- ❖ submission of a Membership application form followed by acceptance of Membership.
  - ❖ submission of a request for annual renewal of Membership followed by acceptance of such renewal.
  - ❖ registration of a horse.
  - ❖ registration of the lease/loan of a horse or its transfer.
  - ❖ any other act by a Member pursuant to the Rules of SHB(GB).
- b. Neither SHB(GB) nor any of its Officials or Judges accept any financial responsibility for its or their decisions.
- c. No Member of SHB(GB) shall conduct himself in a manner or be guilty of behaviour which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of SHB(GB) and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) no Member shall behave in an offensive or abusive or unpleasant manner to any person at any show or at any other location where SHB(GB) business is being transacted or via social media or the internet or via any publication in whatever format or via any other written or electronic format. Members' attention is drawn to the SHB(GB) Social Media Policy set out in the back of this Handbook.
- d. It is the duty of every Member to assist the officers of SHB(GB) in their investigations of breaches of the Rules and an unreasonable failure or refusal to assist any such officer in such investigation will itself constitute a breach of the Rules.
- e. Members shall not ill-treat horses at any time whether by misuse or excessive use of a whip or bit or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever.
- f. Members are responsible for the actions of any non-Members who are Family Members (as defined below) or who are friends or friends of Family Members or who are employed by them or assisting, supporting or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf and any action or conduct of such non-Member which would be a breach of the Rules were he a Member shall constitute a breach

of the Rules by the Member concerned. Family Member shall include a spouse or civil partner, a partner, a direct descendant or ascendant of the Member or his spouse or civil partner, brothers, sisters or adopted children of the Member or his spouse or civil partner, or any other person who is part of the same household as the Member or is in the reasonable opinion of the SHB(GB) a Member of the Member's family in the widest sense.

- g. Failure to observe any of the rules may result in disqualification of the horse concerned and the institution of disciplinary proceedings by SHB(GB) against the person breaking the rules in accordance with SHB(GB) Rules. In the event of disqualification of a horse after a cup, rosette or prize money has been awarded, such cup, rosette or prize money must be returned forthwith to the Show or SHB(GB) as appropriate.
- h. Eligibility During Disciplinary Sanctions:**
- i. Any Owner, Rider, Producer, and/or Horse or Pony who is, for any period, suspended, banned, or otherwise subject to disciplinary sanction imposed by the BSHA, BSPS, CHAPS, TSR, NPS, or any other recognised equine governing body, association, or discipline affiliated to, or operating in accordance with, the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) or its recognised Member bodies, shall not be eligible to compete in SHB(GB) Affiliated Classes for the duration of such sanction. The application and enforcement of this restriction shall be at the sole discretion of the SHB(GB) Council
- j. Information Sharing:**
- k. SHB(GB) reserves the right to disclose, receive, and exchange information concerning any disciplinary action taken against an Owner, Rider, Producer, and/or Horse or Pony with the BSHA, BSPS, CHAPS, TSR, NPS, and any other recognised equine governing body, association, or discipline, where such disclosure is deemed appropriate for the purposes of maintaining the integrity, reputation, and good conduct of the sport.
- l. Definition:**
- m. For the purposes of this regulation, the term 'recognised equine governing body, association, or discipline' shall refer to any organisation or body responsible for the regulation, governance, or administration of an equestrian sport or activity within the United Kingdom, recognised by or operating in accordance with the principles and standards of the British Equestrian Federation (BEF), or any equivalent international federation.