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Schedule

Outstanding Results

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Full Cry winning the Supreme Hunter Championship at The Agria Royal International Horse Show, ridden and produced by Robert Walker and owned by Jill Day.



Photograph by Equinet Media.

“Winning the Hunter Championship with Full Cry was a moment to treasure. He is looking and feeling better than ever, thanks to TopSpec.”
Robert Walker

Typical Feed Regime

for a 16.3hh (600kg) horse in medium work:-

Ad lib good quality hay or haylage, plus grazing

Plus two feeds per day – each containing:-

- 300g TopSpec Comprehensive Feed Balancer (for condition; muscle development and topline, performance; stamina for championships; recovery; hoof quality; behaviour; digestion and utilisation)
- 300g TopChop Sport (combines British alfalfa with a blend of British grasses, lightly coated with linseed oil)
- Up to 2kg TopSpec UlsaKind Cubes (for condition whilst helping to maintain a healthy stomach lining)
- Additives if required; 10:10 Joint Support, Calmer, Digestive Aid or Electrolytes



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ARENA FAMILIARISATION

Friday 20th November 2026

5:30 am Ponies 133cms to 153cms

5:50 am Ponies under 133cms

6:10am Lead Rein and First Ridden

6:30am ROR and all Horses over 153cms

6:50am Arena cleared and harrowed

Saturday 21st November 2026

5:30am Ponies 133cms to 153cms

5:50am Ponies under 133cms

6:10am Lead Rein and First Ridden

6:30am Horses over 153cms

6:50am Arena cleared and harrowed

Sunday 22nd November 2026 - In-hand ONLY

5:30am 133cms to 153cms

5:50am Up to 133cms

6:10am Tots and young handlers

6:30am Horses over 153cms

6:50am Arena cleared and harrowed



IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is strictly forbidden to tie any horse or pony to any lorry, trailer etc.

No rubbish is to be left on the show ground.

No skipping out of boxes/trailers on the car park.



BITS

ALL EQUITATION and LEAD REIN classes; plus show-type FIRST RIDDEN are to be ridden in SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY (to include Wilkie Snaffles). Lead Rein classes the lead rein must be attached directly to the noseband only. All other classes (inc M&M First Ridden) are any suitable bit.





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All class times are "not before" times

Working Hunter course will be available to be walked from 6.30 - 6.50am

Bloomfields Horseboxes Ltd Working Hunter Series

all classes will be placed 1-12th, each class winner will receive a rug, sash, trophy, and a prize.

- 7.00am** **1 Bloomfields Horseboxes Ltd**
Under 133cms Final *Judges: Miss M Underwood & Miss E Thomas*
Rider any age, suitable for height of pony, jump height 70cms max. Pony must be plaited or hogged.
- 8.30am** **2 Bloomfields Horseboxes Ltd**
133cms to 153cms Final *Judges: Miss D Chadwick & Mrs M Holmes*
Rider any age, suitable for height of pony. Jump height 80cms, max height 2 fences. Pony must be plaited or hogged.
- 10.00am** **3 Bloomfields Horseboxes Ltd**
exceeding 153cms Final *Judges: Miss M Underwood & Miss E Thomas*
Rider any age. Horse to exceed 153cms. Jump height 95cmsmax. Horse must be plaited or hogged.
- 11.30am** **4 Bloomfields Horseboxes Ltd Mountain and**
Moorland 133cms and under Final *Judges: Miss D Chadwick & Mrs M Holmes*
Rider any age, but suitable for height of pony. Jump height 65cms max.
- 1.00pm** **5 Bloomfields Horseboxes Ltd**
Mountain and Moorland over 133cms Final *Judges: Miss M Underwood & Miss E Thomas*
Rider any age suitable for height of pony. Jump height 80cms max.

**PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN WHO COMPETE IN CLASSES 1-5
ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN CLASSES 6 & 7.**

- 3.00pm** **6 Bloomfields Horseboxes Ltd**
Lead Rein Working Hunter Final *Judges: Miss D Chadwick & Mrs M Holmes*
Pony to be 128cms and under rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year. Max jump height 30cms.
- 4.30pm** **7 Bloomfields Horseboxes Ltd Cradle Stakes**
Working Hunter Final *Judges: Miss M Underwood & Miss E Thomas*
Pony to be 128cms and under rider not to have attained their 11th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year. Max jump height 45cms.
- Working Hunter classes marked as follows:**
50% Jump; 20% Style, 20% Conformation; 10% manners and show.
- 6.30pm** **8 David Bennett Show Team Riding Club Pony Final** *Judge: Miss D Chadwick*
Rider any age pony not to exceed 148cms. Jump height 65cms. Ponies will not be stripped in this class.
- 8.00pm** **9 Dan Anders Riding Club Horse Final** *Judge: Mrs M Holmes*
Rider any age. Horse to exceed 148cms. Jump height 85cms. Horses will not be stripped in this class.

Riding Club Horse/Pony to be judged as follows:

70% style, manners, and way of going for show including a jump; 30% conformation.

Outstanding Results

#FedonTopSpec

Thistledown Wood Owl, winning the Supreme Pony of the Year, ridden by Gracie-May Whitaker, owned by Martin Wood and produced by Craig Elenor & Sara Parrott



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"Birdie is a very good doer, so TopSpec Lite Feed Balancer provides her with all the goodness she needs as a young pony, without her gaining too much weight. We were delighted to take the Supreme Pony of the Year title at this year's Horse of the Year Show, and we can't thank TopSpec enough for helping us keep our ponies in tip-top show condition throughout the season."

Craig Elenor & Sara Parrott

Typical Feed Regime

for a 11.2hh (250kg) horse in light to medium work:-

Ad lib good quality hay or haylage, plus grazing

Plus two feeds per day – each containing:-

- 125g TopSpec Lite Feed Balancer ('Non-Heating' designed for good-doers, very low in calories, promotes a shiny coat and contains an effective hoof supplement)
- 150g TopChop Lite ('Non-Heating' unmolassed alfalfa and straw chop with added mint and oil)
- Additives if required; 10:10 Joint Support, Calmer, Digestive Aid or Electrolytes



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Equitation

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| 7.00pm | <p>10 Rebecca Sumner
 Retrained Racehorse Final
 Rider any age. Open to all ex-racehorses that have raced under rules. Horses will not be ridden by the judge. Any suitable bridle.</p> | <p><i>Judges: Miss M Underwood & Miss E Thomas</i></p> |
| 8.10am | <p>11 Steve Dent Stunts Senior Equitation Final
 Rider to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 Horse/pony any height. Snaffle bridles only.</p> | <p><i>Judge: Miss C Knipe</i></p> |
| 9.50am | <p>12 Steve Dent Stunts
 Junior Equitation Final
 Rider not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 Horse/pony any height. Snaffle bridles only.</p> | <p><i>Judge: Miss C Knipe</i></p> |
| 11.30am | <p>13 Pretty Ponies
 First Ridden Equitation Final
 Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 Ponies not to exceed 148cms. Snaffle bridles only.</p> | <p><i>Judge: Miss C Knipe</i></p> |
| 1.10pm | <p>14 Pretty Ponies
 Lead Rein Equitation Final
 Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
 Snaffle bridles only. Lead rein to be attached directly between noseband and the leader's hand only.</p> | <p><i>Judge: Miss C Knipe</i></p> |
| 2.25pm | <p>15 Abram Hall RC In Memory of Heidi Crawford M&M Large Breed Ridden Final
 Rider any age. Open to all large M&M types: Fells, Dales, Highlands, New Forest, Welsh C and D, Connemara. Any suitable bridle.</p> | <p><i>Judges: Mrs K Hartenfield & Mrs S Stockley-Bridges</i></p> |
| 4.05pm | <p>16 Alice Stratten
 14-19 Year Old Ridden Veterans Final
 Rider any age. Open to all horses and ponies aged 14-19 years old. Any suitable bridle.</p> | <p><i>Judges: Mrs N Kirby-Moore & Miss K Catton</i></p> |
| 5.20pm | <p>17 Simon Constable Equine Vets M&M Small Breeds Ridden
 Rider any age. Open to all small breed M&M types: Shetlands, Dartmoor, Welsh A & B; Exmoor. Any suitable bridle.</p> | <p><i>Judges: Mrs K Hartenfield & Mrs S Stockley-Bridges</i></p> |
| 7.00pm | <p>18 2 Acre Glamping Pods
 20 Years Plus Ridden Veteran Final
 Rider any age. Open to all horses and ponies aged 20 years and over. Any suitable bridle.</p> | <p><i>Judges: Mrs N Kirby-Moore & Miss K Catton</i></p> |
| 8.15pm | <p>19 Gillivervet Ltd Cob Final
 Rider any age. Open to all cobs, including Traditionals. Any suitable bridle.</p> | <p><i>Judges: Mrs N Kirby-Moore & Miss K Catton</i></p> |



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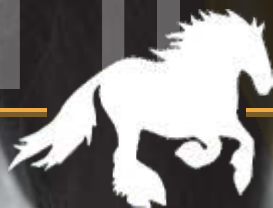
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- 7.00am **20 Equioils Best Turned Out Final** *Judge: Mrs J Makin*
Open to any age rider, horse, or pony. LR ponies eligible for this class.
This class will be judged as follows:
30% Cleanliness, condition, and correctness of tack, 30% Cleanliness and preparation of pony, 30% cleanliness neatness of rider (and handler if on LR). 10% overall impression.
- 8.00am **21 Optive Studio**
Plaited Lead Rein Pony Final *Judges: Mr T Best & Mr D Blair*
Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st of January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only.
- 9.25am **22 Wastewave Environmental Ltd**
Plaited First Ridden Pony Final *Judges: Mr T Best & Mr D Blair*
Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only.
- 10.50am **23 Shine Source Footwear UK Ltd**
M&M Lead Rein Pony Final *Judges: Mr D Bennett & Mr A Forster*
Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only.
- 12.30pm **24 The Anders Family M&M First Ridden Final** *Judges: Mr T Best & Mr D Blair*
Rider not to have attained their 12 birthdays before January 1st in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Any suitable bridle.
- 2.10pm **25 Cuddington Stud**
Ridden Show Pony Final *Judges: Mr D Bennett & Mr A Forster*
Rider any age. Open to all plaited show ponies not exceeding 148cms. Any suitable bridle.
- 3.35pm **26 Touch ov Hawkesbury Ridden Show Horse Final** *Judges: Mr T Best & Mr D Blair*
Rider any age. Open to all plaited horses exceeding 148cms. Any suitable bridle.
- 5.00pm **27 Badlan Electrical Ltd**
Ridden Show Hunter Pony Final *Judges: Mr D Bennett & Mr A Forster*
Rider any age. Open to all plaited show hunter ponies not exceeding 153cms. Any suitable bridle.
- 6.25pm **28 Hamilton Tarmac Hunter Horse Final** *Judges: Mr T Best & Mr D Blair*
Rider any age. Open to all plaited hunter types exceeding 153cms. Any suitable bridle.
- 7.50pm **29 Uttoxeter Rewinds Ridden Plaited Coloured Final** *Judges: Mrs T Brooks & Mrs V Haworth*
Rider any age. Open to all plaited coloured horses and ponies. Any Suitable bridle.
- 9.15pm **30 Life of Riley Ridden Coloured Native, Cob and Traditional Final** *Judges: Mrs T Brooks & Mrs V Haworth*
Rider any age. Open to all Native, Cob and Traditional type coloured horses, and ponies. Any suitable bridle.

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- 7.00am **31 J E Broster & Son Agricultural Contractors Junior Handler Final** *Judges: Mrs T Brooks & Mrs V Haworth*
Handlers to have attained their 12th birthday but not their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Horse or pony any height.
- 8.00am **32 J E Broster & Son Agricultural Contractors Young Handler Final** *Judges: Mrs T Brooks & Mrs V Haworth*
Handlers to have attained their 8th birthday but not their 12th birthday before 1st January in current year. Horse or pony any height.
- 9.00am **33 Academy of Health and Beauty Tiny Tots Handler Final** *Judges: Miss P Coles & Mrs C Wood*
Handlers must have attained their 4th birthday but not their 8th birthday before 1st of January in the current year. Pony not to exceed 128cms. Handlers MUST be accompanied by an adult in the ring, but the adult must not assist unless the handler is in difficulty. Ponies must be suitable for the child.
- 10.30am **34 Burghwallis Stud Youngstock Final** *Judges: Mr R Grace & Mr J Cutts*
Open to any type of exhibit: Yearlings, 2 or 3 year olds.
- 11.30am **35 Vanguard Properties Ltd In-hand Cob Final** *Judges: Miss P Coles & Mrs C Wood*
Open to all cobs including Traditionals.
- 12.30pm **36 The Evans Family In-hand Plaited Pony Final** *Judges: Mr R Grace & Mr J Cutts*
Open to all plaited ponies not exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
- 1.30pm **37 Dutch Dame In-hand Plaited Horse Final** *Judges: Miss P Coles & Mrs C Wood*
Open to all plaited horses exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
- 2.30pm **38 Simon Constable Equine Vets In-hand Veteran Final** *Judges: Mr R Grace & Mr J Cutts*
Open to all horses and ponies over the age of 14 years.
- 3.30pm **39 Little Equestrians M&M Large Breeds In-hand Final** *Judges: Miss P Coles & Mrs C Wood*
Open to all M&M large breed types: Highlands, Fells, Dales, New Forest, Welsh C&D, Connemara.
- 4.30pm **40 Norton District RC in Memory of Chloe Moore M&M Small Breeds In-hand Final** *Judges: Mr R Grace & Mr J Cutts*
Open to all M&M small breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A&B, Exmoor.
- 5.30pm **41 The Gaskin Family Coloured Pony In-hand Final** *Judges: Miss P Coles & Mrs C Wood*
Open to all coloured ponies, 143cms and under.
- 6.30pm **42 Equioils Coloured Horse In-hand Final** *Judges: Mr R Grace & Mr J Cutts*
Open to all coloured horses, exceeding 143cms.



The Isabella O'Donnell Junior Supreme

Open to all Junior competitors who win the Isabella O'Donnell highest placed junior rosette in all eligible classes

The winner will receive a rosette, sash and a woollen rug



Isabella O'Donnell Champion SHP HOYS 2023
riding Morning Sunflower

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To follow on from Class 42 - approx 7.30pm

Judges: TBC

The STARS Riding Club of The Year Ridden Supreme Championship.

Sponsored by THE WHITE CROW PUB; winner receives a rosette, sash and woollen rug.

The STARS Riding Club of the Year In-Hand Supreme Championship.

Sponsored by SHOW PONY PREP; winner receives rosette, sash and woollen rug.

The STARS Junior Supreme Championship.

Sponsored by ISABELLA O'DONNELL; open to all competitors awarded the Isabella O'Donnell first placed rosette for Highest Placed Junior in all eligible classes.

**The STARS Riding Club of the Year Presentation sponsored by STEVE DENT STUNTS.
Presentation in Memory of Melvern Jones.**

Presented to the Riding Club who have accumulated the best 20 results over the weekend who will win SUPREME RIDING CLUB of the YEAR, plus a beautiful rosette, sash and £300 prize money:

The fabulous Melvern Jones Memorial Trophy kindly donated by the Livesey family.

The Reserve Champion Club will win a rosette and £150 prize money.

The Second Reserve Club will receive a rosette and £50 prize money.

PLEASE NOTE:

**ALL TROPHIES ARE PERPETUAL AND MUST BE RETURNED, IN EXCELLENT, CLEAN
CONDITION AND ENGRAVED WHERE APPLICABLE; TO STARS, A MINIMUM OF 1 CALENDAR
MONTH BEFORE THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S EVENT.**

FAILURE TO RETURN ANY TROPHY WILL RESULT IN PROCEEDINGS TO RECOVER THE ITEM



Special Awards

42 SHINING STAR AWARDS

1 in each class, to the competitor deemed to have tried the hardest.
The winner receives a rosette *in memory of HEIDI CRAWFORD*.

42 RISING STAR AWARDS

1 in each class, to the competitor deemed to have a bright future ahead.
Kindly sponsored by *SUPREME PRODUCTS LTD*. Winner to receive a rosette and a saddle cloth.

41 BEST TURNED OUT AWARDS

To the best turned out combination.
Winner receives a rosette. Kindly Sponsored by *SIMPSON REFRACTORIES LTD*.

29 HIGHEST PLACED JUNIOR AWARDS

Winner to receive a rosette. In classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 & 42; the highest placed junior will win a 1st Junior rosette.
Kindly Sponsored by *ISABELLA O'DONNELL*.

25 BEST RIDER AWARDS

In classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30. Winner to receive a rosette. Kindly sponsored by *MJB EXCAVATIONS LTD*.

42 SHOW RUGS

1 to each class winner.

42 SASHES

1 to each class winner.
Kindly sponsored by *SUPREME OF SEW*.

42 PERPETUAL TROPHIES

1 to each class winner.

25 BEST GROOM AWARDS

Kindly sponsored by *HORSE AND CLOBBER*.

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STARS RIDING CLUB of the YEAR POINTS ACCUMULATION
Each placing a Club's rider in any class will carry the following points:
1st = 10 points; 2nd = 9 points; 3rd = 8 points; 4th = 7 points; 5th = 6 points;
6th = 5 points; 7th = 4 points; 8th = 3 points.

Good Luck

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... what you need to know!

2026 STARS Rules and Conditions of Qualification and Entry

- Rule 1a Qualification will be taken from points accrued over the season, which give rise to your champion, reserve champion and 2nd reserve champion. Each club **MUST** offer the option of representing their club to each class champion. Should they be unable to attend, qualification can be passed to reserve or 2nd reserve champion.
- 1b Each club is allowed to send 1 competitor per class. In the event of 2 competitors having joint points, both qualify.
- 1c Show dates must be held between March and September.
- 1d No points show can be held after 20th September.
- 1e Clubs must hold a minimum of 4 points shows.
- 1f All competitors must attend a minimum of 2 shows.
- 1g In addition to the above rules: We have noticed some clubs hold a non-points trophy show mid-season. We ask if possible that you use your September show for your non-points show, so that August is your last points show. This means you can invite your STARS competitors as early as possible. It takes time to sort your teams, so September shows can put too much pressure on us all. Using August as your last show will make your lives easier, because we will not allow late entries.
- 1h Entries for STARS will open 14th September and close on the 14th October (strictly NO late entries this year).
- RULE 2 Any competitor may join and qualify for STARS at as many RCs as they want. However, you can only represent 1 club per class. Competitors may compete in as many classes as they qualify/are invited to by their RC. All competitors must be fully paid-up members of the RC they represent.
- RULE 3 It is a condition of affiliation that all RC secretaries keep records of their points for all STARS classes. A running points total sheet must be available to view online, or in a book at each show so that competitors and STARS Admin can check these. At STARS Finals these sheets need to be always available.
- RULE 4 No change of combination of horse/pony/rider is permitted from those which qualified through their Club. The only exception is the leader of a LR pony who may be substituted with permission from STARS if there are exceptional circumstances.
- RULE 5a No horse or pony can compete at STARS if they have qualified HOYS in the current or previous year.
- 5b *Search for a Star classes, horses and ponies are not eligible for STARS if they qualify for HOYS in current year.
- RULE 6 Riders/handlers are not eligible to compete at STARS if they have qualified or competed any horse or pony for HOYS, including Search for a Star classes, in the current year.
- RULE 7 No horse or pony that has been placed in the top 5 at the RIHS in current year may compete at STARS. Riders can compete on a different animal.
- RULE 8a No professional producers, or any of their staff may compete at STARS. No horses or ponies that have been on a professional showing yard from March 1st in the current year.
- 8b Definition of a professional producer:
The horse or pony is kept at a professional showing yard for any form of show production, and this includes holiday livery, breaking, schooling etc. From March 1st in the current year.
- 8c No horse or pony can have any help whatsoever at a show from a professional producer, even if the pony is stabled at home. This includes stripping, grooming, riding tuition, etc. If any of these apply to your horse or pony then that animal is not eligible for STARS.
- 8d We do allow full livery on a professional yard if it is NOT a showing yard. We understand some people work long hours and may need help caring for their horse or pony. However, no show production of any kind is allowed.
- RULE 9a Semi Professionals - definition:
We regard you as a semi-professional if you ride or show 2 or more animals that do NOT belong to you. Regardless of if you receive payment or not. Semi-professionals are not eligible to compete at STARS.
- 9b We do not mind how many horses or ponies you show if they belong to you and you do them yourself from home. We also allow you to help 1 friend, as we not wish to stop friends helping each other. Strictly 1 friend.
- RULE 10 No competitor can have shown any animal that has been on a producer's yard since March 1st in the current year.
- RULE 11 Complaints procedure:
Anyone who wishes to make a complaint must be a fully paid-up member of an affiliated RC or a secretary of an affiliated RC.
Any complaints made prior to STARS must be done via email to our Admin dealing with complaints starschampionofchampions@outlook.com. If we feel the complaint needs a full investigation then a £50 deposit must be paid by the person who raised the complaint. If the complaint is upheld, then the deposit will be returned.
Any complaints made at STARS must be done within 60 minutes of the alleged complaint. They must go to the STARS Help Desk and ask for the Official dealing with complaints and pay a £50 deposit (returnable if the complaint is upheld).
If we do not find any rule has been broken then the deposit money will be donated to a Charity of your choice.
- RULE 12 Social Media Rules: You must NOT post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of STARS or its competitors/organisers. Anyone found guilty of this would constitute a breach of STARS rules. This could result in a lifetime ban from STARS, and criminal/civil proceedings being brought against you. We closely monitor all social media outlets.

- RULE 13 Any stallions must be ridden / handled by a competent person with a minimum age of 14. Any stallion that is out of control or behaves dangerously will be asked to leave the showground.
- RULE 14 No horse or pony under 4 can be ridden at STARS. All ponies' ages are from January 1st - determined by the year, not month, of birth.
- RULE 15 Competitors must be a minimum age of 3 years on the 1st January in the current year to compete at STARS, or ride on the showground.
- RULE 16 Full and correct attire must be worn by all competitors and grooms. All riders when mounted must wear correct headwear to PAS015 or higher (hats do not need to be tagged). All Junior members must also wear correct safety headwear when riding or leading any animal either in the ring or anywhere on the showground.
- RULE 17 Senior riders only are allowed to use spurs (18 years or over).
- RULE 18 Whips must not exceed 75 cms. Excessive use of the whip is forbidden and will result in disqualification.
- RULE 19 Fall of a horse /pony or any rider in any class will require the horse/pony being taken out of the class. The competitor is eliminated.
- RULE 20a Any person who conducts themselves in a manner which may be deemed to bring the show into disrepute, or is acting in a manner which may be abusive towards any person, competitor, official, judge, steward, etc will be instantly disqualified and escorted from the showground.
- 20b Any competitor/person who behaves in a manner that is offensive to our judges, officials or stewards will be asked to leave the showground - no exceptions. We will NOT tolerate competitors who are rude to our judges and stewards.
- 20c Under no circumstances will we allow shouting/booing from our audience, competitors, or anyone else attending the show. This is bad manners and bad sportsmanship. We have a zero tolerance to this type of behaviour and anyone behaving this way will be escorted from the showground immediately.
- RULE 21 Any person who behaves cruelly towards any animal, either in the ring or on the showground, will be asked to leave the showground.
- RULE 22 No person who has a conviction or pending conviction for animal cruelty will be permitted to compete at STARS.
- RULE 23 No late competitors will be allowed into the ring in any ridden class in which the initial trot has commenced. In-hand classes - no horse/pony will be allowed in the ring after the first animal does its trot.
- RULE 24 The organisers and judges reserve the right to refuse an entry in the event of any unsoundness.
- RULE 25 The ruling of STARS judges and officials is FINAL. STARS reserve the right to substitute judges as necessary.
- RULE 26 The organisers reserve the right to amalgamate or substitute classes as deemed appropriate.
- RULE 27a Working in times must be adhered to for each section.
- b No lunging anywhere on the showground.
- c No riding or walking on the racecourse itself. If this rule is broken, you will be asked to leave the showground.
- RULE 28 Dogs are NOT allowed in any arenas, building, stables, racecourse. We ask that you only bring your dog if you have no other option. Dogs are only allowed a short toilet break whilst on a lead. Spectators will be refused entry if they bring a dog. STARS is a huge show with hundreds of horses; we simply do not have enough space for people to bring dogs. It is much kinder to leave them at home.
- RULE 29 Parking: You must park where the parking stewards tell you to park. Any abuse to parking staff will result in you being asked to leave the showground - without exception.
- RULE 30 On arrival at the showground any person found to be rude, aggressive or uncooperative to Aintree staff or STARS officials will be asked to leave the showground.
- RULE 31 Official walkways MUST be adhered to. No persons are allowed in the horse walkways unless they are riding or leading a horse or pony.
- RULE 32 Push chairs and prams are discouraged near horses; so must be kept well away from any horse/pony.
- RULE 33 Neither the organisers, landowners, committee, or agents of the show accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses/ponies, any person, rider, handler, owner, spectator, property, whether caused by negligence, breach of contract or in any way whatsoever.
- RULE 34 Exhibitors shall take great care of, and shall not cause any damage, or suffer any damage to be done to the site or showground, furniture, fittings, equipment, stables, or any other property therein. Anyone causing damage shall be responsible to pay for any damage they have caused, including accidental damage, caused by an act of neglect or not.
- RULE 35 Trophies are perpetual and MUST be returned in good clean condition, duly engraved where applicable by October 1st. Trophies returned after this date will incur a surcharge of £25.
- RULE 36 No entries will be accepted without the correct fee and first aid contribution. First aid charged per competitor per day.
- RULE 37 **Judging /scoring of classes:**
 Ridden/ In- Hand show classes: 50% ride/show, manners and way of going, 50% type and conformation.
 Best turned out: 30% cleanliness, condition, and correctness of tack. 30% cleanliness/neatness of rider and handler if on LR. 30% cleanliness and turnout of horse/pony. 10% overall impression.
 Young handler: 50% ability of handler, 25% suitability of age, height and manners of pony, 25% overall impression
 Equitation: 50% rider's use of seat and aids, 25% rider's position, 25% suitability of partnership and overall impression.
- RULE 38 **ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- RULE 39 ALL COMPETITORS will be deemed to have read carefully and accepted these rules as a condition of entry.



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