

TRAILBLAZERS SHOWING RULES.

(Revised February 2012).

1. The judges' decision is final and binding in all classes.
2. Competitors are reminded that it is unethical to present their animals under a judge who has a vested interest in it.
3. A judge may require that a horse/pony which constitutes a danger leaves the ring.
4. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday by the day of the show.
5. Horses/ponies must be four years old and over in all ridden classes. The age should be calculated from the 1st January in the year of their birth.
6. Stallions/colts may not be led by any juniors who have not attained their 16th birthday before January 1st in the current year at any show affiliating to Trailblazers Showing. The competitor/handler is responsible for the duty of care to other competitors and general public at all times.
7. Young stock classes will not be eligible for qualification until after the 1st January of the current Championship year. This will ensure that the ages of the young stock are correct for the Championship Finals.
8. No horse/pony may enter the ring after the judging process has begun and the steward has closed the ring. In the event of the rider or handler leaving the ring they must be present for the final assessment and presentation of awards. The class is complete when the judge dismisses the class.
9. A fall of pony/horse or rider in any ridden class will result in disqualification and they MUST leave the ring dismounted.
10. If the Judge deems the horse and rider combination to be inappropriate they will be dismissed from the class. The Judges decision is final. No refunds will be made.
11. "Trailblazers Style & Performance" Classes
Each competitor will have to complete a set number of required elements (a minimum 4 different elements) within a two minute time scale (timed by stop-watch). Each show will be marked as follows:-
Conformation - mark out of 10,
Style - mark out of 10,
Performance - mark out of 80
For each element missed the competitor loses 10 marks per missed element for their Performance mark. Going over time - will also lose them 10 marks from the Performance mark.
Please note: There will be four set elements to be included in a two minute show.

12. Clarification of ages

Lead rein - 9 years old and under

First Ridden - 12 years old and under.

Young Handler - 12 years old and under

Rider/handlers ages are taken from the 1st day of the Showing National Championships

13. Dress Code

- a) Correctly secured British Standard Skull Cap/ Riding Hats, meeting all CURRENT British safety standards MUST be worn by riders at all times when mounted.
- b) Handlers should be smartly dressed. Handlers under 16 years of age should wear British standard scull cap/ riding hats
- c) During a class a rider must wear the correct Head Gear in accordance with Rule 46a and must wear a Riding Jacket, shirt, tie or stock, a pair of breeches or jodhpurs and a pair of Top Boots or jodhpur boots.
- d) Gaiters may be worn (colour matching the jodhpur boot). Chaps are not permitted.
- e) Earrings and body studs SHOULD NOT be worn.
- f) Spurs can only be worn when riding a horse exceeding 148cms, no rowels are allowed.
- g) Spurs cannot be worn in any M & M classes.

14. Tack and Equipment

- a) Mobile telephones and ear pieces MUST not be taken into the ring.
- b) No running reins/draw reins to be worn in a class or main arena at any time
- c) In ALL classes whips are not to exceed 75cms (30ins).
- d) Horses/ponies should be shown in a suitable bridle. Judges opinion on suitable bridles may vary and their decision is final.
- e) No item of tack/equipment to be used inappropriately or in a manner deemed cruel by the Judge, Show Directors or Centre Owners.

15. Showground and working in arena rules

- a) Dress and tack codes must be adhered to at all times that a horse is ridden / handled.
- b) Whips may be carried.
- c) No walking or standing on the outside track.

16. Qualification for Second Rounds

The first four placed in each class will qualify for the second rounds.

17. Qualification at the Second Rounds for Spillers® National Showing Championships.

The top 6 competitors to qualify in each class for the 2012 Finals.

TRAILBLAZERS WORKING HUNTER RULES.

- 18. No rider may ride more than one pony/horse in a class.
- 19. There may be no change of rider from Phase One to Phase Two

20. Marking

PHASE ONE	Jumping 50
	Style & Manners while Jumping 20
PHASE TWO	Manners 10
	Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action 20
	TOTAL 100

PENALTIES - PHASE ONE
Jumping Knock Down 10
First Refusal 15
Second Refusal 20
Third Refusal Disqualification

Fall of pony/horse or rider in any phase Disqualification
Minus marks will not be carried forward from Phase I.
1/2 or Plus or Minus Marks are not permitted.

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE OR TIES - The marks MUST NOT be altered the TOTAL MARK from PHASE 1 will take precedence, followed by the Manners Mark, and then the Conformation Mark. If there is still a tie the Judge's decision is final.

21. Jumping Rules to apply

- a) Riders are allowed to walk the course dismounted before their class.
- b) Ponies/horses are not allowed to practice over any part of the course before the commencement of any of the classes.
- c) No person, other than the Judge or the Course Builder appointed by the Show, is permitted to alter the course.
- d) If a combination or double fence is numbered as one fence, penalties incurred at each element are cumulative.
- e) Any pony/horse taking the wrong course or jumping another fence after completing the course will be eliminated.
- f) If a pony/horse positively stops, or turns its quarters to a fence, or has a complete turnaround these constitute refusals. If a pony/horse jumps the incorrect fence out of a pen or lane it will be eliminated. Ponies/horses displaying continued disobedience, or ponies/horses leaving the ring whether mounted or dismounted will be eliminated.
- g) No penalty is incurred unless the max. height of the fence is lowered in the same vertical plane

22. Course Builders have the option to reduce the number of fences if they consider it necessary for safety reasons.

23. The Jumping Phase will be completed first, and any pony eliminated will not be required again

24. However at the Spillers® Trailblazers Championships, competitors eliminated in the jumping phase, competitors can continue into phase II. After a fall in the jumping phase, competitors can continue into phase II ONLY if they sign a disclaimer. Eliminated competitor's day points will become a minus value.

25. If the Judge deems the horse and rider combination to be inappropriate they will be dismissed from the class. The Judges decision is final. No refunds will be made.

26. Dress Code

Dress code as per Trailblazers showing rules No 13.

27. Tack for W.H.P./Working Hunter classes

- a) Boots of a plain colour, may be used for Phase I of the W.H.P./W.H. Classes, but they must be removed before the conformation section
- b) Horse/pony boots are not permitted for any other Classes
- c) No bandages or protective pads on pony's legs or feet are permissible

d) No change of saddlery is allowed between Phases in a class.
N.B. Whips are not considered saddlery.

28. Qualification for Second Rounds

The first four placed in each class will qualify for the second rounds.

29. Qualification at the Second Rounds for Spillers® National Working Hunter Championships.

The top 6 competitors to qualify in each class for the 2012 Finals.