

# TRAILBLAZERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## GENERAL RULES COVERING ALL DISCIPLINES

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### 1. Definitions

**1.1** In these Trailblazers Rules the term “**Competitor**” refers to any rider participating at a Trailblazers Qualifier or the Trailblazers Championship Finals, along with any associate of the rider, supporter or entourage. The term “**Show Organiser**” refers to the person / persons or company organising any Trailblazers Qualifier or the Trailblazers Championship Finals.

### 2. Qualification of a Partnership

**2.1** Only qualified partnerships (horse / pony and rider) from a Trailblazers First Round Qualifier are eligible to compete at the Trailblazers Second Round Qualifiers.

**2.2** Only qualified partnerships (horse / pony and rider) from a Trailblazers Second Round Qualifier or a direct combined training or showing / working hunter qualifier for the 2019 Championship Finals are eligible to compete at the Trailblazers Championship Finals.

**2.3** In the event of a partnership (horse / pony and rider) ceasing, then the qualification (whether for Trailblazers Second Round Qualifiers or for the Trailblazers Championship Finals) will cease. If a partnership ceases the competitor would not be eligible for a refund for the cost of their Trailblazers Second Round Qualification Card/s or 2019 Trailblazers Showing Qualification Card/s. The refund policy regarding the Trailblazers Championship Finals is available in the Trailblazers Championship Finals Schedule.

**2.4** The horse / pony name used on the qualification card and/or the name as stated on the passport must be the name used when entering the Trailblazers Championship Finals.

### 3. First Round Qualification

#### Numbers to Qualify

**3.1** Qualification for Trailblazers Second Rounds varies for each discipline; therefore, please refer to the individual rules for each discipline for qualification details.

#### Qualification Letter

**3.2** Once a Competitor has qualified at a First Round Qualifier they will be issued with an envelope from the Venue at which they have qualified containing a congratulatory letter telling them that they have qualified. The Competitor will then have the choice to take up the qualification or not. Should the Competitor decide to accept the qualification for the second rounds, then they will return the congratulatory letter (within 14 days) together with the appropriate fee and ONE stamped addressed envelopes, to the Venue of Qualification. The envelope will be used to return a Qualification Card.

**3.3** The Qualification Card can be used to compete in any Trailblazers Second Rounds at the level qualified. There is no restriction on the number of Second Rounds at the level qualified that a competitor may compete at to try to qualify for the Trailblazers Championship Finals.

#### Showing Qualification

**3.4** See Point 25 in the “Showing and Working Hunter Rules” (revised 1 August 2016) for the qualification process for the showing and working hunter competitions held at the 2018 Championship Finals. This replaces Points 3 & 4 in the “General Rules Covering all Disciplines” for showing and working hunter qualification for the 2019 Championship Finals.

#### **Combined Training Qualification**

**3.5** See Point 8 in the “Combined Training Rules” (revised 10 August 2018) for the qualification process for the combined training competitions held at the 2019 Championship Finals. This replaces Points 3 & 4 in the “General Rules Covering all Disciplines” for combined training qualification for the 2019 Championship Finals.

## **4. Second Round Qualification**

**4.1** Every Show Organiser has the option to run one Second Round Qualifier at their Venue at each level for which have run First Round Qualifiers.

#### **Numbers to Qualify**

**4.2** Qualification for the Trailblazers Championship Finals varies for each discipline; therefore, please refer to the individual rules for each discipline for qualification details.

**4.3** The numbers to qualify from Second Round Qualifiers for the Trailblazers Championship Finals will be published on [www.trailblazerschampionships.com](http://www.trailblazerschampionships.com) on the 1

**4.3** March each year and is subject to change depending on the number of Second Round Qualifiers held for each discipline.

## **5. Objections**

**5.1** Any objections must be made in writing to the show secretary at the event within 30 minutes of the competitors leaving the arena following the conclusion of the prize giving of the competition for which the objection is associated. The objection must be accompanied by a cash deposit of £60 or such sum as the schedule indicates.

**5.2** The decision of the Judge cannot be overruled. However, the Judge may, in light of evidence presented to them, and in accordance with these Trailblazers General Rules and the appropriate Trailblazers discipline specific rules, reconsider their decision, but the final decision rests with the Judge alone.

**5.3** Should the objection be other than a judging issue then the objection will be heard by the Show Organiser for the event in question whose decision upon reviewing the evidence presented, and in accordance with these Trailblazers General Rules and the appropriate Trailblazers discipline specific rules, will be final. Trailblazers Central Office may not overrule the decision of the Show Organiser.

**5.4** If the objection is overruled, the objector’s deposit is forfeited to the event. If the objection is upheld the deposit will be returned to the objector.

## **6. Presentations / Prize Giving**

**6.1** The Show Organiser may reserve the right to withhold prizes if Competitors do not attend the Official Prize Giving. Competitors must attend the Official Prize Giving dressed in the manner in which they competed.

## **7. Stallions**

**7.1** No person shall allow a stallion for which he / she is responsible as owner, lessee, authorised agent or rider to compete or be prepared to compete, in any class without taking adequate precautions to ensure other persons are not put at risk of injury. Stallions must be clearly identified whilst on the show ground.

**7.2** It is highly recommended that stallions should wear a stallion disc and that it is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that their stallion is clearly identified as such by other Competitors.

## **8. Equine Influenza Certificates**

**8.1** It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ascertain (by direct contact with the individual venue) whether an Equine Influenza Certificate is required for a venue at which they may wish to compete.

**8.2** All horses / ponies competing at the Trailblazers Championship Finals at Stoneleigh Park must have a current and valid certificate of vaccination against Equine Influenza. There will be random checking of certificates and any horse or pony found without a valid certificate will not be permitted to remain at the Trailblazers Championship Finals.

## **9. Conduct**

**9.1** Unacceptable conduct, cruelty and / or anti-social behaviour will be dealt with at the discretion of the Show Organiser.

## **10. Management of Qualifier Shows**

**10.1** It is understood and agreed by Competitors that the event management, organisation and insurance of individual shows at which Trailblazers qualifiers are hosted, whether they be first or second round qualifiers are the sole responsibility of the Show Organiser for that individual show.

## **11. Terms & Conditions for Trailblazers Venues**

**11.1** By entering any Trailblazers competition in any discipline, the Competitor understands and agrees to comply to the Trailblazers Rules (as set out on the website [www.trailblazerschampionships.com](http://www.trailblazerschampionships.com)) and to the Terms & Conditions of the individual venue at which they are competing. The decision of the Show Organiser of the venue at which the Competitor is competing is deemed final.

## **12. Social Media**

**12.1** Trailblazers recognise that the internet provides unique opportunities to participate in interactive discussions and share information on particular topics using a wide variety of social media. However, all Trailblazers Members and / or Competitors must comply with the requirements of this rule whenever they use any form of social networking websites that now exist or may exist in the future.

**12.2** Trailblazers reserves the right to monitor, intercept and review, without further notice, social media postings and activities that include references to it and / or its members, to ensure that its rules are being complied with and for legitimate business purposes. All Trailblazers Members and / or Competitor consent to such monitoring by their agreeing to abide by these rules.

**12.3** Trailblazers may require Members and / or Competitor to remove postings, comments or any other submissions made using social media that are deemed to

constitute a breach of this rule. Failure to comply with such a request may in itself result in suspension of membership.

**12.4** In their use of the internet and all social media, Members of Trailblazers and / or Competitors must not post any threatening, derogatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, disparaging, racist, discriminatory, menacing, inflammatory, blasphemous, or defamatory statements or material, including, but not limited to, statements or material concerning Trailblazers, Members or former Members of Trailblazers, Show Direct, associates of Trailblazers and / or sponsors of Trailblazers. Members and / or Competitors will not make any statements that could directly or indirectly damage the name or reputation of Trailblazers.

**12.5** Trailblazers will fully comply with any law, request by any governmental or other regulatory authority; order by a court or other authority of competent jurisdiction, that requires Trailblazers to disclose the identity or location of any Member and / or Competitors posting any material in breach of the requirements of this rule. Trailblazers may share a member's personal information with the police or any other governmental authority if it is asked to do so in connection with the investigation of suspected illegal activities.

**12.6** Failure by a Trailblazers Member and / or Competitor to comply with the provisions of this rule may result in Trailblazers suspending that Member's membership and therefore right to compete in Second Round Qualifiers and Trailblazers Championship Finals. Civil and / or criminal proceedings could also be brought against any Member and / or Competitor for breach of this rule where applicable.

## **13. Rule Amendments**

**13.1** Show Direct Ltd reserves the right to make alterations without notice to any Trailblazers Rules in any discipline. Should any such changes be made they will immediately be published on [www.trailblazerschampionships.com](http://www.trailblazerschampionships.com)