

THE RINGMASTER

Is responsible for the smooth running of the Rings and would be the person a competitor would approach if they had a problem or query on the day.

1. Be appropriately dressed for the standard of the Show, the weather conditions and be clearly identifiable as the Ringmaster.
2. Arrive in plenty of time to brief the Stewards and Judges. Ensure the Ring set up is satisfactory for smooth running of the Show and that ribbons, trophies, result sheets, pens, clip boards etc are on hand. Make sure that there are seats in the rings for the Judges and Stewards.
3. The Ringmaster has total control of the ring and should have the authority to make any decisions that are necessary to maintain control.
4. The Ringmaster should endeavour to keep the rings running to time. A word in the steward's and/or judge's ear may be necessary through the day. In the case of a clash of classes every effort should be made to allow an exhibitor to compete, however, in fairness to other Competitors the Rings should not be held up unnecessarily. A time limit is imposed at HOTY for such clashes.
5. It is recommended the Ringmaster not compete at the Show, either showing their own stock or having somebody else show their stock.
6. The Ringmaster must be seen at all times to keep strictly to all rules and regulations without favouritism.
7. The Ringmaster must be approachable to everybody but maintain a firm control.
8. The Ringmaster must keep up with showing trends, new terminology and its meaning and be determined to stamp out any activity detrimental to the show.
9. The Ringmaster should have a good knowledge of Show Horse Council Competition Rules and have knowledge of individual breed guidelines.
10. The Ringmaster must have full knowledge of the Show's rules & regulations as printed in the schedule, including procedure for the solving of official protests.
11. If a Protest is received by the Ringmaster, he/she shall immediately call together the Ground Jury (of which he/she is a member) which has been appointed to adjudicate such matters.

DEFINITIONS AND CONDITIONS

Ringmaster: The determination of the Ringmaster, or in his or her absence, or by his or her authority, The Assistant Ringmaster, upon any question or dispute arising in or incidental to the conduct of the Ring or the conduct of any competitor or exhibitor or as to the proper description of anything whether animate or inanimate shall be final and binding upon the Society and upon all exhibitors and other persons affected thereby.

THE RING STEWARD

Assists by carrying out the Judge's directions in relation to Competitors movements in the Ring, recording results and being the go-between if a competitor wishes to approach a Judge.

1. Be appropriately dressed for the standard of the Show and the weather conditions.
2. Be on time - minimum of 15 to 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of section.
3. Report to the Secretary's Office and the Ringmaster
4. Be familiar with the schedule and the conditions of each class - e.g. Novice, Intermediate, Open etc. Ensure the Judge is aware of these details also.
5. Be aware of time allocated to classes - if times are specified in schedule make sure that class does not start before that specified time.
6. Make sure that class numbers are visible to the announcer and the competitors.
7. Ensure that all exhibits are brought before the Judge, break Class up into Heats if entrants exceed 12.
8. Avoid conversing with the Judge during judging process, exception is when the Judge request a particular function or lacing or marks are being noted. The Ring Steward should not voice their opinion to the Judge on the merits of an exhibitor/competitor.
9. Hand the ribbons to the Judge to award at completion of the class judging. Ensure that the results are recorded correctly. i.e. The correct Show name of horse, name of owner, number of entries in class if a Horse Class, Name of rider in Riding Class.

Some large shows may use Catalogue Numbers rather than taking names so ensure that the correct catalogue number is taken. Some large shows also require that an "emergency or next in line" Horse or Rider is recorded.
10. Ensure that proper decorum is kept in the ring and that unauthorised persons do not enter. If unauthorised persons enter the ring, judging must be halted until they leave.
11. Should an incident arise between the Judge and a Competitor relating to the judging of a Class and/or the result, record the incident and advise the Ringmaster and Show Secretary as soon as possible.
12. A Judge can withhold the award of a 1st prize if he/she is of the opinion that the exhibit is not worthy of the prize.
13. On completion of the Ring, return the results and any unused ribbons and Awards immediately to the Secretary's Office.
14. At lunchtime and at the completion of judging, accompany the Judge to the area set aside for refreshments.

5.00 - COMPETITOR/EXHIBITOR/EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The Competitor/Exhibitor/Exhibit is INELIGIBLE to compete if:

- a) 1. The Competitor/Exhibitor is a family member of the Judge officiating in any event in which he/she intends to compete.
 2. The Competitor/Exhibitor is an immediate family member of the Judge officiating in hack and/or riding classes at the show where he/she intends to compete, in any Hack and/or riding class (regardless of who may be judging).
- b) The horse has been owned or leased by the Judge, or a member of his family, or his employer or employee, or business partner/partner within the last 12 months.
- c) The Competitor/Exhibitor/Owner or his family has provided accommodation for the Judge immediately prior to or during the Show or vice versa. This Rule extends to cover a current Landlord/Tenant relationship.
- d) Any part of the combination (horse or rider) has been given tuition by the Judge or a member of his family or business partner/partner within the last 6 months.
- e) The Competitor/Exhibitor has given the Judge or a member of his family tuition within the last 6 months.
Conducting of clinics, schools or assistance in Group activities such as Pony Club, shall not be considered as tutoring. Individual or Group lesson/s given in a school situation, where schools are conducted on a regular basis (within a 3 month period) with the same instructor, will be considered tutoring.
- f) The horse has been agisted/boarded with the Judge or the Judge's employer or employee or business partner/partner within the last 6 months.
- g) The Competitor/Exhibitor has employed or has been employed by or has been a business partner/partner of the Judge within the last 6 months.
- h) The Competitor/Exhibitor has trained a horse owned or leased by the Judge or a member of the Judge's family or business partner/partner within the last 6 months.
- i) The Judge or a member of the Judge's family or business partner/partner has shown a horse in joint names with the Competitor or a member of the Competitor's/Exhibitor's family within the last 6 months.
- j) The Judge or a member of the Judge's family or business partner/partner has ridden a horse for the Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of the Competitor's/Exhibitor's family, or the Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of the Competitor's/Exhibitor's family or business partner/partner has ridden a horse for the Judge or a member of the Judge's family within the last three 3 months.
- k) The Judge or a member of the Judge's family or business partner/partner has ridden the horse in a Rider or Turnout class and/or in any competition within the last 3 months, or the Competitor/Exhibitor or a member of the Competitor's/Exhibitor's family or business partner/partner has ridden a horse owned by the Judge or the Judges family in a Rider or Turnout class and/or in any competition, within the last 3 months.