

# DORSET COUNTY SHOW

2 & 3 SEPT 2023

**EXHIBITORS AGREE TO THE BELOW RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS UPON ENTERING THE DORSET COUNTY SHOW.**

## **REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

This Society is a member of the Association of Show and Agricultural Organisations and endeavours to run its competitions in line with similar shows. Competitors are asked to remember that although great care and attention are taken in site planning, it is possible that changes may become necessary, even on the day - should the need arise. In particular, adequate time should be allowed to enter and leave the Showground as traffic delays are a possibility

## **GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

- 1. Entries** - All entries must be on an official entry form or via the online entry system and signed by exhibitor, owner, agent or if under 16 years of age, the exhibitor & parent/guardian. All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of making entries. This rule obviously is superseded where exhibits are required to be bred, made or produced by the exhibitor
- 2. Closing Dates** - No entries will be accepted after the relevant closing date.
- 3. Membership** - Fully paid-up Members of the Dorchester Agricultural Society are entitled to reduced entry fees in most classes. Subscriptions must be paid before or at the time entries are submitted.
- 4. Refunds** - No refunds can be made for any entry after the relevant closing date.
- 5. Safety** - Exhibitors are reminded to comply with all safety regulations relating to themselves, their exhibits and the public.
- 6. Accidents** - The Society will not be responsible for any loss, illness, damage or accident that may occur to any animal or article exhibited at the Show. It is a condition of entry that the exhibitor shall hold the Society blameless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from any such accident, loss or illness. All accidents must be reported to the Show Office.
- 7. Prizes** - As printed in the schedule except where the Judge or Section Chairman reserves the right to change for whatever reason. The Judge need not award a first prize.
- 8. Prize Money** - To be collected on the day of the Show. No prize money is given unless the relevant prize card is handed in. No prize money is sent out, unless requested in writing with the relevant prize card attached.
- 9. Judging** - No public will be allowed in the tents or judging rings while judging is in progress. The Judges decision is final.
- 10. Entry Tickets** - Each person must give up an admission ticket when entering the Showground on Show days or be wearing a valid wristband. Should exhibitors be entitled to exhibitor or vehicle passes these will be dispatched, before Friday 30th August. The Society asks all exhibitors to only give free passes to 'bona fida' assistants or livestock handlers.
- 11. Objections** - An exhibitor making an objection shall do so in writing to the Secretary before 16.00 (or at close of judging) on the relevant day of the Show and shall deposit the sum of £30. The objector must be an exhibitor in the same class. The Appeals Committee will decide the outcome by 17.00 that day and in the event of an objection being held invalid the said sum of £30 shall be forfeited to the Society.
- 12. Security** - 24-hour security is on site from 12 noon Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 until 12 noon Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Society cannot accept responsibility for any loss, theft or damage.
- 13. Showground Facilities** - Refreshments, toilets and showers are available on the Showground. Exhibitors are allowed to use the Members' facilities after 18.00 each show day where the catering and bars operate until 23.00 on Friday and midnight on Saturday.
- 14. Access to the Showground** - Exhibitors are asked to follow the directional signs to the Showground and to allow adequate time for entry to the Show site, parking and unloading of their entries.
- 15. Opening Hours** - Public opening hours are from 08.30 to 18.00. A security and noise curfew is in place after 23.00 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Show weekend.
- 16. Car & Lorry Parks** - Spaces will be allocated by the car parking steward and should any vehicle be discovered parked in any other area it will be towed away to the car parking area.
- 17. Stockmen and Shepherds** - All stockmen, grooms and shepherds must follow the appropriate dress code when parading their animals for judging i.e. white coats, etc.
- 18. Smoking** - The Society operates a no smoking rule in all tents, judging rings and in the Main Ring.
- 19. Veterinary & Medical Cover** - These are available on site via the Show Office between 08.00 and 18.00

on Show days, after which a call out service is available. Exhibitors are responsible for any treatment costs incurred.

20. **Grand Parade** - Champion, Reserve Champion, 1st and 2nd prize winners must parade in the Grand Parade on the relevant day to receive their prize money.
21. **Timing of Classes** - Competitors must present themselves to the judging rings in adequate time for the relevant competition.
22. **Display Boards** - The Society welcomes display boards and requests that competitors ensure that they are secured in a safe manner.
23. **APHA and Veterinary Inspections** - An APHA Inspector will be in attendance at the Show.
24. **Public Liability Insurance** - all exhibitors must have a minimum of £2 million Public Liability Insurance cover.
25. **Amalgamations** – The Show will amalgamate classes that do not receive sufficient entries.
26. Information from entry forms will be stored on computer. Information about results may also be published and/or provided to the Press and Breed Societies for publication. Information about exhibitors may also be passed to any regulatory authority, such as Trading Standards or APHA, as well as the Society's Veterinary Advisors. The making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.

#### **CATTLE RULES**

1. **Washing** - The Society provides a washing area for cattle behind the cattle lines.
2. **Milking** - The Society provides milking facilities for cattle
3. **Halters** - Proper halters must be used at all times.
4. **Passports** - Passports must travel with the animals and be shown to the steward. The Society will issue a BCMS label with the Society's holding number for your passport.
5. **Cattle Numbers** - One number will be issued per animal which must be used for all classes.
6. **Undercover Accommodation** - This will be provided free of charge under canvas with straw bedding for all cattle.

#### **SHEEP RULES**

1. **Health Status** - The MV and Scrapie status of all sheep must be recorded on the entry forms. Separate penning is provided for MV, Non MV and Scrapie monitored sheep. Please ensure that MV certificates (if required) have been handed in at the Sheep Section Office.
2. **Sheep Numbers** - One number will be issued for each animal and must be used for all classes.
3. **Halters** - Proper halters must be used at all times.
4. **Penning** - Sheep will be penned under canvas on straw bedding.

#### **PIG RULES**

1. **Movement Certificates** - Competitors must hold a Show and Exhibitors Movement License.
2. **Suitability to Travel, (piglets and pregnant sows)** - Current guidelines for the movement of sows and litters should be complied with. Please consult your veterinary surgeon if in doubt.
3. **Penning** - Pigs will be penned undercover on straw.
4. **Dogs will not be permitted** within the Pig Marquee.

#### **GOAT RULES**

1. **C.A.E. Negative Certificates** - A valid CAE negative certificate **MUST** accompany your entry form.
2. **Milk Recording** - This is carried out by NMR (on behalf of the Society) with results issued to the Society. All prize money for the milking section is sent out in cheque form after results of the milking competition are received approximately 8 weeks after the Show.

#### **CAMPING RULES**

1. **Livestock Attendants** - The Society permits livestock attendants to "camp/sleep" in their vehicles in the livestock parking area.
2. **Camping Field** - A separate camping field is provided adjoining the main showground where a charge of £48 is made per vehicle or tent.
3. **Gas & Cooking Arrangements** - For fire safety reasons, gas cylinders should not be stored within your sleeping accommodation

**For clarification of the rules to the various competitions, prior to the Show, please contact the Show Office**