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# DDRC CLUB RULES

1. Riding Jackets, jodhpurs and Riding Boots must be worn by all mounted competitors. Un-mounted competitors should be correctly dressed for showing. Trainers are not allowed.
	1. In the case of extreme hot weather, riding jackets may be forfeited but a white long sleeved shirt/blouse must be worn. This is at the judge’s discretion.
2. Riding hats with chinstraps must be worn by all persons when mounted on any horse/pony on any part of the showground. Hats must be according to current standards brought in on 1st January 2016. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the competition if already competed, or if not already competed, you will not be able to compete until you have found a hat which complies to the standard.
3. It is the rider/handler’s responsibility to ensure their horse/pony is tacked up correctly. Random spot checks may be carried out.
4. Chinstraps must be fastened at all times. Failure to do so will result in automatic elimination.
5. All animals on the showground must be sound and in good condition.
6. The organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry to any class or entry to the showground without stating a reason
7. No entries will be accepted unless accompanied by the correct fee and all cheques must have the name and address of the signatory on the reverse of the cheque or they will not be accepted.
8. The organizers reserve the right to request a height certificate of any animal and proof of age of riders where there is an entry requirement We also reserve the right to measure any horse/pony Please note that for veterans and young stock a copy of a passport must be available on request.
9. Objections must be made within 30 minutes of the incident and accompanied by a deposit of £20.00 which will be forfeited if the objection is overruled
10. The organizers will not accept any responsibility or liability for loss, damage or illness to any property, person or animal however caused
11. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times on any part of the showground.
12. No horse or pony under the age of 4 years may be ridden on the showground
13. No galloping or cantering on the showground is allowed except as required by a judge or in the practice areas.
14. Improper use of whips or spurs at any time on the showground will result in elimination. The wearing of Spurs is NOT allowed in Ring 2.
15. A riders age will taken as from January 1st 2023
16. Club membership runs from January 1st - December 31st.
17. Points will only be awarded from the date of MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL or in the case of a new member, the DATE OF JOINING the club.
18. Members must attend a minimum of 2 shows during the year to qualify for the DDRC points system.
19. The ruling of any judge or official is final and any person found arguing will be asked to leave the showground
20. Any person found mistreating any animal or using bad language will be asked to leave the showground
21. Class trophies will only be awarded to fully paid up members who come first in each class.
22. The organizers reserve the right to either alter or cancel any class and to amalgamate any class where there are insufficient entries
23. Any member winning the overall BEGINNERS or NOVICE jumping championship in rings 1 or 2 will not be eligible to enter the Horse/Pony that won the championship in that class again. Any rider discovered to have done this will have their points for the end of season trophies deducted.
24. Points are accumulated on rider/horse or pony and handler/horse or pony and not on a membership basis. Horse/pony names must remain the same throughout the season (if the horse is the same horse).
25. Once the rope on the showing rings has been fastened, there is STRICTLY no admittance to the ring by any competitors.
26. A horse or pony may now jump hors concours immediately after its competitive round and not wait until the end of the class. The horse/pony who has jumped hors concours will remain hors concours in that ring for the rest of the day.



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**SUNSHINE TOUR RULES**

This show is a qualifier for The Sunshine Tour Championship held at The All England Jumping Course, Hickstead from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th September 2023. The Championships are for unaffiliated and amateur competitors of in Dressage from Intro to Elementary, Showjumping from Lead Rein to 1.05m, Showing for lead rein, in hand, ridden, working hunter, veterans, plus many more.

To qualify: 1st to 3rd placed in dressage and show jumping, 1st to 4th qualify for showing and eventers challenge. Qualification does not pass down the line.

Visit [www.sunshinetour.co.uk](http://www.sunshinetour.co.uk) for more information, to register and submit evidence of results.

Registration must be completed within 1 month of qualification (sooner for late July shows). Restrictions apply to horse and competitors previous winnings and amateur status, please check the website [www.sunshinetour.co.uk](http://www.sunshinetour.co.uk) for Terms & Conditions.

Qualifying Shows are between April and July 2023.



 ESUK CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

This show is affiliated to Equine Sports UK (ESUK) Grassroots Championships taking place at Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EF on the 27th July – 30th July 2023. The three highest placed exhibits will qualify in each class.

Download a qualification form off the website and take it along with you to your local show.  Even if the show is not holding qualifiers, if you get placed in the top 3, ask the judge to sign and complete the form.  Send the form to the address on the website, the qualification will be valid once verified with the relevant show secretary.

DDRC Shows between April and September 2023 inclusive include qualifiers for ESUK.

Qualifiers for ESUK 2023 will run from the 1st August 2022 – 24th July 2023. Shows after this date will automatically be included for ESUK 2024.

Equine Sports UK Grassroots Championships are held solely for grass-roots competitors.  We respectfully remind all competitors to enter in the spirit of grassroots championships.

*To avoid confusion our definition of Grassroots is as follows:*

*Definition of a grassroots rider - a person who engages in the most basic level of horse-riding* *(as opposed to an amateur - a person who engages in a pursuit, especially a sport, on an unpaid basis)*

The following restrictions apply and are excluded from the Championships:

Professional Riders, (those who make a *full-time* living out of buying, selling, producing, breaking, schooling, teaching, grooming, training or competing).

Horses/Ponies/Riders combination not to have qualified or competed in any classes at Olympia, RIHS or Horse of the Year Show including Search for a Star in the past five years.

Rider not to have ridden at Olympia, RIHS, Horse of the Year Show including Search for a Star in the past five years.

IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AT ESUK, PLEASE CONTACT US BEFORE ENTERING.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IF THEY ARE REPORTED AND FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE.



**H.O.P.E. SHOW QUALIFICATION**

H.O.P.E.'S BEST OF THE BEST SUPREME NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL QUALIFIER 2023

THE FINAL TO BE HELD AT H.O.P.E.’S SUPREME SHOW, RUGBY RIDING CLUB GROUNDS, ASHLAWN ROAD, RUGBY, CV22 5QE – ON SUNDAY 20th AUGUST 2023.

**ALL IN HAND AND RIDDEN CHAMPIONS QUALIFY**.

IF THE CHAMPION HAS ALREADY QUALIFIED, THE RESERVE CHAMPION WILL QUALIFY.

IF THE CHAMPION & RESERVE HAVE ALREADY QUALIFIED THEN 1ST RESERVE WILL QUALIFY.

N.B. IF NO RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP TAKES PLACE THEN FIRST PLACE WILL QUALIFY. IF FIRST PLACE HAS ALREADY QUALIFIED THEN SECOND PLACE WILL QUALIFY AND SO ON DOWN TO THIRD PLACE.

QUALIFICATION CARDS WILL BE HANDED OUT IN THE RING.

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First, second and third placed horses/ponies not already qualified in eligible classes will qualify for the Champion of Britain Title classes to be held at Onley Equestrian Centre, Rugby, Warwickshire on Sunday 3rd September 2023.  If a horse/pony has already qualified, cards may be handed down to 6th place at judge’s discretion. Each qualified horse/pony will receive a qualification card in the ring which will enable the owner to enter the Championship Show, provided the owner and rider/handler are, or become registered with the Concours d’Elegance Society within 21 days of the qualifying show. No horse registration is required. For up-to-date information telephone the secretary on 07960 107 111 or see [www.eqconcoursgb.com](http://www.eqconcoursgb.com/)





Veteran Horse Society – AREA QUALIFIER 2023.

First round qualifier for the Veteran Horse Society Supreme Final:

VETERAN HORSE OF THE YEAR 2023

Kindly Sponsored by Allen & Page.

Open to members and non-members. All competitors and grooms must adhere to VHS Rules in all circumstances. Failure to do so may result in immediate disqualification.

**VHS Regional Final qualification**. All competitors placed 1st to 4th in each age category will qualify for the corresponding class at VHS Regional Finals. Members must carry their cards in the ring and have their showing card signed by the judge in the ring as proof of qualification. Non-members will receive a red qualification card which can be exchanged for signed showing card when applying for VHS membership. *This MUST be done within 21 days of qualification.* It is the competitors responsibility to present their Showing card to the judge.
**Regional Finals are open to members only.**

All competitors are eligible to enter open classes at the National Veteran Championships, to be held at Arena UK Lincolnshire on 29th September – 1st October 2023. No qualification or membership necessary. See VHS website for schedule which is available mid-season 2023.

For further information please visit the VHS website [www.veteran-horse-society.co.uk](http://www.veteran-horse-society.co.uk/) or telephone the VHS Show Office on 01239 881300 or 07789 514004.



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| CLASS 17 | **VETERAN IN-HAND, COMBINED AGE CLASS** (15 years and over). To be run as one class but judged as separate age categories:Diamond Veteran (25 years and over), Veteran (20–24 years) & Pre-Veteran (15–19 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height.  |
| CLASS 25 | **VETERAN RIDDEN, COMBINED AGE CLASS** (15 years and over). To be run as one class but judged as separate age categories:Diamond Veteran (25 years and over), Veteran (20–24 years) & Pre-Veteran (15–19 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height. |

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**TGCA TOYS In Hand and Ridden Classes**

**No known breeding required to enter these classes**

**No Membership required to Enter these Classes**

TGCA Classes at Dacorum & District Riding Club - Affiliation No - 23/2105/2/STQ.

TGCA Breed classes are qualifiers for the Best of Breed Finals at the Traditional Gypsy Cob Association's (TGCA) National Breed Championship Show “TOYS”.

Traditional Classes are open to all traditional gypsy cobs and are qualifiers for the Traditional Finals at ‘TOYS’.

Part Bred classes, are open to all part bred traditional gypsy cobs and are qualifiers for the part bred finals at “TOYS”. The exhibit must have one parent that is a traditional gypsy cob.

**Stallions** – All stallions (four years and over) in order to enter any TGCA affiliated class **MUST** be TGCA registered, have passed TGCA stallion evaluations and their TGCA stallion disc displayed on their bridle. Stallions and colts over the age of two, **MUST** be shown in a stallion bridle with a metal bit and chain lead as per the current TGCA rulebook.

Current TGCA members must present their Membership card and Qualification card to the judge in the ring for signature.

Non-members MUST receive a qualification card from the judge and have 21 days to join the TGCA and register their horse to validate the qualification. Please refer to www.tgca.co.uk for further details including membership, horse registration and showing rules (contained within the members handbook).

**Championship**

**Quest for a Star Championship inc Youngstock Quest for A Star** - TGC - 1st, 2nd and 3rd from the TGCA classes above may go forward to the Quest for a Star Championship as per below rule.

**ONLY current TGCA members and horse/pony that is already TGCA registered can exhibit in this championship.** **If exhibit already has their Quest for a Star Qualification in particular section, they should be ask stand aside to allow members that have not yet qualified.**

Membership card and Members qualification card (specific to that exhibit) must be presented upon entry into the ring. The Champion and Reserve qualify for the Ultimate Star Championships at TOYS.

**The Greatest Gelding Award** – TGC - The award is aimed to encourage the showing of geldings, therefore creating a market for often unwanted colt foals and enabling the creation of a network of potential performance prospects to represent the best Traditional Gypsy Cob breed in the World at the highest level.

This Award should be given to the highest placed registered Traditional Gelding. The judge will award this within the classes/championship.

Qualifier Show is May at DDRC.

Qualifier classes are as follows:

Youngstock (Class 8)

In Hand Cobs (Class 12)

Ridden Cobs (Class 21)





**EQUIFEST SHOWING QUALIFIER RULES**

This Show is affiliated to Equifest, taking place at the Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 2nd – 5th August 2023. The two highest exhibits not already qualified in each affiliated class will qualify.

Qualifiers for Equifest 2023 will run from the 1st August 2022 - 30th July 2023. Shows held after this date will be qualifiers for Equifest 2024.

1. EQUIFEST OPEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND IN HAND (DDRC Classes 9 & 10)

Open to In Hand Mountain & Moorland ponies registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C and D. Stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding, any age. Classes may be divided according to entries.

2. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND (DDRC Class 27)

Open to Mountain & Moorland ponies registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C and D. Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age. Classes may be divided according to entries.

7. EQUIFEST OPEN SHOW PONY LEAD REIN (DDRC Class 28)

Leading Rein Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle. Lead rein to be attached to the noseband only.

**8. EQUIFEST OPEN SHOW PONY FIRST RIDDEN (DDRC Class 29)**

First Ridden Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their **10th** birthday before 1st January in the current year. To be shown in any suitable bridle.

**12. EQUIFEST OPEN WORKING HUNTER PONIES (DDRC Class 35)**

Working Hunter Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 153cms. Riders must be the correct age for the animal they ride. If this classification is run as one class, fences must be adjusted for each height section.

Classes may be divided as follows:

* Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
* Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
* Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
* Open Intermediate Working Hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years or over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 158cms. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

**HEIGHT OF FENCES FOR OPEN WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES:**

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| **CLASS** | **MINIMUM HEIGHT** | **MAXIMUM HEIGHT** | **MAXIMUM SPREAD** |
| Not exceeding 133cm | 70cms | 85cms | 85cms |
| 133cms – 143cms | 75cms | 90cms | 90cms |
| 143cms – 153cms | 85cms | 100cms | 100cms |
| 148cms – 158cms | 95cms | 105cms | 105cms |

The course should consist of not less than 7 fences and should contain a change of direction and a spread fence. The course must be built between the minimum and maximum heights, according to the condition of the ring and the standard of entry. In mixed height classes, the fences must be adjusted according to the heights of ponies in the class and ponies MUST jump within their correct height section.



**EQUIFEST SHOWING QUALIFIER RULES**

**13. EQUIFEST OPEN SMALL HUNTERS** **(DDRC Class 31)**

Open Small Hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.

Riders any age.

**14. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN HUNTERS (DDRC Class 31)**

Open Ridden Hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 158cms. Riders any age.

**15. EQUIFEST OPEN WORKING HUNTER (DDRC Class 35)**

Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms.

Riders of stallions to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Maximum height of fences 1.05m (3’6”) at the discretion of the Judges.

**19. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDING HORSES (DDRC Class 30)**

Open Riding Horse, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, any height. Riders any age.

**Classes may be divided as follows:**

* Small Riding Horses - mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age.
* Large Riding Horses - mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 158cms. Riders any age.

20. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN COBS (DDRC Class 21)

Open Ridden Cob, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. To be shown hogged and trimmed. Riders any age.

Classes may be divided as follows:

* Open Lightweight Ridden Cob, mare or gelding, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. To be shown hogged and trimmed. Riders any age.
* Open Heavyweight Ridden Cob, mare or gelding, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. To be shown hogged and trimmed. Riders any age.

###### **21. EQUIFEST OPEN MAXI COBS (DDRC Class 21)**

###### Open Maxi Cobs, mare or gelding 4 years old and over, exceeding 155cms – to be judged as Cobs. To be shown hogged and trimmed. Riders any age.

**24. OPEN RIDDEN VETERAN HORSE / PONY – NEW FOR 2023 (DDRC Class 25)**

Stallion, mare or gelding, 15 years old and over. Any type or breed. Rider any age. Classes may be divided according to entries.

25. EQUIFEST IN HAND PIEBALD / SKEWBALD (DDRC Class 13)

Open in Hand Piebald / Skewbald stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding, any age. The first three places will also qualify for the BSPA Championships subject to their show rules & conditions

Classes may be divided according to entries.

26. EQUIFEST RIDDEN PIEBALD / SKEWBALD (DDRC Class 26)

Open ridden Piebald / Skewbald stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over. Riders any age. The first three places will also qualify for the BSPA Championship subject to their show rules & conditions.

Classes may be divided according to entries.

27. EQUIFEST OPEN IN HAND RIDING PONIES (DDRC Class 15)

In hand Riding Ponies, stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding. Any age, not to exceed 153cms at maturity.

Classes may be divided according to entries.



**NORTHERN LIGHTS SHOWING MASTERS QUALIFIER RULES**

This show is affiliated to Northern Lights Showing Masters Championships. The Masters Championships will be held at Arena UK, Grantham on 1st & 2nd July 2023.

Qualification cards will be given out to all class winners to 3rd place. Should you already have a qualifier card you will not need another so it will be passed down to 4th place. Once qualified, you may enter any class that suits you & your exhibit to be held @ the championships. Information on how to enter the championships are provided on your qualification card.

All 1st to 3rd placed in any showing class or working hunter class will gain a qualifier card – only 1 per competitor needed. If you already have one please tell the judge/steward then the card may be passed down as far as 4th place.

Once the card is in the hands of the competitor, it is up to the competitor to do their own entries via our website once the entries are live. The Championships schedule will be posted online by January/February 2023.

For more information, please visit <https://www.northernlightsshowing.co.uk/>