

# RULES OF THE SOCIETY

1. The society is called the “Kington Horse Show and Agricultural Society”.
2. Objects. The objects of the Society shall be:-
  - a) The holding of an annual show for the exhibition of livestock, farm produce, also machinery, implements, tools, appliances, utensils, etc., connected with, or appertaining to agriculture.
  - b) The improvement of livestock, implements, machinery and appliances connected with agriculture.
  - c) The demonstration of methods and processes connected with the furtherance of the interest of agriculture, horticulture, arboriculture, apiculture and allied industries.
  - d) Agricultural education.
  - e) Scientific research and experimental work.
  - f) The watching and advising on legislation affecting the agricultural industry and the improvement, assistance and promotion of agriculture generally.
3. The Society consists of a president, vice-president, a chairman, vice-chairman, committee and members.
4. The committee consists of the president, vice-president, chairman and vice-chairman for the year, and members of the committee elected at the annual meeting or subsequently, three of whom with the chairman shall form a quorum. The chairman to be elected each year at the annual general meeting of the society, and to be eligible for re-election. The chairman for the year to preside over all meetings of the society and in the absence of the president to have a vote and a casting vote. The committee shall have power to add to their number, and to form sub-committees and appoint stewards.
5. There shall be two rates of subscription which shall constitute Membership to the Society:-
  - a) The Single Members Subscription - £10.00  
The subscription entitles the member to one badge and one ringside car pass.
  - b) The Family Member Subscription - £20.00  
This entitles the subscriber to two adult badges plus two junior family badges and one ringside car pass. (Badges are intended for the member and his immediate family and not transferable).Note - The Society's badge entitles the holder to access to all parts of the showground and members lounge bar.
6. Subscriptions become due on January 1st each year. Members whose subscriptions are not paid, in full, by July 31st will not receive badges or passes for entry to the showground.
7. All members shall be liable for their subscriptions until they have given notices in writing to the secretary to withdraw their names, which must be done before the annual meeting.
8. The funds of the society shall be under the management of the committee. The committee to have power to appoint a bank or other trust corporation to act as trustees (if required) in respect of property and/or investments owned by the society.

9. The annual meeting of the society shall be held not later than the month of March, when the accounts for the past year shall be submitted, the officers for the current year elected, and the general business of the society transacted.

10. The committee shall not be responsible for any loss arising from accident or other causes and they reserve the power to reject or remove any animal from the show without being liable for compensation. Any exhibitor or his servant found riding or driving outside therein to the danger of the public will be removed from the ground. Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage whatsoever done to or occasioned by or arising from any animal or other exhibit or any vehicle brought by him or on his behalf on to the showground and also for the description as stated on the society's entry form, or appearing in the catalogue. Each exhibitor shall personally indemnify and hold harmless the society and the officers and members thereof against all proceedings, costs, claims and demands whatsoever in regard to any loss, injury, damage or misdescription as aforesaid.

11. The committee to have exclusive management of all exhibitions and trials to the society, and all protests, objections or disputes will be considered by them (subject to the special provision as to clauses 10 and 11). Objections of any kind must be made in writing and delivered to the secretary within one hour of the close of judging, accompanied by a deposit of £20.00, which deposit will be forfeited if the objection should prove to be frivolous. The objector must also state the particulars and precise character of his objection. The decision of the committee shall be final. Further any irregularity in respect of an exhibitor which may be observed by, or pointed out to a steward in the course of his duties may be brought by him to the notice of the committee and the matter may be dealt with by them as if the objection had been made by one of the exhibitors. Any objection of this nature need not be accompanied by a deposit, but must otherwise conform with the rules governing objections as laid down above.

12. The showground will be open to the public on Saturday 12th September, 2009 at 7:00am.

13. All stock must be on the ground by 9:00am - remain at their station until called for by the stewards, return thereto as soon as they have been judged, and not leave the ground until 4:00pm except in case of illness when a certificate from the veterinary surgeons must be lodged with the secretary or one of the stewards.

14. All stock exhibited must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor for 2 months prior to the show.

15. Exhibitor tickets are available for the day of the show. These tickets are not transferable and will be forfeited if lent to anyone under any pretext whatever. These tickets will be sent with instructions before the show opens. To prevent confusion on the show day, subscribers and exhibitors are requested to communicate with the secretary at least 7 days before the show in case their tickets are not in order, as no adjustment can be made on that day, and no one will be allowed to enter the show without a ticket.

16. The judges shall be empowered to withhold any prize in the absence of merit. No third prize will be awarded in any class where there are less than five entries or fourth prize when there are less than eight competitors. No entry may win more than one prize in each class entered.

17. Disqualification. In case of any prize animal being disqualified, the winner of the next succeeding prize in that class shall take the prize that has been awarded to such disqualified animal, and the lowest prize in the class shall go the reserve number. Should the reserve number succeed to a prize and be itself disqualified, the prize will be forfeited.

18. In the event of the owner or the person in charge of an animal, disputing or refusing the award of the judges, the prize awarded will be forfeited. The decision of the judges shall be final with regard to an animal, any exhibit or any event.

19. No person shall enter the ring except the riders or drivers of horses exhibited, the judges, the president, chairman, stewards and secretary.

20. Saddle horses, unless entered for competition, will not be admitted.

21. The society shall not be responsible for the incorrectness of any entry.

22. All prize-winners in the livestock sections to parade in the ring when called upon to do so by the stewards.

23. The winners of challenge cups to pass veterinary inspection as for medal and receive a certificate before being awarded the cup.

24. Cattle classes. No bull exceeding the age of twelve months on the date of show will be admitted to the show-yard without a ring or clamp in his nostril, and all bulls to be led. The committee shall have the power to exclude any unruly or vicious animal from the show-yard.

25. Cattle shown in the Hereford classes must be entered or be eligible for entry in the "Hereford Cattle Society Herd Book".

26. No animal must be brought to the show if suffering from any infectious or contagious disease: and if one should be brought the whole responsibility shall rest on the owner of such animal, and no claim shall be made against the society for damage caused by such animals.

27. All sheep entered in the Kerry Hill classes must be registered or belong to a member of the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society except in unregistered classes.

28. Sheep entered in the registered Kerry Hill classes must not be entered in the classes for other breeds.

29. Clun Forest classes. If not already registered in the Flock Book the entry of the winners must duly be lodged with the Clun Forest Flock Book Society.

## NOTES