



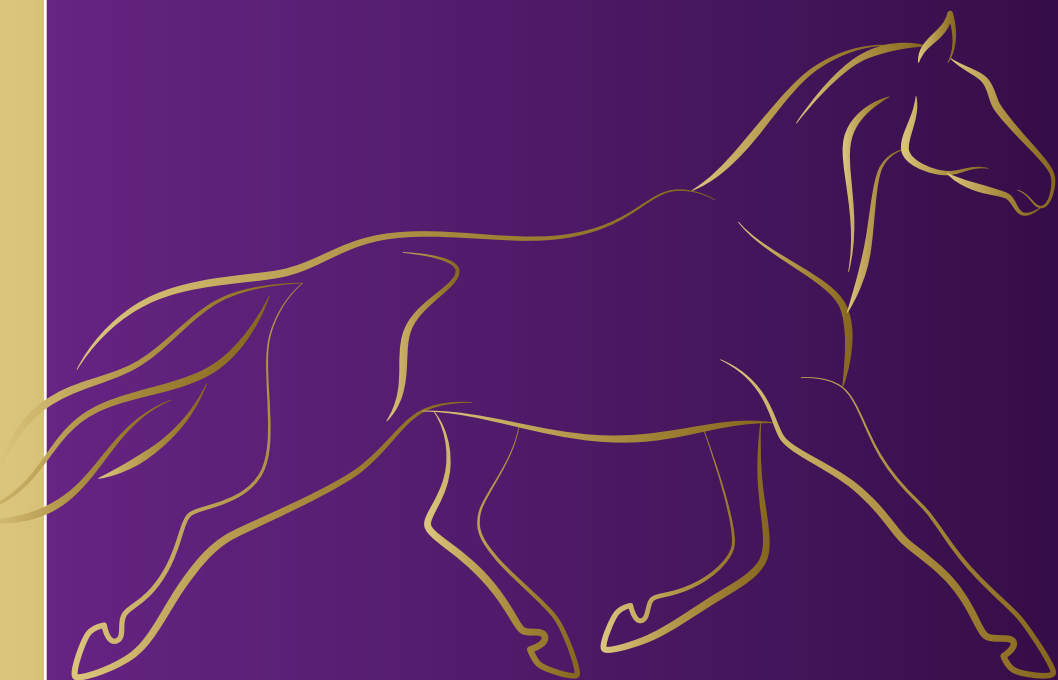
# SSADL

SENIOR SHOWING AND DRESSAGE LTD



# 2026

## S.S.A.D.L.



SSADL  
**AWARDS**  
*Evening*

*An Evening of Celebration &  
Glamour*

**SATURDAY**  
**7TH NOVEMBER**

**Village Hotel Coventry**

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Three Course Meal | Annual Awards |  
Live Singer | DJ & Dancing

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**PLEASE NOTE:** ANY OTHER AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES TO THE 2026 RULES  
WILL BE SHOWN ON THE SSADL WEBSITE.

# SECTION A

## SENIOR SHOWING AND DRESSAGE LTD. HOME PRODUCED SERIES

### **HEAD OFFICE** **SHOWING/DRESSAGE ENQUIRES** **SECRETARY:** MRS C.M.L. FROST

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# SECTION B

## MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATIONS

Series runs from 1st January to 31st December each year

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### OWNERS NON-COMPETING MEMBERSHIP FEE

For all non-competing Owners. By paying the membership Owner agrees to abide fully with all aspects of the 2026 SSADL Rule Book. This membership does not apply for those owners that rider/handle and compete in the series.

£25

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### NEW SHOWING MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION FEES

Junior/Senior/Owner Membership – membership includes entry to:

Showing, plus QUALIFICATION CARD, First pony/horse registration, age

£75

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### NEW SHOWING FAMILY MEMBERSHIP/OWNER REGISTRATION FEES

2 Adults and 2 Children Membership – membership includes entry to:

Showing, plus QUALIFICATION CARD, First pony/horse registration, age

£95

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### SHOWING/COMPETING OWNER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES (before 28.02.2026)

SINGLE RENEWAL – Junior/Senior Membership – membership includes entry to:

Showing, plus QUALIFICATION CARD, First pony/horse registration, age

£70

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### NON-COMPETING OWNERS EQUINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

All owners of senior ponies and horse competing in the SSADL series must be a member

£25

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### LATE SINGLE RENEWAL (after 01.03.2026)

Junior/Senior/Competing Owner Membership includes entry to:

Showing, plus QUALIFICATION CARD, First pony/horse registration, age

£80

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### FAMILY RENEWAL (before 28.02.2026)

Membership includes entry to: Showing, plus QUALIFICATION CARD, First pony/horse registration, age

£85

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### LATE FAMILY RENEWAL (after 01.03.2026)

Membership includes entry to: Showing, plus QUALIFICATION CARD, First pony/horse registration, age

£100

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### FAST TRACK MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

Express process of new membership and renewal less than 5 working days **excluding**

**Bank Holidays** before relevant show

£70

Up to 7 working days exc bank holidays (see page 6 item 8)

£45

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All postal applications **MUST** accompany an A5 £5.50 SAE for return of membership pack.

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### EXTRA ITEMS

Additional riders (per rider)

£30

Additional pony/horse registration

£30

Lapel Badge

£12

Additional Age Badge including P&P (1st free with membership)

£12

Stallion Badge including P&P (1st free with membership)

£12

Membership forms sent via e-mail **info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk**  
before fast tracks terms are applied

£15

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Championship Show Class Donation Packages –  
complete application form enclosed with membership form £40 & or £60  
For Supreme Championship Classes - Contact SSADL Head Office

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### DRESSAGE SERIES REGISTRATION

SSADL current showing members FREE OF CHARGE

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### SSADL JUDGES 2027

Judges Membership is valid from 1st January to the 31st December per year.

Judges Membership application & Child Protection forms along with payment MUST reach Mrs Kirk the Judges Coordinator before the 1st October 2026 for the 2027 season. Payment method: Bacs - Natwest Bank - SSADL - Sort Code 010138 - Account no 17268079 Reference the judge's last name £30

**NO LATE MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

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### SHOWING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS - NEW - RENEWAL - OWNER

1. When sending your completed NEW membership and pony/horse registration forms, please include:
  - (a) A photocopy of your pony/horse passport (this is for age verification) showing the following:
    - (i) The page with the equine's name and passport number
    - (ii) The page with the identification and markings of your equine
    - (iii) **THE LATEST VACCINATION PAGES**
2. When sending your completed **RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP** and pony/horse registration forms, **YOU MUST INCLUDE THE LATEST VACCINATION PAGE.** All animals competing in the series are required to have a current and up to date vaccination program in place.
3. Stallions to be declared on the application form. **When competing in SSADL classes/qualifiers all Stallions must display the SSADL stallion badge.**
4. All membership & registration forms must be accompanied by the correct fees. In the event of a dishonored cheque - membership, registration, and qualification (if applicable) will become void.
5. For riders/handlers under the age of 16 years, the name and address of the named parent/guardian must be provided **on the membership form.**
6. Owners of the pony/horse must provide their name and address – if different to the rider/handler. Owners must pay the £25 membership so the senior animal can compete.
7. Please send membership/registration applications in plenty of time for cards to be issued to ensure that you are eligible to compete at your desired venue. (See Fast Track facility below)
8. **Fast Track:** contact Head Office who will complete the application form for you. Payment is made direct into the bank. Send photocopy of the equine passport and photographs of the horse via email. SSADL send you a covering letter via email. **This must be taken to the show and is given to the judge as proof of membership and registration.** Your actual paperwork will then be sent by special delivery (must be signed for). Your membership application will show the costs for sending via Fast track.
9. Membership Registration forms can be sent over to Head Office via the £10 e-mail system.

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## FEES FOR SHOWS HOLDING QUALIFIERS Information for Secretaries

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**THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW QUALIFIERS REGISTRATION FEE** £70  
To be sent direct to SSADL.

1. A levy of £11 per entry is required. Payment of levies to be paid directly to the Agria Royal International Horse Show. It is the shows responsibility to pay any levies.
2. Shows must abide by SSADL rules, correct wording is essential in all schedules.
3. SSADL will supply Champion and Reserve & RIHS Qualifying Rosettes
4. Two judges must be selected from the SSADL Judges star \* or \*\* Panel.
5. A draft copy of the schedule MUST be sent into the SSADL Head Office for approval. Failure to comply will lead to the qualification being withheld.
6. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL SECRETARIES TO RETURN COMPLETED Result sheets to SSADL HEAD OFFICE 119 HIGH LANE, BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT STAFFORDSHIRE ST6 8RT **WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE DATE SHOW DATE. Please email all qualifier Results Sheets plus Championship details via email within 3 days of the show to [info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk](mailto:info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk)**
7. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL SECRETARIES TO RETURN COMPLETED LEVY LETTER / PROFORMA INVOICE SHEETS TO RIHS. ALL LEVIES ARE TO PAID DIRECT TO RIHS. **SSADL registration forms and payment to be sent to SSADL Head Office.**

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**LIHS 1ST ROUND/MEMBERS CHALLENGE** £10 per show  
**SSADL MEMBERS SHOWING QUALIFIERS REGISTRATION FEE**

1. Shows must abide by SSADL rules, correct wording is essential in all schedules.
2. SSADL will supply Non Members qualification cards, mark sheets/ rule book.
3. A judge must be selected from the SSADL (O) \* or \*\* Judges Panel.
4. A draft copy of the schedule MUST be sent into the Show Office for approval. Failure to comply will lead to the qualification being withheld.

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**LIHS DIRECT ROUTE & 2ND ROUND INITIAL FEE** £70

1. A levy of £11 per pre or on day entry is required is to be paid directly to SSADL.
2. Shows must abide by SSADL rules, and correct wording/logos is essential to be in all schedules.
3. Shows must abide by SSADL rules, correct wording is essential in all schedules.
4. SSADL will supply Champion and Reserve & London International Horse Show ExCel Qualifying Rosettes
5. Two judges must be selected from the SSADL Judges star \*\* Panel.
6. A draft copy of the schedule MUST be sent into the SSADL Head Office for approval. Failure to comply will lead to the qualification being withheld.
7. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL SECRETARIES TO RETURN COMPLETED Result sheets to SSADL HEAD OFFICE 119 HIGH LANE, BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT STAFFORDSHIRE ST6 8RT **WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE DATE SHOW DATE. Please email all qualifier Results Sheets plus Championship details via email within 3 days of the show to [info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk](mailto:info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk)**
8. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL SECRETARIES TO RETURN COMPLETED LEVY LETTER / PROFORMA INVOICE SHEETS TO RIHS. ALL LEVIES ARE TO PAID DIRECT TO RIHS. **SSADL registration forms and payment to be sent to SSADL Head Office.**

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## GENERAL RULES

**By Entering any SSADL classes you give full permission to SSADL the right to use any Visual, Audio or Audio Visual Recordings taken off any competitors/ members or third party at a said event, to be used on the SSADL media platforms without any prior permission or reward.**

1. All Membership/Registrations will run from 1st January to 31st December. By joining SSADL all competitors agree to abide by SSADL Rules.
2. Ponies/horses, shown in-hand or ridden, **must be HOME PRODUCED**, 15 years old and over and be in sound condition. They may be of any breed and type and from all walks of the equestrian world.
3.
  - a) **NO REFUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES COVERING: MEMBERSHIPS / ENTRY FEES / STABLING / SHOW REGISTRATION.**
  - b) **THERE WILL BE NO ROLL OVER OF MEMBERSHIPS / ENTRY FEES / STABLING TO ANOTHER YEAR / SEASON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
4. **HOME PRODUCED DEFINITION:** No pony/horse may be or have been stabled, schooled or competed from a **professional pony/horse showing or dressage yard** since 1st January of the current year. Ponies/Horses can only be shown by an amateur exhibitor who has not been involved with professionally producing or riding/ handling animals for the **show or dressage ring** since 1st January in the current year. **Riders and handlers must not have produced any pony/horse for financial gain since 1st January in the current year.**
  - a) A member may own, compete with other ponies and horses not registered with SSADL. Said animals can be produced by Showing/Dressage Professional. However, the senior animal that is registered/ competes in the SSADL series **MUST NOT** reside in a professional producers Showing/Dressage yard. Whether this be on Full, Part or DIY Livery.
  - b) A member can ride/handle their own senior pony/horse or any younger animals.
  - c) A member can loan a senior animal, but must produce a copy of the loan agreement or letter.
  - d) A rider/handler **CANNOT** ride or handle other animals for the showing/dressage rings for financial gain.
5. **Professional Showing or Dressage Producer/Rider/Handler Definition:** A person who produces/rides or handles ponies/horses for financial gain, including preparation, schooling for the show /dressage rings and must not compete at a show for another exhibitor or owner for financial gain. Tuition is permitted but not on any showground. **Applicable to both showing and dressage disciplines.**
  - a) A senior pony/horse can be stabled at home or be on livery at a Non-Professional producers showing/dressage, Riding School, Stud, Racing, Point to Point, Eventing or hunting yards.
  - b) The senior pony/horse cannot be stabled/reside at the same address of a showing/dressage producers yard whether it be on Full, Part or DIY Livery.
6. **BRAND AMBASSADOR/SPONSORSHIP – NO RIDER/HANDLER/PONY/HORSE MAY COMPETE IN THE SERIES IF THEY RECEIVE BY MEANS OF SPONSORSHIP/ BRAND AMBASSADOR A MONETARY VALUE OF OVER £1000 PER YEAR.**

**BRAND AMBASSADOR/SPONSORSHIP ALL OTHER TYPES OF SPONSORSHIP BY MEANS OF MONETARY VALUE OF UP TO £1000, PRODUCTS, GOODS, WINNINGS ETC ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE SERIES.**

**EMPLOYMENT:** A person may be employed within the equestrian industry and still compete as long as they do not breach the above rules by riding/handling animals in the ring for someone and receiving financial gain.



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7. Riders/handlers cannot exhibit under any judge if they have kept ponies/horses at livery or has been leased, loaned, or produced by the judge since 1st January of previous year.
  - a) Riders/Handler/owners are to compete in the ring if said party/parties have close connection with the judge either via personal or business ties. Should a complaint arise and prove the above rule has been breached then SSADL hold the right to disqualify the rider/handler/owner/judge from the series. This will be monitored throughout the season.
  - b) Judges are NOT allowed to groom in SSADL classes under any circumstances.
8. No judge may judge any animal that is owned or has been owned by them. This applies to all SSADL classes including any Grand Final. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that this does not happen.
9. **Carry equine passports at all times when competing at shows.** SSADL adjudicators will visit qualifying shows and randomly check equine passports for verification of animal, age and valid vaccinations.
10. SSADL will not accept liability for any accident, injury, loss, damage or illness to spectators, riders, handlers, ponies, horses, or their vehicles, equipment or property howsoever caused. SSADL Health & Safety policy always applies.
11. SSADL reserve the right to amend rules or classes at their discretion, including entry closing dates and entry fees.
12. **Head Office to be informed in writing of any change of ownership and the necessary documentation will be issued. All non-competing owners are required to pay the membership fee £25.**
13. Dishonored cheques will render the membership/any qualification/entries VOID with immediate effect.
14. Any rider/handler/family member or owner found to have brought SSADL into disrepute through cruelty or dishonesty will have their rider/handler membership/equine registrations and any qualifications revoked immediately.
15. **All riders/handlers and owners of equines are not to exhibit under a judge with whom they have a close relationship that includes, but is not exclusive to, receiving hospitality the day before, on the day of a show or after the show, this also includes holidaying together in the current or proceeding year. SSADL would expect all competitors, owners and judges to adhere to the spirit of this rule.**

SSADL advises any person/persons showing blatant disregard of this rule, then SSADL reserve the right to investigate said matter and will act accordingly.

**Business, Financial, Commercial Undertakings:** Rider/handler or owners may not show under a judge with whom there has been business, financial or commercial connections, this applies also to the judges immediate family or business partners. SSADL would expect all competitors, owners and judges to adhere to the spirit of this rule, SSADL advises any person/persons showing blatant disregard of this rule, then SSADL reserve the right to investigate said matter and will act accordingly.
16. Competitors wishing to compete and qualify for **The Agria Royal International Horse Show & London International Horse Show, ExCel Qualifiers** must ensure their pony/horse is registered with SSADL. Rider/handler membership/equine registration showing cards will be issued and signed by the membership secretary and shall remain the property of SSADL. If you have lost your card please contact Head Office and a replacement will be issued, which will incur an administration fee of £9.
17. All owners of ponies/horses entering the SSADL Showing Series must be a member and give their details on the membership/equine application forms. **The owner is the name specified on the equine passport. If the owner is not the person competing with their animal. All owners must be aged 16 years or over.**

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18. Parents/guardians of competitors aged 16 and under are required to give their details on the appropriate rider/handler membership application forms.
19. **All rider/handler/owner membership/entry/stabling/show registration fees are non-refundable under any circumstances.**
20. a) **The same registered pony/horse, rider/handler combination must compete together throughout the Series, i.e. all qualifiers and ANY Grand Finals unless under special circumstance, on such an occasion the Directors may deem it fit to alter said rule. A rider who competes astride or side-saddle must remain astride or side-saddle throughout the Series.**  
b) **Dual Qualification of In-Hand Equines for Grand Finals please read rule 40.**
21. **SSADL DIRECTORS HOLD THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY MEMBERSHIP/ENTRIES APPLICATION WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION.**
22. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD SSADL DIRECTORS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES BE CONTACTED VIA TELEPHONE, TEXT, E-MAIL OR IN LETTER FORM TO THEIR HOME ADDRESS. To do so said member will have their membership and any qualification made null and void.**
23. Confrontation with a judge in or around the ring, or to contact the judge after the event, is strictly forbidden and disciplinary action will be taken, with the possible outcome of disqualification from the SSADL Series.
24. How to contact SSADL - see Section A.
25. Animals competing within the series must have their equine vaccinated. SSADL advises that all ponies / horses who compete with the series meet current FEI vaccination regulations. A shows said policy with regarding types of vaccinations would oversee any SSADL ruling.  
**FEI VACCINATION RULES:** All ponies/horses intending to participate at The Agria Royal International Horse Show must at least have had an initial primary course of 2 vaccinations given between 21 and 92 days apart. A 3rd dose (referred to as the 1st booster) must be given within 6 months +21 days after the date of administration of the 2nd primary dose with at least annual boosters given. To participate at The Agria Royal International Horse Show last booster must have been given within 6 calendar months +21 days of the competition. If the annual booster falls outside of these conditions, the animal will require 2 boosters in the year to conform. No vaccination to be given within 7 days of the date of arrival at the Grand Final. (For more in-depth information please go to the FEI website.)
26. **Please be aware that dope testing may take place at any show affiliated to SSADL. The organising show's policies and rules will apply.**
27. **Organising** show rules will take precedence over SSADL rules regarding riding hats, chin straps and the relevant safety standard hats to be worn.
28. **All members/competitors/owners/family members must abide by the rules in section H (Media and Internet Rules). SSADL directors/SSADL representatives will closely monitor all aspects of this section. Action will be taken should these rules be breached.**
29. **RIDERS AND HANDLERS**
  - a) **Lead Rein Competitors** (Riders: 3–9 years as at 1st January in the current year, ponies not to exceed 128cms). An adult groom (16 years and over) must always be in attendance. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday by 1st January in the current year and must be accompanied by an adult **aged 18+**. **Lead rein riders and handlers must both be members of SSADL. In classes where a strip section is required the lead rein rider will remain mounted on the pony and lead for this section by the leaders. In strip sections Lead Rein riders must remain mounted at all times.**

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- b) **First ridden competitors** - Riders aged 8–12 years as at 1st January in the current year, ponies not to exceed 128cms).
- All First Ridden competitors will only canter in their individual show. Ponies will not be cantered in the go-round.
- (i) Lead Rein and First Ridden competitors in all classes will be called into the centre of the ring before the command of trot is given.
- (ii) **In all qualifiers First Ridden riders MUST let the judge/steward know before the command of trot is given. In strip section First Ridden riders must remain mounted at all times. All first ridden competitors are advised to wear a white armband.**
- c) **Juniors** - Riders aged 9-16 years as at 1st January in the current year. All junior competitors in the ridden section must be competent in: walk, trot, canter, change of direction and capable of riding around the show ring in all paces in a group and in full control of their mount.
- d) **In-Hand Classes** (minimum age of handler - **11 years on** 1st January in the current year) Handlers must be competent and handle their animal without assistance.
- e) **Stallions:** Riders/handlers must be a minimum age of 16 on 1st January in the current year. SSADL Stallion Badge must always be worn, failure to do so could result in disqualification.
- f) **ALL RIDERS SUITABLY MOUNTED**
- All senior animals ridden anywhere on a showground, warm up area, rings or lorry park MUST only be ridden by a rider whose size and weight dose not compromise the animal's welfare. We are operating under a 20% rider weight guideline, where the rider in full riding attire and full tack must be less than 20% of the animal's body weight. This is based on a relatively fit healthy animal, as overweight animals are also a welfare concern.**
- SSADL Officials, and Governing Bodies reserve the right to request a rider of a senior horse or pony to dismount and leave the ring or surrounding areas. This rule will be monitored throughout the season.**
30. **DRESS CODE – GROOMS (must be 16 years of age and over)**
- a) GROOMS MUST be smartly dressed, and must wear a riding hat, flat cap, trilby or other smart hat.
- b) **IN-HAND SECTION - HANDLERS**
- (i) It is mandatory for competitors up to and including the age of 16 to wear correctly secured riding hats to the current approved BSI or European standard.
- (ii) **For safety of Riders and Handlers, earrings, body jewellery and wearing facial piercings are NOT permitted with exception to an earring worn by competitors with health problems. Should a competitor be seen with such jewellery, the Judge or steward will ask to remove said objects. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THIS IMPORTANT RULE WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**
- (iii) Pony/horse handlers must be suitably attired. Jacket or waistcoat, smart trousers or lead rein skirt or **culottes**. Gloves are optional and sturdy footwear must be worn. It is compulsory to wear a suitable hat: riding hat, flat cap, trilby /smart hat. (Baseball caps are not permitted).
- c) **RIDDEN SECTION - RIDER**
- (i) Jacket – to be a plain black or blue in colour or tweed.
- (ii) Jodhpurs – to be white, beige or canary yellow.
- (iii) Shirt – to be worn with a tie or stock.

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- (iv) Gloves must be worn.
- (v) Footwear - Jodhpur boots (juniors), long riding boots (seniors). Juniors competing on horses must wear long boots or Leather Gaiters.

For Mountain and Moorland ponies, the relevant boot rules apply. Small breeds short boots. Large breeds adults should wear long boots, Junior riders may wear short or long boots.

- (vi) In all SSADL classes and championships skull caps or riding hats must be worn at all times when mounted and to be in accordance with the current approved BSI or European standard.

### d) **SPURS/WHIPS**

- (i) Spurs/spur bands are not permitted in any SSADL showing classes, with the exception to SIDE SADDLE riders over the age of 16 years of age where a spur band is allowed. Note: Riders under 16 years of age are NOT allowed to wear spurs/spur bands in any classes.
- (ii) **WHIPS: NO Schooling whips of any sort are allowed within the series.**  
**SIDE SADDLE: Riders may use a traditional SIDE SADDLE whip as long as it follows the rule of SSA.**

### 31. **TACK (PONIES/HORSES)**

- a) Tack must be in good condition and correctly fitted.
- b) NOTE: Lead rein exhibits must be shown in a snaffle bridle. The lead rein must always be attached to the noseband during the class.
- c) Riders of lead reins are not permitted to carry whips.
- d) Stallions must be bitted - stallion harness is NOT permitted.
- e) No item of tack can be removed or exchanged whilst a class is in progress without the judge's permission.
- f) **BITS:** Double, Pelham, Snaffle are accepted. **Running Gags, Bubble bits and Swales bits are not permitted. Wilkie snaffles are not permitted when used in a double bridle.**  
**JUDGES WILL TAKE THE SEVERITY OF THE BIT INTO CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE MARKING SYSTEM.**
- g) **NOSEBANDS: Flash and Grackle** are permitted within the Series if accompanied by the correct bridle (Snaffle, Pelham, Double) as they are permitted within pony club, showjumping, eventing and working hunter competition.
- h) Leg/protective boots are not permitted. The only exception to this rule is in the jumping of working hunter classes.
- i) **IN-HAND CLASSES: IN-HAND BRIDLES:** Bitted or halters should be used within traditional/breed/governing body regulations of the relevant societies. **THE IN-HAND LEAD REIN MUST NOT BE ATTACHED FROM ONE SIDE OF THE BIT AND UP THROUGH THE BACK OF THE NOSEBAND BEFORE ATTACHING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BIT. ANYONE SEEN DOING THIS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE RING.**
- j) **BITLESS BRIDLES:** Can only be used when accompanied by an explanatory veterinary letter – reference a welfare issue. This letter should be forwarded with membership application.
- k) **OVER-REACH BOOTS:** Can only be worn when accompanied by an explanatory veterinary letter – reference a welfare issue. This letter should be forwarded with membership application.

### 32. **SHOEING**

**All types of therapeutic steel and plastic shoes and concussion pads are permitted within**

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**the Series and MUST NOT be marked down for wearing such shoes etc.**

33. **SHOWING GUIDELINES (RIDERS / HANDLERS / PONIES / HORSES)**

- a) Ponies/horses that have suffered injuries in the past resulting in scarring or blemishes will not be penalised within the marking system, providing the pony/horse has recovered and showing no signs of discomfort.  
**There is no need to cover up scarring.**
- b) THERE WILL BE NO 'PULL' OF PLACINGS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AFTER THE INITIAL GO-ROUND IN ALL SSADL CLASSES.
- d) Excessive use of whips/show canes will result in exclusion from the show ring and possible further disciplinary action may be taken.
- e) **FLY REPELLENT IS ALLOWED.**
- (i) **THE IDENTIFICATION OF A PONY / HORSE MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR NATIONAL EQUINE PASSPORT – NO COLOUR CHANGING DYES TO BE USED, MARKINGS/BLEMISHES/SCARRING MUST NOT BE HIDDEN, ALTERED OR COVERED UP.**
- (ii) **EQUINE SCARRING OR BLEMISHES WILL NOT BE PENALISED WITHIN THE MARKING SYSTEM THEREFORE DO NOT NEED TO BE CONCEALED.**
- (iii) **HOOF PAINT / VARNISH CLEAR OR COLOURED IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- (iv) **NATURAL HOOF OIL IS PERMISSIBLE.**
- (v) **TRIMMING AND PLAITING - ANIMALS TO BE SHOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH BREED SOCIETY / GOVERNING BODY / GUIDELINES. ANIMALS CAN BE PLAITED OR UN-PLAITED. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS / COMPETITORS TO ENSURE YOUR EQUINE COMPLIES WITH THE RULES.**
- f) Due to welfare issues clipping of equines is allowed and is NOT to be marked down.
- g) The judge will not ride ponies/horses in the ridden classes.
- h) **No Galloping or Canter Extensions** are allowed in SSADL classes and competitors **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** for not complying with this ruling.
- i) First ridden competitors will only canter in their individual show.
- j) Within the marking system, only halt, walk, trot and canter will be marked during the classes. All other movements within a pace (**counter-canter, rein-back, flying changes, extended trot**) will not be marked.
- k) **MOBILE PHONES** and other means of digital communication are not allowed in the show ring.
- l) Competitors will not be permitted to enter once the initial order of trot is given.
- m) **INITIAL GO ROUND**-Should a competitor not have completed the initial go round due to lateness, it is at the judges discretion whether said competitor may compete in the rest of the class however, should this situation arise the competitor **MUST GO NON-COMPETITIVE AND PLACINGS OR MARKS WILL NOT BE AWARDED ON THE MARK SHEET.**
- n) Competitors cannot leave or return to the show ring without the permission of the judge.
- o) **Any fall of a horse / rider / handler will result in immediate disqualification** and the competitor will be asked to leave the ring. Riders will not be allowed to re-mount and must exit the ring on foot by leading the pony/horse out. **Should an equine get loose in an in-hand class / or ridden strip section this will result in immediate disqualification.**

# SECTION D

## GENERAL RULES

- p) If a competitor dismounts after the awards have been presented and before leaving the ring, they will be disqualified. The results will be amended.
  - q) **PRESENTATION/AWARDS:** All judges have the right to alter marks and placing if a pony/horse misbehaves after the marks have been issued. If for any reason the marks are altered, **it is the judge's duty/responsibility to ensure the alteration and explanation is recorded on the mark sheet and timed and dated.** This rule applies until all the prize-winning competitors have left the ring.
  - r) Should a competitor/member require a Dispensation Card, written proof must be provided from a doctor or health specialist along with a fee of £7 (including p&p). Please contact the Head Office.
  - s) **NO JUDGE WILL JUDGE ANY ANIMAL THAT IS OWNED OR HAS BEEN OWNED BY THEM. THIS APPLIES TO ALL SSADL CLASSES INCLUDING ANY GRAND FINALS. IT IS THE COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.**
  - t) The age of the pony/horse must be clearly displayed on the offside of the bridle by SSADL MEMBERS in **all Qualification rounds and any Grand Finals** using the approved SSADL age badges. **IF APPROVED SSADL AGE BADGES ARE NOT WORN, THIS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION. The exception to this is Fast Track** (see page 6 item 8). Approved SSADL age badges feature black numbers on a white background and are available from the Head Office. **NOTE:** The first age badge is issued with membership free of charge. Additional badges are £10 plus P&P.
  - u) SSADL stallion badge is issued free with membership and must be worn at all times. Additional badges are £10 plus P&P.
34. **SSADL MARKING SYSTEM:**
- Out of 50 – Way of going, Manners, Movement, Presentation
  - Out of 30 – Condition, Manners, Type, Breed and Equine History
  - Out of 20 – Mark for equine age, suppleness for age
- In the event of a tie the “**mark for equine age, suppleness for age**” mark will take precedence, followed by the mark for “**way of going, manners, movement, presentation**” followed by “condition, manners, type, breed and equine history”.
- Any marks noted incorrectly/inadvertently by the steward may be adjusted and must be signed or initialled by the judge.**
35. No half marks will be allowed.
- 36 a) **LIHS 1ST ROUNDS, DIRECT ROUTES & 2ND ROUNDS/MEMBERS CHALLENGES/S.O.Y SSADL MARKS SHEETS MUST BE USED** – Mark sheets must be displayed after each class and it is the relevant show's responsibility to do this. Marks sheets will **NOT** be displayed on the SSADL website or at Head Office.
- b) **ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW QUALIFIERS – NO MARKS WILL BE USED. JUDGES MAY MAKE THEIR OWN NOTES BUT THEY ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION.**
- c) **THERE WILL BE NO PULL/PLACING IN SSADL CLASSES AFTER THE INITIAL GO ROUND**
37. The judge's decision is final.
38. All annual trophies are to be returned to SSADL Head Office by the required date. All refunds will be reimbursed if the trophy is returned on time and in the same condition that it was presented to the winning rider/handler. **However, if trophies are not returned by the required date, the competitor will incur a £50 penalty.** Damage to trophies must be paid for.

# SECTION D

## GENERAL RULES

- 38. Foals are not permitted in the ring. Mares with their own live foal or adopted foal at foot in the year of the show will only be allowed to compete once the foal or adopted foal has weaned off the mare.
- 39. SSADL reserve the right to amend rules/classes at their discretion, including entry closing dates. SSADL Directors hold the right to refuse any memberships or entries to the SSADL Series without explanation.

### **40. Dual Qualification of In-Hand Equines for Grand Finals**

**A single member to qualify and present two separate equines in the In-Hand section at the Royal International Horse Show (RIHS) and the London International Horse Show (LIHS) Grand Finals, subject to the conditions outlined below.**

To be eligible under this rule:

- a) Each equine must qualify at separate SSADL-affiliated qualifying shows.
- b) The qualifying member must have fully shown each animal personally during their respective qualifying rounds.
- c) Both equines must fall into different SSADL In-Hand age categories (Pre-Senior, Senior, or Senior-Plus).
- d) The same member must remain the official handler of each equine at the Grand Finals and are required to handle said animals for the initial trot-out, and show performance/set show and strip sections.
- e) The member must notify SSADL Head Office in writing, at the time of qualification, of the nominated individual who will handle the equines at the Grand Finals by means of the initial walk round and hold said animals in the line. Said individual must also be a registered SSADL member.

**Qualification will be rendered void under the following conditions:**

- a) If both animals qualify at the same event.
- b) If the original qualifying handler did not complete the full show of the equine in the qualifying round.
- c) If notification of the second handler is not received in writing by SSADL prior to the closing date for LIHS Grand Final entries.

A Declaration Form, as provided by SSADL, must be completed in full and submitted to the Head Office upon qualification of the second equine.

This rule shall remain under review by the SSADL Board and may be amended, extended, or withdrawn at the Board's discretion for future seasons.

### **41. A member can compete with a several different animals within the series, at any Grand Final - said member can compete one animal In Hand and a different animal Ridden.**

The same registered pony/horse, rider/handler combination must compete together throughout the Series, i.e. all qualifiers and ANY Grand Finals unless under special circumstance, on such an occasion the Directors may deem it fit to alter said rule. A rider who competes astride or side-saddle must remain astride or side-saddle throughout the Series.

# SECTION D

## SET SHOW FOR 2026

### For all RIHS & LIHS Direct Routes and 2nd Round & Grand Finals

### Information for Judges, Members and Stewards

#### IN-HAND SHOW SECTION

1. Come out to the judge, face left and halt, the judge will **NOT** look around your animal so move off once told to by the judge.
2. Walk off, after a few strides in walk go into trot.
3. Turn right, the 2nd right turn right diagonally across the arena.
4. Turn left and pass 2nd left corner towards the long side of arena.
5. Walk/Halt/Salute. You must stop exactly where the stewards tell you to.
6. In-Hand competitors do not need to use all the arena.

#### RIDDEN SHOW SECTION

1. Come out to the judge, face left and halt, the judge will **NOT** look round your animal so move off once told to by the judge.
2. Walk a few strides then trot in a straight line.
3. Before the first right hand corner pick up right leg canter.
4. Second corner turn right diagonally across the arena, (trotting for at least half the diagonal).
5. Picking up left rein canter up before the first left corner, canter 2nd left corner.
6. After 2nd corner canter, trot and walk/halt/salute.
7. You must stop exactly where the judge/steward tells you to.
8. Once you have halted and saluted, please trot back into line. (This is important do to keep the class running.)

#### STRIP SECTION FOR BOTH IN-HAND AND RIDDEN

All horses and ponies will be required to complete the strip section both for In-Hand and Ridden.

**Note:** Lead Rein and First Ridden competitors will remain **MOUNTED** for this section.

1. Walk to the judge, face left and halt.
2. Please tell the judge a brief history of your animal.
3. On command from the judge walk away for a few strides, then trot around the 1st and 2nd right corners of the arena. You do not trot straight back to the judge.
4. Walk, halt where you are told to and salute. Quickly trot straight back into line.

#### **IMPORTANT PLEASE DO AS THE STEWARDS ASK YOU TO DO WHILST IN THE RING.**

If a competitor deviates from the set show this will be reflected in the marking system and you will be marked down.





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# SECTION E

## DISABILITY CODE

SSADL acknowledge the immense impact equines can offer in helping people with disabilities to possibly achieve a better quality of life, therefore SSADL will offer any support to anyone suffering with a disability.

- a) All riders/handlers must always be capable of controlling their pony/horse in the ring.
- b) All competitors in the ridden classes must be competent in: walk, trot, canter, change of direction and must be capable of riding around the show ring in all paces in a group and be in full control of their mount.
- c) In ridden classes where two judges attend, and the strip section is required, if a rider is unable to run their pony/horse, then another member can run said animal. In this situation the rider must apply in writing for a dispensation card to the SSADL Head office. A Doctor or Specialist letter explaining why the competitor is unable to lead and run up the animal this report must accompany the letter.
- d) No member/competitor must compete in SSADL classes with any form of broken limbs whilst competing in the ring.
- e) Members/competitors competing in In- hand or Ridden classes who may either have learning or sensory disabilities [sight, hearing] should apply for the Dispensation Card as explained above. On entering a class the member/competitor/parent or guardian needs to inform and provide appropriate information the steward and judge. SSADL would ask that the steward and Judge make sure that the said competitor understands any instruction given i.e set show if applicable, questions asked by the judge, etc.
- f) SSADL format is to ensure all riders/handlers are judged equally and fairly.
- g) SSADL In – Hand classes all handlers must be capable of handling their pony/horse confidently/independently whilst in the ring. Should the handler be unable to run then another member may run said animal.
- h) Any enquiries with regards to this section please contact SSADL Head Office.  
Tel: **01782 503526** or E-mail [info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk](mailto:info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk)

## Help!!! SSADL NEEDS YOU

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# SECTION F

## GOOD CONDUCT, COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

SSADL draw the attention of members/competitors/owners and other persons to their disciplinary procedures. NOTE: SSADL have the power to discipline members/competitors/owners and other persons who fail to abide by the rules of the company. The rules are intended to ensure that competitors compete on an equal and fair basis.

**However, on occasions a situation may arise which is not precisely covered by these rules. On such occasions, wherever possible, the spirit of the SSADL Showing Series and its rules will be followed on the fairest of terms.**

1. The conduct of any member/competitor/owner/rider/handler or any person(s) associated/family with the member/competitor/owner must not act in a manner that is derogatory to SSADL Showing Series whilst competing with in the series during the period of membership and not just at shows. Should any breach occur by means of bringing the society in to disrepute, disciplinary proceedings will be commenced, the result of which may be disclosed to media sources, plus disqualification of competing within the SSADL series will apply. If a ban/suspension is imposed the time period will be at the discretion of the SSADL Board of Directors. This ruling applies to the equine owners and SSADL judges.
2. Members/competitors/owners are responsible and liable for the actions of person(s) who accompany them to shows, i.e. family member, spouse, civil partner, brother, sister/adopted child, grooms, etc., who bring SSADL into disrepute. Any breach/failure to comply with any of the rules will result in disqualification from the Series.
3. No one must behave in an offensive or abusive way to any person connected to any show where SSADL have a vested interest. To do so will deem disciplinary action which may result in membership disqualification.  
It is the duty of all members/competitors/owners to enter the SSADL Showing Series in good faith and by becoming a SSADL member you always agree to abide by the rules and regulations laid out by SSADL.
4. No rider/handler/owner or any person(s) associated/family with the member/competitor/owner must put SSADL Showing Series into disrepute by the use of social media, internet and publications, to voice negative, abusive, false or derogatory comments concerning shows, classes, other competitors, judges, stewards, places awarded, other ponies/horses at the competition, owners, persons associated with SSADL, show organisers or venues holding competitions. The correct way to address a complaint regarding incidents at one of our competitions is detailed in the 'Complaints Procedure' below. All members/judges must abide by the rules in **Section H**. SSADL Directors will be monitoring all aspects of this section.
5. **SSADL Directors hold the right to refuse any membership application without any explanation. Under no circumstances should SSADL Directors and other representatives be contacted via telephone, text, e-mail or in letter form to their home address.**

### COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE:

Only current SSADL members, judges or show secretaries of shows registered with SSADL may lodge a complaint. From time to time a situation may arise where a complaint has been put forward in the correct way - ie complaint in writing along with relevant evidence and a £300 bond cheque (payable to Senior Showing & Dressage Ltd.) and there are SSADL directors present, SSADL has the right to act upon a complaint immediately.

# SECTION F

## GOOD CONDUCT, COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

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**MEMBERS OF SSADL** wishing to register an objection or complaint against a judge, exhibitor or organiser of a show must follow the complaints procedure in full, as listed below, before the matter will be investigated. Failure to follow this procedure will result in the complaint being rejected without appeal.

- a) Members must provide a letter **within 14 days after the event** stating their case clearly and **accurately**. **All evidence MUST be included relating to the complaint.** The letter must be sent by **recorded delivery** addressed **PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL –c/o THE COMPLAINTS BOARD** to SSADL Head Office, together with a £300 bond cheque (payable to Senior Showing & Dressage Ltd), to be refunded if the objection is upheld by the Complaints Board.
- b) Complaints made by any person(s) via telephone, e-mail or any means other than stated above will be totally **disregarded**.
- c) No Director or Representative of SSADL must be contacted at their home address with regards to any complaint.
- d) Only complaints that have complied fully with the official complaints procedure will be investigated by the SSADL Complaints Board. If further proof is required by the Complaints Board to assist in their investigation it must be provided promptly.
- f) **Officiating judge or steward** wishing to register a complaint against a member/competitor, or any person associated with the said competitor/member or show, must also follow the SSADL complaints procedure however, a bond may not be required.
- g) **There is no Appeals Procedure within SSADL Series/Society.**
- h) **SSADL hold the rights to publish any findings/results of any disciplinary proceedings/complaints. All findings will be published via the SSADL Website/Newsletter, and in any other Media Outlets.**

A promotional poster for the SSADL Judges' Conference 2026. The background is a vibrant purple with swirling, ethereal light patterns and sparkling bokeh effects. At the top center is the SSADL logo, which features a stylized purple horse head in profile facing right, with the letters 'SSADL' in a bold, serif font to its right, and 'SENIOR SHOWING AND DRESSAGE LTD' in a smaller, sans-serif font underneath. Below the logo, the text 'SSADL Judges' Conference 2026' is written in a large, elegant, serif font. Underneath this, the date '8 November 2026' is displayed next to a small calendar icon. The location 'The Village Hotel, Coventry' is shown with a location pin icon to its left. The time '10:00 am' is indicated with a clock icon to its left. A dark purple horizontal bar contains the text 'Further details to follow' in white. At the bottom, the text 'For queries, please contact SSADL Head Office:' is followed by a telephone icon and the contact numbers '01782 503526 | 07940 126262'.

# SECTION G

## SAFEGUARDING - CHILD PROTECTION GUIDELINES

The Children Acts of 1989 and 2004 and guidance set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 are taken seriously by SSADL.

Parents/Guardians remain accountable and it is always their responsibility to ensure the safety of their children throughout our shows and events.

However, we do request that everyone be vigilant and to report to a SSADL representative if they believe that any child is the subject of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

If in such a case where the concerns of a child being subjected to abuse, in such cases please contact SSADL Head Office who may inform the Police and child protection services forthwith. To aid the protection of such a child then the nature of the abuse/incident cannot be held confidential. SSADL duty of protection to any child member is paramount within the series.

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# SECTION H

## MEDIA AND INTERNET RULES

SSADL has recognised the importance of social media, Facebook, Twitter, chat rooms, etc, in daily communication, but would like to remind members/competitors that SSADL rules do apply when using these methods, this also applies to the use of personal websites/facebook pages and other social media outlets.

**This will always be monitored by SSADL team and if any member/competitor/rider/handler/owner or any person(s) associated/family of a member/competitor/rider/handler/owner or judge should bring the society into disrepute by means of damaging the good reputation of SSADL, then legal action will be taken.**

1. Postings should not include any material relating to SSADL, directors, associates, or members (or previous members) or members' equines which are threatening, indecent, offensive, pornographic, abusive, inciting racial hatred or in breach of privacy.
2. You should not post material that could damage the reputation of SSADL, directors, associates or members which is of a derogatory or damning nature. A breach of these rules could be interpreted as a breach of SSADL rules which will eventually lead to civil or criminal proceedings being implemented. SSADL are obliged to co-operate fully with any law enforcement authorities, who request the identity of anyone making offensive postings.
3. **SSADL are deemed to co-operate with any enforcement / government authorities and courts held within the United Kingdom. SSADL will always endeavour to provide/assist, disclose any materials/ postings that is deemed in breach of the policy.**
- 4) All must abide by the rules herewith.

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# SECTION I

## SHOWING CLASS DEFINITION AND QUALIFIERS:

### SSADL MEMBERS CHALLENGE SENIOR OF THE YEAR QUALIFIERS/FINAL

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#### SHOWING CLASSES – open to Members and Non-Members

SSADL cover classes for ponies/horses of all breeds, types, and sizes from all spheres of the equestrian world. The classes are split into 3 age groups for both the In-Hand and Ridden sections. By splitting the showing classes into 6 categories, SSADL hope will produce a level so that all ponies/horses and competitors will be judged fairly and consistently.

Competitors may compete in both the In-Hand and Ridden sections.

**IMPORTANT: All classes will be marked**

**There will be no pull after the initial go round**

Please Note:

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#### IN-HAND AND RIDDEN PONIES MEMBERS CHALLENGE

The Members Challenge – In-Hand qualifiers will be divided into 3 sections:

1. Open – Open to all types/breeds of Senior Ponies and Horses, from all walks of the Equestrian sectors.
2. Mountain and Moorland – Open to Native Mountain and Moorland Breeds
3. Foreign Breeds – Open to all Foreign Breeds
4. Senior of the Year

The Members Challenge – Ridden qualifiers will be divided into 3 sections:

1. Open – Open to all types/breeds of senior ponies and horses, from all walks of the equestrian sectors. **No lead Rein & First ridden permitted.**
2. Lead Rein/First Ridden Ponies – Mountain and Moorland and Plaited ponies to compete together.
3. Mountain and Moorland Ponies – Open to Native Mountain and Moorland Breeds. **No lead Rein & First ridden permitted.**
4. Foreign Breeds – Open to all Foreign Breeds. **No lead Rein & First ridden permitted.**
5. Senior of the Year.

**Qualifiers:** (This series is open members and non-members. Non-members will have 10 days to join the society, on receiving a qualification card.

**All 2026 Members will have a qualification card. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THE RELEVANT QUALIFIERS SIGNED BY THE JUDGE IN THE RING. Only Non-Members will receive a qualification card in the ring.**

The 1st to 6th in each age will qualify for the OPEN MEMBERS CHALLENGE – open to all types and breeds – Lead Rein Ponies are NOT permitted

MEMBERS MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND CHALLENGE – Lead Rein ponies are NOT permitted

MEMBERS FOREIGN BREEDS CHALLENGE

MEMBER LEAD REIN/FIRST RIDDEN MEMBERS CHALLENGE – The 6 highest placed Lead or First Ridden within the class will qualify

SENIOR OF THE YEAR – 1st to 3rd in each age will qualify

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**All Non-Member qualification cards MUST be returned along with a 2026 membership application filled in fully and accompanied with correct payment to SSADL Head Office within the 10 day period.**

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Please follow the instructions listed on the qualification card. Once a qualification card is sent in and is correct only then will Members be eligible for the Members Challenge Finals to be held at the SSADL National Championship Show on the 19th & 20th September 2026 at Onley Grounds, Rugby, Warwickshire.

- **ONCE A MEMBER HAS FULLY FILLED IN THEIR QUALIFICATION CARD TO THE SAID QUALIFIERS THEY NEED, THE CARD MUST BE SENT INTO HEAD OFFICE STRAIGHT AWAY. MAKE SURE THE JUDGE HAS SIGNED THE CARD FOR EACH QUALIFYING SECTION YOU PICK.**
- **A COMPETITOR NEEDS ONLY TO QUALIFY ONCE PER SECTION.**
- **OPEN MEMBERS CHALLENGE QUALIFICATION CANNOT BE AWARDED TO LOWER THAN FIFTH PLACE**
- **MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND - LEAD REIN / FIRST RIDDEN AND THE FOREIGN BREEDS WILL BE PASSED DOWN LINE WITHIN A CLASS ENTRY**
- **QUALIFICATIONS ARE TO ONLY BE HANDED OUT IN THE RING AT THE TIME OF THE JUDGING OF THE CLASS.**

Listed below are the classes SSADL are asking each show to run:

<b>Class 1</b>	IN-HAND	Pre-Senior	(15 to 18 years old)
<b>Class 2</b>	IN-HAND	Senior	(19 to 23 years old)
<b>Class 3</b>	IN-HAND	Senior Plus	(24 years old and over)
<b>Class 4</b>	RIDDEN	Pre-Senior	(15-18 years old)
<b>Class 5</b>	RIDDEN	Senior	(19-23 years old)
<b>Class 6</b>	RIDDEN	Senior Plus	(24 years old and over)
<b>Or mixed age:</b>			
<b>Class 1</b>	IN-HAND	Open mixed age 15 years and over	
<b>Class 2</b>	RIDDEN	Open mixed age 15 years and over	



# SECTION I

## SENIOR OF THE YEAR IN-HAND AND RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The winners from all SSADL Royal International Horse Show classes and the Members Challenge Classes will qualify for the Senior of the Year In-Hand and Ridden Preliminary rounds to be held at the National Championship show 2026. The Grand Final will also be held at the Championship Show.

SSADL Members must get their qualification card signed in the ring by the judge. You only need to qualify once for both the In-Hand and Ridden sections. Non-members will receive a qualification card in the ring, you must follow the instructions on the qualification card.

This championship is open to all competitors who have won 1st place in any of the Royal International Horse Show & London International Horse Show SSADL qualifiers plus Members Challenge and Senior of the Year Qualifiers. Qualification cards must be sent in to Head office, for qualification to be valid. All competitors will be eligible for the Senior of the Year Preliminary rounds. A section of each age group will sent to compete in the section Grand Finals.

## SSADL AGRIA ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW – DIRECT ROUTE (RIHS) QUALIFIERS

### HOME PRODUCED SERIES

- 1) Qualifiers are held throughout the UK and are open to all shows organised by Riding Club, Pony Club, Prestigious/County/Agricultural Shows. To be run under SSADL rules
- 2) RIHS Qualifiers are open to Members and Non-Members.
- 3) Two SSADL star \* or \*\* judges are required to judge the qualifiers.
- 4) **There will be NO PULL/PLACING after the initial go round in all SSADL classes**

### OPEN TO MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

**Members must be a member by the entry closing date of a RIHS qualifier not the show date if trying to qualify for the Grand Finals.**

**IMPORTANT: MARKS MUST NOT BE USED AT THIS QUALIFIER.**

**Judges may make their own notes BUT they are not for publication.**

**THERE WILL BE NO PULL AFTER THE INITIAL GO ROUND.**

Listed below are the classes

### IN-HAND

Class 1 Pre-Senior	IN-HAND	Horses/Ponies	(15 to 18 years old)
Class 2 Senior	IN-HAND	Horses/Ponies	(19 to 23 years old)
Class 3 Senior-Plus	IN-HAND	Horses/Ponies	(24 years old and over)

The first and second prize winners from the above classes are eligible for the championship. The champion will claim the RIHS Ticket.

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To be eligible to compete in the Grand Final held July 2026 at the Agria Royal International Horse Show held at the All England Jumping Course, Hickstead. SSADL membership cards **must be produced at qualifiers by the handler Champion in the ring during the qualifying Championship and passed to the Judge for approval.**

**No card = No qualification.**

**No form of outside assistance to retrieve SSADL Membership cards is allowed under any circumstances.**

If the membership card cannot be produced in the ring by the competitor then no qualification can be awarded to that exhibit.

Should this situation arise, the qualification will be handed to the Reserve Champion on producing their card for the judge or the next eligible member.

The SSADL head office will notify all champions of the entry procedure.

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## RIDDEN

Class 3 Pre-Senior	RIDDEN	Horses/Ponies	(15 to 18 years old)
Class 4 Senior	RIDDEN	Horses/Ponies	(19 to 23 years old)
Class 5 Senior-Plus	RIDDEN	Horses/Ponies	(24 years old and over)

The first and second prize winners from the above classes are eligible for the championship.

The champion will claim the SSADL RIHS Ticket to be eligible to compete in the Grand Final held July 2026 at the Agria Royal International Horse Show held at the All England Jumping Course, Hickstead.

SSADL membership cards **must be produced at qualifiers by the rider Champion in the ring during the qualifying Championship and passed to the Judge for approval.**

**Important: A competitor may compete in both the In-Hand and Ridden qualifiers. Once a competitor has qualified for the above qualifier in the In-Hand section they can still compete in Ridden section BUT are NOT allowed to ENTER in the Ridden Championship and vice versa.**

**Once a competitor has qualified for the Grand Final they may continue to compete in any other show qualifiers, BUT they will NOT be eligible to enter the Championship Qualifier. In this instance the third placed competitor will be eligible for this championships.**

**No card = No qualification.**

**No form of outside assistance to retrieve SSADL Membership cards is allowed under any circumstances.**

If the membership card cannot be produced in the ring by the competitor then no qualification can be awarded to that exhibit.

Should this situation arise, the qualification will be handed to the Reserve Champion on producing their card for the judge or the next eligible member.

The SSADL head office will notify all champions of the entry procedure.

**SSADL reserve the right increase the of number qualifying from Championship should the need occur.**

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## SSADL AGRIA ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW – DIRECT ROUTE (RIHS) QUALIFIERS

- 1) To host the In-Hand and Ridden championships 2026
- 2) 20 animals in each section to compete.
- 3) Only SSADL 1\* or 2\*\* judges from the current SSADL panel will be selected to judge the Grand Finals.
- 4) The Champion will receive the SSADL Trophy and rug in the ring.
- 5) Rosettes will be awarded to 8th place.
- 6) Prior to competing in the Grand Finals all competitors MUST send a write up and photo of your horse, pony when you qualified. This must be done before the Grand finals take place so the SSADL Newsletter can be printed.
- 7) Sponsors rosettes and prize will be posted out after the event.
- 8) **OVERALL SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP** = The champion and reserve from the In-Hand and ridden championships are eligible to compete for the Overall Supreme Champion.



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# SECTION J

## SSADL NATIONAL HOME-PRODUCED SHOWING & DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September 2026**

**To be held at Onley Ground, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 6AJ**

Open to both members and non-members of SSADL with home produced ponies/horses 15 years of age from all walks of the equestrian world, all types and breeds are welcome.

Qualifications: Only eligible SSADL 2026 members who have been given their qualification card by SSADL Head Office can compete in the MEMBERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SENIOR OF THE YEAR.

The Championship show will host a number of 2ND ROUND London International Horse Show Qualifiers 2026 PLUS 2027 Royal International Horse Show Qualifiers. Other class sections and conditions will be in the National Championship Show Schedule.

Most other classes for showing and dressage sections are NON QUALIFIERS.

The schedule will comprise of a full range of showing In-hand and Ridden classes/championships.

**Dressage** – will also offer:

**a) Non Qualifiers Dressage** – For animals 12 years old and over Prelim, Novice, Elementary, Medium

**b) Senior Home Produced Dressage 15 years and over**

Prelim, Novice, Elementary, Medium – Awards will be divided into 3 equine age groups Pre - Senior 15 to 18 years, Senior 19 to 23 years, Senior Plus 24 years and over.

**c) The Senior Riders Dressage Championships.** This is for riders 50 years of age and over. The classes are divided into two rider age groups – 50 to 57 years and 58 years and over. Animals to be 4 years of age and over.

**d) The Senior Dressage Riders Classes – Prelim/Novice/Elementary/Medium**

The Championship Schedule/Entry form will be made available on the SSADL website.

All SSADL members will receive a schedule and entry form by e-mail.

Please see the Championship Schedule for the Evening Performance dress code.

**Note - Please all read the terms and conditions of entry before entering the SSADL Championship show.**

Qualification rules will apply for entering all Championship Finals to be held at the National Championship Show.

**\*\*\* All other rules are in the 2026 rule book\*\*\*.**



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*There will be a number of different qualifiers, definition will be in the Championship schedule.*

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## THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW EXCEL SSADL QUALIFIERS

### FEES FOR SHOWS HOLDING THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW FIRST/SECOND & DIRECT ROUTE QUALIFYING ROUNDS

#### **FIRST ROUND SHOWING QUALIFIERS REGISTRATION FEE**

**£10**

1. Shows must abide by SSADL rules, correct wording is essential in all schedules.
2. SSADL will supply mark sheets/rule book & Non-member qualification card.
3. Members Qualification cards must be signed in the ring by the judge or steward. Members qualification cards will be sent out with your membership. Remember it is your responsibility to get your card signed in the ring.
4. A judge must be selected from the SSADL Judges' Panel.
5. A draft copy of the schedule MUST be sent into the Show Office for approval. Failure to comply will lead to the qualification being withheld.

#### **SECOND ROUND AND DIRECT ROUTE SHOWING QUALIFIERS REGISTRATION FEE**

**£70**

**A levy of £11 per entry is required. Payment of levies to be paid to SSADL, it is the show's responsibility to pay said levies.**

1. Show secretaries will receive a package comprising: SSADL Champion & Reserve rosettes and the LIHS finalist rosette. The champion will receive the sash and prize card, mark/results sheets, stewards/secretary guidelines.
2. Second Round and Direct Route qualifying classes can only be judged by SSADL 2 \*\*Star judges. Two judges are required to judge all Second Round and Direct Route Qualifiers.
3. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL SECRETARIES TO RETURN COMPLETED ENTRY AND MARK SHEETS TO SSADL HEAD OFFICE, 119 HIGH LANE, BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT STAFFORDSHIRE ST6 8RT WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE SHOW DATE. PLEASE EMAIL THE MARK SHEETS ALSO TO: [info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk](mailto:info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk)



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### 1. LONDON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW FIRST ROUND QUALIFIERS

- a) Qualifiers are held throughout the UK and are open to all shows organised by Riding Club, Pony Club, Prestigious/County/Agricultural Shows.
- b) Qualifier is open to members and non-member riders/handlers of SSADL Showing Series.
- c) **THERE WILL BE NO 'PULL' OF PLACINGS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AFTER THE INITIAL GO-ROUND IN ALL SSADL CLASSES.**
- d) Qualification – 1st-6th will qualify for the 2nd rounds. Members qualification cards will need to be signed in the ring by the judge. Non-members qualification will be given out in each class within 1st to 6th place. You only need to qualify once.
- e) Classes Identification a first-round qualifiers will either: 3 In-Hand classes and 3 ridden classes In-Hand and Ridden: 1) Pre-Senior 15 to 18 years 2) Senior 19 to 23 years 3) Senior Plus 24 years & over or the show will choose a mixed aged In-Hand and a mixed aged Ridden.
- f) **OPEN MIXED AGE CLASSES**  
After the initial go round in both in-hand and ridden classes, equines will be lined up in their age groups: Pre-Senior, Senior, Senior Plus. Each section will be marked separately after their individual show. SSADL qualification cards will then be given out to each age group. This will be followed by the show's own final rosettes placing.
- g) You **MUST** have qualified at First Round Qualifier to be eligible to compete in the London International Horse Show Second Round Qualifiers.
- h) **It is important that Members send in their qualification card in as soon as you qualify. For Non-Members follow the instructions on the qualification card.** Competitors must send in their original card along with a 1st class S.A.E. to the SSADL Head Office. **Photocopy your qualification card** for your records before sending the original to the SSADL Head Office.
- i) Qualifying members/competitors will receive an Acceptance Card. When this has been returned, members may then compete in **any Second-Round Qualifier**.
- j) The qualifying pony/horse must be registered with SSADL, and the rider/handler **MUST** be a fully paid up SSADL member to be eligible to compete in the London International Horse Show Second Round Qualifiers. **PLEASE NOTE: this qualifying combination must remain throughout the Series. A rider who competes astride or side-saddle must remain astride or side-saddle throughout the Series.**

### 2. LONDON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW DIRECT ROUTE QUALIFIERS

**Members must be a member by the entry closing date of a LIHS qualifier not the show date.**

**There are several ways you can qualify for The London International Horse Show:**

- (i) Separate In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the winner of each section (1x ridden, 1x in-hand)
- (ii) Mixed In-Hand & Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the overall winner
- (iii) Separate Mountain and Moorland In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the winner of each section (1x ridden, 1x in-hand)
- (iv) Mixed Mountain and Moorland In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the overall winner



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- (v) Separate Foreign Breed In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the winner of each section (1x ridden, 1x in-hand)
- (vi) Mixed Mountain and Moorland In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the overall winner
- (vii) Restricted Separate In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the winner of each section (1x ridden, 1x in-hand)
- (viii) Restricted In-Hand & Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the overall winner

**NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE RESTRICTED CLASS A PONY/HORSE RIDER/HANDLER COMBINATION MUST NEVER HAVE COMPETED AT OLYMPIA, LIHS ExCel, HOYS OR RIHS.**

**IMPORTANT: A member may compete if eligible in any of the above sections however, a member/horse/pony can only qualify ONCE for the Grand Final. Whether this be In-Hand or Ridden.**

Covers 3 in-hand and 3 ridden classes.

- a) Direct Route qualifiers are open to both members and non-members of SSADL.
- b) A list of Direct Route and Second Round Qualifiers is published on the SSADL website.
- c) The show organisers of a Direct Route qualifier cannot compete themselves in their own show but are free to compete in any other Direct Route qualifiers.
- d) **THERE WILL BE NO 'PULL' OF PLACINGS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AFTER THE INITIAL GO-ROUND IN ALL SSADL CLASSES.**
- e) In the London International Championship Qualifier, the highest placed 2026 SSADL member and registered equine will claim the London International Horse Show ticket. Membership cards must be shown to the judge at the prize giving in the ring.  
**NO MEMBERSHIP CARD PRODUCED – NO TICKET AWARDED.**
- f) If the Champion is not a 2026 fully paid-up member of SSADL then the qualification will be handed down the line to the next eligible 2026 member.
- g) Competitors in both the ridden and in-hand sections will be required to perform a set show and will be advised of the required movements by the judge or steward. Members will be sent the new set show in their membership packs. Competitors must not deviate from this. **Failure to do the given set show will be severely reflected in your marks out of 50.**
- h) In all sections of the Direct Route Qualifiers, competitors are required to perform the pre-set show for the judge. In the ridden classes, you will be required to remove the saddle for the 'run-up' inspection stage. Note: Lead rein/First ridden competitors will not strip, riders will remain mounted for any strip section.
- i) For all Direct Route qualifiers, 1st and 2nd prize-winners are eligible to compete for the Show Day Championships. In the event of a competitor winning an In-Hand class who wishes not to go into the said championship, the competitor must tell the judge. Should a situation arise then the 2nd and 3rd place will go in to the In-Hand Championship.
- j) **NOTE: MEMBERS/COMPETITORS/SENIOR PONIES & HORSES MAY COMPETE IN UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 12 DIRECT ROUTE QUALIFIERS (THE SSADL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SHOW WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE MAXIMUM OF 12 QUALIFIERS). COMPETING IN TOO MANY SHOWS AND TRAVELLING LONG DISTANCES IS CONSIDERED A WELFARE**

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**ISSUE (THE WELFARE OF YOUR EQUINE IS PARAMOUNT TO SSADL AND THE SSADL TEAM WILL CLOSELY MONITOR). SSADL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE A MEMBERSHIP IF IT IS PROVED SAID ANIMAL MAY BE TRAVELLING TOO MUCH, AND BE A WELFARE ISSUE. SSADL ONLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO MONITOR ANIMALS COMPETING WITHIN THE SERIES AND SSADL CLASSES. SSADL WOULD ASK MEMBERS TO BE MINDFUL OF HOW MUCH TRAVELLING IS DONE WITH THEIR SENIOR PONY/HORSE.**

- k) Once a competitor has qualified for the Grand Final, they may continue to compete in the first round qualifiers, but at any Direct Route Qualifiers, they will NOT be eligible to enter the Qualifying Championship. In this instance the third placed competitor will be eligible for this championship.

### 3. LONDON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW SECOND ROUND QUALIFIERS

**Competitors must be a member of SSADL by the entry closing date of a LIHS qualifier not the show date.**

- a) To be eligible to compete in any Second Round Qualifier the rider/handler and pony/horse must qualify at a First Round Qualifier. A competitor Must hold the SSADL 2026 membership card and an acceptance card (or a covering letter from Head Office).
- b) A list of Second Round Qualifiers is published on the SSADL website.
- c) The show organisers of Second Round qualifiers cannot compete themselves in their own show but are free to compete in any other Second Round qualifiers.
- d) When entering the ring, you **MUST PRODUCE:**
1. SSADL Membership Card
  2. The Second Round Acceptance Card
  3. Or a covering letter from the Head Office, if applicable.

If, for whatever reason, a competitor is unable to compete in the Grand Final, the qualification will be handed down to the next eligible competitor.

- e) **THERE WILL BE NO 'PULL' OF PLACINGS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AFTER THE INITIAL GO-ROUND IN ALL SSADL CLASSES.**
- f) Competitors in both the ridden and in-hand sections will be required to perform a set show and will be advised of the required movements by the judge or steward. All members will receive the new set show in their membership packs. Competitors must not deviate from this. **Failure to do the given set show will be severely reflected in your marks out of 50.**
- l) In all sections of the Second Round Qualifiers, competitors are required to perform the pre-set show for the judge. In Ridden classes you will be required to remove the saddle for the 'run-up' inspection stage. **Note:** Lead Rein/First Ridden will not strip, riders will remain mounted for any strip section.
- g) The same registered rider/handler/pony/horse, combination must remain throughout the Series. **A rider who competes astride or side-saddle must remain astride or side-saddle throughout the Series.**

**There are several ways you can qualify for The London International Horse Show:**

- (i) Separate In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the winner of each section (1x ridden, 1x in-hand)
- (ii) Mixed In-Hand & Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the overall winner

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- (iii) Separate Mountain and Moorland In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the winner of each section (1x ridden, 1x in-hand)
- (iv) Mixed Mountain and Moorland In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the overall winner
- (v) Separate Foreign Breed In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the winner of each section (1x ridden, 1x in-hand)
- (vi) Mixed Mountain and Moorland In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the overall winner
- (vii) Restricted Separate In-Hand and Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the winner of each section (1x ridden, 1x in-hand)
- (viii) Restricted In-Hand & Ridden Class  
1 ticket to the overall winner

**RESTRICTED CLASS RULES: A HORSE/PONY RIDER/HANDLER COMBINATION MUST NEVER HAVE COMPETED AT LIHS, OLYMPIA, HOYS OR RIHS.**

**IMPORTANT: A member may compete if eligible in any of the above sections however, a member/horse/pony can only qualify ONCE for the Grand Final. Whether this be In-Hand or Ridden.**

- h) For all Second-Round qualifiers, **1st** and **2nd** prize-winners are eligible to compete for the Show Day Championships. In the event of a competitor winning in the In Hand Class who would prefer to try and qualify for the ridden section instead, should this situation arise said competitor **MUST** let the judge in the ring know at the time of presentations, thus then allowing the 3rd placed competitor to be eligible to enter this Championship.
- i) If a competitor has already qualified for the Grand Final, the qualification will be handed to the next eligible competitor.
- j) Once a competitor has qualified for the Grand Final they may continue to compete in the first round qualifiers, but at any 2nd Round Qualifiers, they will **NOT** be eligible to enter the Qualifying Championship. In this instance the third placed competitor will be eligible for this championship.
- k) Once a competitor has qualified for LIHS ExCel in the Ridden section they are **NOT** allowed to qualify in the In-Hand section and vice versa.
- l) **NOTE: MEMBERS/COMPETITORS/SENIOR PONIES & HORSES MAY COMPETE IN UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 12 DIRECT ROUTE/SECOND ROUND QUALIFIERS (THE SSADL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SHOW WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE MAXIMUM OF 12 QUALIFIERS). COMPETING IN TOO MANY SHOWS AND TRAVELLING LONG DISTANCES IS CONSIDERED A WELFARE ISSUE (THE WELFARE OF YOUR EQUINE IS PARAMOUNT TO SSADL AND THE SSADL TEAM WILL CLOSELY MONITOR). SSADL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE A MEMBERSHIP IF IT IS PROVED SAID ANIMAL MAY BE TRAVELLING TOO MUCH, AND BE A WELFARE ISSUE.**

#### **4. THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW - GRAND FINAL**

- a) **It must be the same registered pony/horse, rider/handler combination from First and Second Round /Direct Route Qualifiers that go forward to compete at The London International Horse Show Grand Final, unless special circumstances arise, should this happen then the SSADL directors can intervene.** The same registered rider/handler/pony/horse,

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combination must remain throughout the Series. **A rider who competes astride or side-saddle must remain astride or side-saddle throughout the Series.**

- b) THE GRAND FINAL COMPETITORS WILL BE LINED UP IN ANY ORDER.
- c) The Grand Final will hold 2 separate classes to find the Supreme Senior In-Hand Champion and the Supreme Senior Ridden Champions, Oldest Pony/Horse & Best Turned Out.
- d) **BRIEF FEI VACCINATION RULES** All horses intending to participate at must at least have had an initial primary course of 2 vaccinations given between 21 and 92 days apart. A 3rd dose (referred to as the first booster) must be given within 6 months + 21 days after the date of administration of the 2nd primary dose with at least annual boosters given. To participate at The London International Horse, Show the last booster must have been given within 6 calendar months + 21 days of the competition. If the annual booster falls outside of these conditions, the animal will require 2 boosters in the year to conform. No vaccination to be given within 7 days of the date of arrival at the Grand Final. (For more in-depth details please visit the FEI website).



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# SECTION L

## DRESSAGE (HOME PRODUCED)

**DRESSAGE IS SOLELY RUN UNDER SSADL SOCIETY RULES.**

**SSADL NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO:**

Section 1: Pony/Horse – age 15 to 18 years

Section 2: Pony/Horse – age 19 to 23 years

Section 3: Pony/Horse – age 24 years and over

**SECTION CLASSES:** PRELIMINARY, NOVICE, ELEMENTARY, MEDIUM.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERS OR NON-MEMBERS OF SSADL TO ENTER THE SSADL SENIOR PONY/HORSE DRESSAGE SERIES**

To compete in the National Dressage Championships:

1. Please enter a dressage class at ANY of your local show or any dressage show listed on the SSADL website (National Dressage Championships section).
2. Gain a result of 60% or more on your senior pony/horse.
3. Email a copy of your dressage test along with a dressage entry form to:  
[info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk](mailto:info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk) or by post to: Head Office, C/O Dressage,  
119 High Lane Brown Edge Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST6 8RT.
4. Current showing members of SSADL, do not need to send a copy of their equine passport as this information is held on the SSADL database.
5. Non-members of SSADL are required to send a picture description of the equine and a photocopy of the equine passport ONLY when entering the Senior pony/horse dressage classes.
6. Please state the event and date of show, name of rider and pony/horse and age of equine.
7. Competitors can enter more than one class but no more than three classes in this section.
8. **British Dressage points do not count within the SSADL dressage series.**
9. Any queries with regarding to all aspect of dressage held within SSADL please email  
[info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk](mailto:info@seniorshowinganddressage.co.uk)
10. All prizes/rosettes/trophies for championships classes will be detailed in the schedule
11. Judges for all dressage classes at the championship show will be chosen from either:  
SSADL dressage judges' panel or accredited judges.



# SECTION L

## DRESSAGE (HOME PRODUCED) *continued*

### **GENERAL DRESSAGE RULES**

1. Championship classes: PRELIM/NOVICE/ELEMENTARY/MEDIUM.
2. The decision of the judge is always final and binding.
3. No refund of registrations/entry fees/stabling fees will be made under any circumstances.
4. **SSADL Directors reserve the right to amend rules/classes at their discretion, including entry closing dates. SSADL Directors hold the right to refuse any entries without explanation.**
5. SSADL retain the right to ban/refuse entry of any competitor/ horse/pony from any event or show ground
6. SSADL accept no responsibility for accident, injury, loss, illness or damage to spectators, horses/ponies, riders, vehicles, equipment, or property. Anyone seen riding in a dangerous manner or ill-treating a horse/pony will be disqualified, ordered from the show ground with no refund.
7. Riding hats must be always worn when mounted and must be in accordance with the current approved BSI or European standard.
8. The welfare and fitness of all animals competing in SSADL competitions is paramount and is monitored. Unfit, unwell or unsound animals or those who appear to be in distress or in discomfort are not allowed in the arena.

### **DRESS CODE AND SADDLERY**

- |                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) <b>SPURS</b>                 | No spurs to be worn by competitors age 16 years and under.                                                                                                                                      |
| (b) <b>WHIPS</b>                 | Normal dressage whip is acceptable in all classes.                                                                                                                                              |
| (c) <b>BRIDLES</b>               | Prelim / Novice – Snaffle only. Elementary/Medium – Snaffle or Double.                                                                                                                          |
| (d) <b>NOSEBANDS</b>             | Cavesson / Drop – Flash /Grackle are permitted with Snaffle Bridles.<br>Cavesson only to be used with Double Bridle.                                                                            |
| (e) <b>MARTINGALE/SIDE REINS</b> | - Are NOT permitted.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| (f) <b>BITS</b>                  | The following bits are all acceptable:<br>Bits of rubber, nylon or other synthetic material.<br>A mixture of metals in the mouthpiece.<br>Plastic snaffle with cylindrical rotating mouthpiece. |

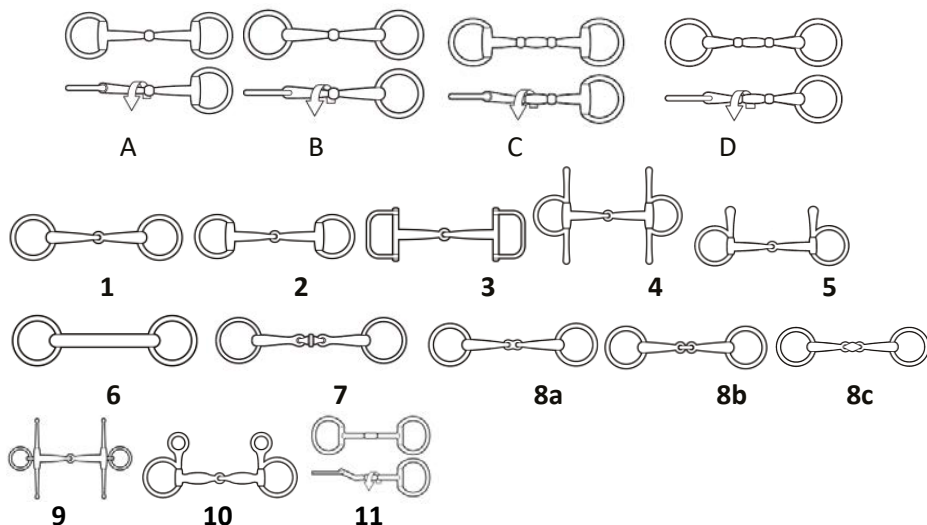
### **SNAFFLE BRIDLE**

- |      |                                                                            |
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| A-D  | Rotary bit.                                                                |
| 1    | Loose ring snaffle.                                                        |
| 2    | Eggbutt snaffle.                                                           |
| 3    | Racing snaffle D-ring.                                                     |
| 4    | Eggbutt snaffle with cheeks.                                               |
| 5    | Snaffle with upper cheeks only.                                            |
| 6    | Straight bar snaffle - also permitted: Mullen mouth and Eggbutt rings.     |
| 7    | Double jointed with roller in the centre.                                  |
| 8a-c | Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece-middle is rounded (including French link). |
| 9    | Loose ring snaffles with cheeks (Fulmer).                                  |
| 10   | Hanging cheek snaffles.                                                    |

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## DRESSAGE (HOME PRODUCED) *continued*

- 11 Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece.

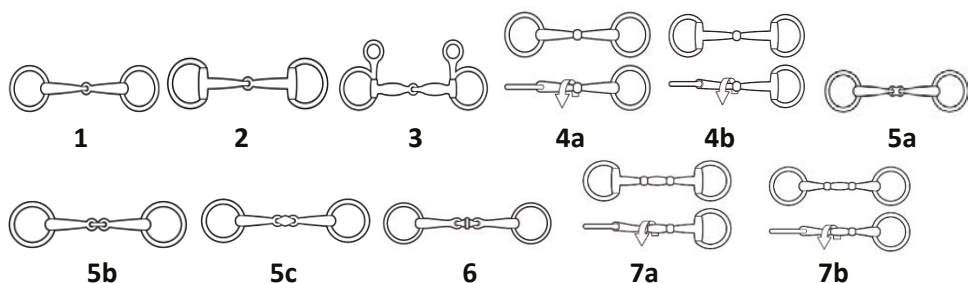


### DOUBLE BRIDLE

Bits should follow the configuration of those illustrated below:

#### Bridoons:

- 1 Loose ring bridoon bit.
- 2 Egg-butt bridoon bit.
- 3 Bridoon bit with hanging cheeks.
- 4a-b Bridoon rotary bit with rotating mouthpiece.
- 5a-c Bridoon bit with jointed mouthpiece-the middle piece should be rounded (side, front and rear view shown).
- 6 Bridoon bit with rotating mouthpiece.
- 7 a-b Bridoon rotary bit with rotating mouthpiece.



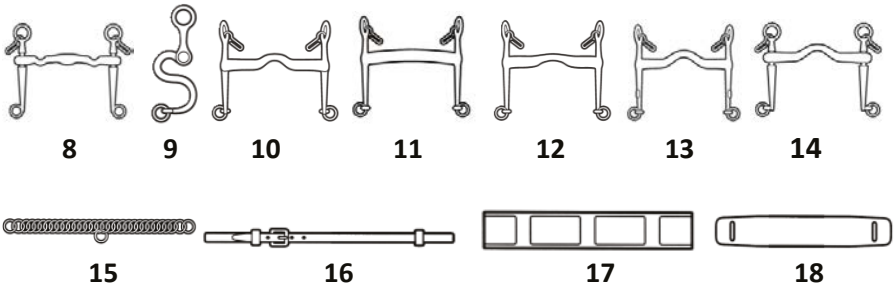


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## DRESSAGE (HOME PRODUCED) *continued*

### Curbs:

- 8 Variation of bits 11, 12, 13.
- 9 Curb bit with S-curved cheeks.
- 10 Half-moon curb bits.
- 11-12 Curb bit with straight cheeks and port.
- 13 Curb bit with port and sliding mouthpiece (Weymouth).  
A curb with a rotating lever arm is also permitted.
- 14 Curb chain (metal or leather or combination).
- 15 Lip strap.
- 16 Leather cover for curb chain.
- 17 Rubber cover for curb chain. NB. Curb chain hooks must not be fixed.
- 18 Swales bits are not allowed.
- 18 BITLESS BRIDLES: Can only be used when accompanied by an explanatory veterinary letter – reference a welfare issue. This letter should be forwarded with the entry application forms.



### 19 SHOEING

All types of therapeutic steel and plastic shoes and concussion pads are permitted within the Series.

# SECTION M

## PROMOTING EQUINE WELLBEING WITHIN THE SSADL SERIES

At SSADL, the health and wellbeing of all horses and ponies are of utmost importance. To uphold this standard, our officials and governing bodies actively monitor equines participating in the SSADL Series throughout the season. Should any concerns arise regarding an equine's wellbeing, SSADL reserves the right to request that the horse or pony is withdrawn from the ring or surrounding areas. This ensures the safety and comfort of all involved.

### Monitoring Body Condition: The Importance of Fat Scoring

A horse's weight can fluctuate due to factors such as diet and exercise. To ensure your equine is healthy, body condition scoring (also known as fat scoring) is a valuable tool. This process helps assess fat coverage across three key areas:

- Neck
- Body
- Hindquarters

Using a simple 0–5 scale (available in the SSADL Rule Book), this method offers an objective way to evaluate your horse's weight and overall health. Regular monitoring can help you identify and address potential issues early.

### Weather and Its Impact on Equine Welfare

Weather conditions can significantly affect an equine's wellbeing. Here are some key considerations for both hot and cold weather:

#### Hot Weather

- Ensure your equine has constant access to fresh water, whether at home or at a show.
- Minimize pre-exercise warm-ups to avoid overexertion in high temperatures.
- Provide shade wherever possible to keep your equine cool.

#### Cold Weather

- Clipped horses need adequate warmth with appropriate rugs.
- Fully-coated horses may require light rugging, depending on their environment.
- After exercise, allow your horse time to dry before adding a top rug to prevent chills.

### Managing Weight for Optimal Health

Excess weight can pose serious risks to equine health. Breeds such as cobs, native ponies, and draught-types are particularly prone to weight gain due to their evolutionary adaptations to survive harsh winters. However, modern management practices—such as access to rich grazing, milder winters, and additional rugging—can contribute to excessive fat storage.

### Why It Matters

Obesity in horses can lead to severe health problems, including:

- Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS)
- Laminitis
- Arthritis

Research shows that excessive weight gain more than doubles the risk of laminitis. For riders, it's equally important to consider the horse-to-rider weight ratio to ensure the horse is well-mounted and able to perform comfortably.

### Special Considerations for EMS and Cushing's Disease

Horses with EMS may develop abnormal fat deposits (e.g., on the neck or hindquarters), while those with Cushing's Disease may exhibit fat redistribution alongside muscle loss. These conditions highlight the need for individualized care and careful weight monitoring.

# SECTION M

## Let's Work Together for Healthy, Happy Equines

At SSADL, we aim to encourage and support owners in maintaining their horses and ponies at a healthy weight and fitness level. By doing so, we can ensure they thrive and enjoy the best quality of life throughout the season. Thank you for being part of our community and caring for your equine partners so thoughtfully.

## Body Condition Scoring – Horses



### 1 Emaciated

Extremely emaciated with very poor body condition

**Neck:** Noticeable bone structure.

**Withers:** Noticeable bone structure.

**Back:** Spinous processes project prominently.

**Tailhead & Hookbones:** Project prominently.

**Ribs:** Project prominently.

**Shoulders:** Noticeable bone structure.

### 2 Very Thin

Very thin and emaciated with a slight fat covering over base of spinous processes

**Neck:** Faintly discernible.

**Withers:** Noticeable bone structure.

**Back:** Transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded; Spinous processes project prominently.

**Tailhead:** Prominent.

**Ribs:** Prominent.

**Shoulders:** Faintly discernible.



### 3 Thin

**Neck:** Accentuated.

**Withers:** Accentuated.

**Back:** Fat buildup halfway on spinous processes but easily discernible; Cannot feel transverse processes.

**Tailhead:** Prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be felt; Hookbones appear round and are discernible. Pin bones are not distinguishable.

**Ribs:** Discernible with light fat cover over the ribs.

**Shoulders:** Accentuated.

### 4 Moderately Thin

**Neck:** Not overtly thin.

**Withers:** Not overtly thin.

**Back:** Slight crease along the back.

**Tailhead:** Hookbones not discernible; fat can be felt, but prominence varies between horses.

**Ribs:** Faint outline discernible.

**Shoulders:** Accentuated.



### 5 Moderate or Ideal

**Neck:** The back is flat with no ridge or crease.

**Withers:** Rounded over spinous processes.

**Back:** The back is level.

**Tailhead:** Area feels spongy.

**Ribs:** Easily felt but not visible.

**Shoulder:** Blends smoothly into the body.

### 6 Fleishy

**Neck:** Some fat accumulation.

**Withers:** Some fat accumulation.

**Back:** May have a slight positive crease along back.

**Tailhead:** Area feels soft.

**Ribs:** Area over the ribs feels spongy.

**Shoulders:** Some fat accumulation.



### 7 Overweight

**Neck:** Fat accumulation.

**Withers:** Fat accumulation.

**Back:** May have a positive crease along the back.

**Tailhead:** Feels soft.

**Ribs:** Individual ribs can be felt; Noticeable filling between the ribs with fat.

**Shoulders:** Fat accumulation.

### 8 Obesity

**Neck:** Noticeable thickening.

**Withers:** Area filled with fat.

**Back:** Positive crease along the back

**Tailhead:** Feels very soft.

**Ribs:** Difficult to feel.

**Shoulders:** Area is filled in, flush with the body.



### 9 Severe Obesity

The horse has a very rounded appearance with pronounced fat deposits.

**Neck:** Bulging fat.

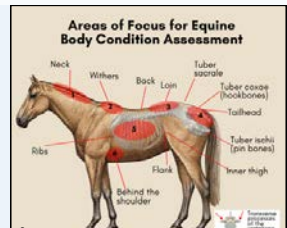
**Withers:** Bulging fat.

**Back:** Positive crease down the back

**Tailhead:** Bulging fat.

**Ribs:** Patchy fat over the ribs.

**Shoulders:** Bulging fat.



A body condition score (BCS) is a tool used to assess body fat, potential nutritional imbalances, and overall health. Other helpful tools for Equine include Cresty Neck Scoring, an assessment tool used to visually evaluate the amount of fat deposited along a horse's neck associated with identifying horses at risk for metabolic disorders and a Muscle Condition Score to help identify areas of muscle loss or imbalance.

Henneke, D. R., Bellows, R. A., & Cole, J. B. (1983). Relationship between condition score, physical measurements, and body fat percentage in mares. *Equine Veterinary Journal*, 15(4), 371-372.

# SECTION N

## JUDGES GUIDELINES

### SSADL JUDGES

Judge's Membership is valid from 1st January to 31st December per year.

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Judge's membership application/Child Protection forms and payment is due by the

1st October 2026, to be sent to the Judges Co-ordinator to be valid for the 2027 Judges panel.

No late membership application or not fully completed forms will be accepted under any circumstance.

1. All judges must be members of Senior Showing and Dressage Limited.
2. It is advised that judges have their own personal insurance.
3. Application forms and Child Protection forms must be fully completed and returned before a judges application will be accepted. This form must accompany the judges application form. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

### 4. For all RIHS & LIHS Direct Routes and 2nd Round Grand Finals **IN-HAND SHOW SECTION**

1. Come out to the judge, face left and halt, the judge will **NOT** look around your animal so move off once told to by the judge.
2. Walk off, after a few strides in walk go into trot.
3. Turn right, the 2nd right turn right diagonally across the arena.
4. Turn left and pass 2nd left corner towards the long side of arena.
5. Walk/Halt/Salute. You must stop exactly where the stewards tell you to.
6. In-Hand competitors do not need to use all the arena.

### **RIDDEN SHOW SECTION**

1. Come out to the judge, face left and halt, the judge will **NOT** look round your animal so move off once told to by the judge.
2. Walk a few strides then trot in a straight line.
3. Before the first right hand corner pick up right leg canter.
4. Second corner turn right diagonally across the arena, (trotting for at least half the diagonal).
5. Picking up left rein canter up before the first left corner, canter 2nd left corner.
6. After 2nd corner canter, trot and walk/halt/salute.
7. You must stop exactly where the judge/steward tells you to.
8. Once you have halted and saluted, please trot back into line. (This is important do to keep the class running.)

### **STRIP SECTION FOR BOTH IN-HAND AND RIDDEN**

All horses and ponies will be required to complete the strip section both for In-Hand and Ridden.

Note: Lead Rein and First Ridden competitors will remain **MOUNTED** for this section.

1. Walk to the judge, face left and halt.
2. Please tell the judge a brief history of your animal.
3. On command from the judge walk away for a few strides, then trot around the 1st and 2nd right corners of the arena. You do not trot straight back to the judge.
4. Walk, halt where you are told to and salute. Quickly trot straight back into line.

If a competitor deviates from the set show this will be reflected in the marking system and will be marked down.

5. **It is most important that judges acquaint themselves with ALL sections of the 2026 Rule Book.**
6. Judges wishing to compete in the SSADL Showing Series are required to become a showing member also.
7. Judges are only allowed to judge up to **FOUR LIHS 1ST ROUNDS/MEMBERS CHALLENGE/SENIOR OF**

# SECTION N

## JUDGES GUIDELINES *continued*

THE YEAR QUALIFIERS in the current year, unless under exceptional circumstances approved by SSADL.

8. a) LIHS 1st Round/Members Challenge/Senior of the Year Qualifiers can be judged by SSADL graded (O) or 1\* & 2\*\* Judges.  
b) Only 1\* or 2\*\* Judges can Judge Royal International Horse Show Qualifiers.  
c) Only 2\*\* Judges can judge the Royal International Horse Show Grand Final.  
d) Only 2\*\* Judges can judge the London ExCel International Horse Show Direct Routes/2nd Round qualifiers and Grand Final.  
e) Eligible Judges can only judge Two RIHS and Two LIHS Direct Routes or 2nd Rounds qualifiers per year (unless agreed by the SSADL Head Office.)
9. If invited to judge the Grand Final at the The Royal International Horse Show or London International Horse Show judges must not judge at any other SSADL classes during that year.
10. Judges should acquaint themselves with all the 2026 SSADL Rule Book and SSADL Mark Sheets when judging. Format of Judging: Judges are required to judge SSADL classes within the rules of SSADL laid out in the 2026 Rule Book. Failure to do so be deemed unacceptable and said judge's membership may be revoked.
11. Judges are not allowed to judge any rider/handler or owner of senior equines with whom they have a close relation that includes, but is not exclusive to receiving hospitality the day before, on the day or after a show. This also includes holidaying together in the current or proceeding year. SSADL expects all judges, competitors and owners to adhere to the spirit of the rule. SSADL advises any person/s showing blatant disregard of this rule, then SSADL reserve the right to investigate said matter and will act accordingly.
12. **Business, Financial, Commercial untakings:**  
Riders/handlers and owners of senior equines may not show under a judge with whom there has been business, financial or commercial connections, this applies to the judges immediate family or business partners, SSADL would expect all judges, competitor and owners to adhere to the spirit of this rule. SSADL advises any person/s showing blatant disregard of this rule, then SSADL reserves the right to investigate said matter and will act accordingly. Judges are advised to take copies of the current mark sheets to shows. If for any reason there are no mark sheets available, then this is the judge's responsibility to improvise and ensure marks are awarded and recorded for all sections they are judging. Marks sheets can be obtained from the SSADL head office or website.
13. It is advised that judges should check that the show has provided a rule book for use by stewards and hold as the reserve copy. In addition to this it is essential for the judge to take and have a Rule Book in the show ring for reference should any questions or problems regarding rules arise.
14. a) RIHS QUALIFIERS: Marks MUST NOT be used for this qualifier A judge may take into the ring a note pad to make notes BUT THIS IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION.  
b) **THERE WILL BE NO PULL AFTER THE INITIAL GO ROUND IN, ALL RIHS/LIHS QUALIFIERS/MEMBERS CHALLENGE/SENIOR OF THE YEAR QUALIFIERS**  
c) It is important that all judges show an interest in the ponies/horses brought before them and request a brief account of the animal's equine history.  
d) It is very important that a judge still follows the rules of the society, including taking into account the:  
Way of going  
Manners  
Movement  
Presentation

# SECTION N

## JUDGES GUIDELINES *continued*

Condition

Type

Breed and Equine History

Mark for equine age

Suppleness for age

15. a) **LIHS 1ST ROUNDS/DIRECT ROUTES & 2ND ROUNDS/MEMBERS CHALLENGES/SENIOR OF THE YEAR QUALIFIERS MARK SHEETS MUST BE USED.**
- b) **SSADL MARKING SYSTEM**  
Out of 50 - Way of going, Manners, Movement, Presentation  
Out of 30 - Condition, Manners, Type, Breed and Equine History  
Out of 20 - Mark for equine age, suppleness for age

In the event of a tie the "mark for equine age, suppleness for age" mark will take precedence, followed by the mark for "way of going, manners, movement, presentation" followed by "condition, manners, type, breed and equine history".

Any marks noted incorrectly/inadvertently by the steward may be adjusted and must be signed or initialled by the judge.

- c) It is important that all judges show an interest in the ponies/horses brought before them and request a brief account of the animal's equine history. This is to be considered and reflected within the marking system (out of 30 mark).
16. No half marks will be allowed.
17. Mark sheets must be completed for each class judged. Sheets **must** not be altered. All additions to be correctly checked. **THIS IS THE JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITY - NOT YOUR STEWARD'S.**
18. If for any reason a mark should have been collated incorrectly then this must be changed by the judge. The judge is required to state the time the mark was changed and sign at the side of the mark.
19. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT JUDGES USE THE FULL RANGE OF MARKS AT ALL TIMES.**
20. Within the marking system, only halt, walk, trot and canter will be marked during the classes. All other movements (**counter-canter, rein-back, flying changes**) will not be marked. (These movements within dressage tests will be judged accordingly.)
21. a) In the RIHS Qualifiers/Grand Finals, LIHS 1st, 2nd rounds and Direct Routes/Senior of the Year and Members Challenge Preliminary round and Grand Final at SSADL National Championship show competitors in both the Ridden and In-Hand sections will be required to perform a simple set show and will be advised of the required movements by the judge/steward. All judges and members will receive the NEW set show in their membership pack and a copy will be on the new website.  
Competitors must not deviate from this. Failure to do the given set show will be **severely** reflected in the marks judged out of 50.
- b) SSADL would ask judges to take on board should a competitor deviate from the set show said competitor will need to be penalized and reflect that error in the final placings.
- Important: SSADL pride themselves in having several disabled and competitors with learning disabilities competing within our series. Please ensure that all competitors are told exactly the set show required.**
22. Judges are advised to inform their steward of the rules before starting the class, including facial and body jewellery, spurs, hats, marking system, etc.

# SECTION N

## JUDGES GUIDELINES *continued*

23. **No Galloping or Canter Extensions** are allowed in SSADL classes. This will result in **DISQUALIFICATION**.
- (i) All First Ridden competitors will only be expected to canter in their individual show. Ponies will not be cantered in the go-round.
  - (ii) Lead Rein/First Ridden competitors in all classes will be called into the centre of the ring before the command of trot is given
24. In all SSADL classes where a strip section is required, Lead Rein/First Ridden competitors will remain mounted for the walk and trot section.
25. Before any SSADL Showing classes may commence, all judges must complete the safety checklist to ensure a high level of safety is in force and complies with Health & Safety regulations.
26. Judges are not allowed to charge a judging fee but can have expenses reimbursed. Judges contact the show secretary to discuss if not provided when invited.
27. SSADL reserve the right to remove from the panel any judge for any reason including being found to be guilty of misconduct or bringing the Series into disrepute.
28. **NO JUDGE WILL JUDGE ANY ANIMAL THAT IS OWNED OR HAS BEEN OWNED BY THEM. THIS APPLIES TO ALL SSADL CLASSES INCLUDING ANY GRAND FINALS. IT IS THE COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.**
29. Ponies/horses that have suffered injuries in the past resulting in scarring or blemishes will not be penalised within the marking system, providing the pony/horse has completely recovered and showing no signs of discomfort.
30. **FLY REPELLENT IS ALLOWED.**
- (a) **THE IDENTIFICATION OF A PONY/HORSE MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR NATIONAL EQUINE PASSPORT NO COLOUR CHANGING DYES, MARKINGS/BLEMISHES/SCARRING MUST NOT BE HIDDEN, ALTERED OR COVERED UP.**
  - (b) **EQUINE SCARRING OR BLEMISHES WILL NOT BE PENALISED WITHIN THE MARKING SYSTEM THEREFORE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE CONCEALED.**
  - (c) **HOOF PAINT/VARNISH COLOURED OR CLEAR IS NOT ALLOWED.**
  - (d) **NATURAL HOOF OIL IS PERMISSIBLE.**
  - (e) **TRIMMING AND PLAITING - ANIMALS TO BE SHOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH BREED SOCIETY/GOVERNING BODY GUIDELINES. CAN BE PLAITED OR UNPLAITED IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS/COMPETITORS TO ENSURE YOUR EQUINE COMPLIES WITH THE MAKE-UP RULES ABOVE.**
31. Due to welfare issues clipping of equines is **ALLOWED** and is **NOT** to be marked down.
32. **SSADL AGE BADGE** must be clearly displayed on the offside of the bridle by **MEMBERS** in all **Qualifiers and Grand Finals** using the approved SSADL showing badges. **IF NOT WORN, THIS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION – except for the fast track process.**
33. **SSADL STALLION BADGE** to be worn at all times.
34. Late entries are not allowed in the ring once initial order to trot is given.
35. **INITIAL GO ROUND** - Should a competitor not have completed the initial go round due to lateness, it is at the judge discretion whether said competitor may compete in the rest of the class however, then should this situation arise the competitor **MUST GO NON- COMPETITIVE AND NO PLACING OR MARKS WILL BE AWARDED ON THE MARK SHEET.**

# SECTION N

## JUDGES GUIDELINES *continued*

36. Any fall of a pony/horse and/or rider/handler will result in disqualification. Riders cannot re-mount in the ring.
37. Any judge found to have brought SSADL into disrepute through cruelty or dishonesty will have their membership revoked immediately and further disciplinary action could be taken.
38. Any pony/horse displaying continued disobedience, leaving the ring mounted or dismounted, will be disqualified.
39. If a competitor should dismount after the awards have been presented and before leaving the ring, they will be disqualified. Placings would be amended.
40. **Judges are asked to REFRAIN from touching the ponies/horses in the ring.**
41. **SHOEING: ALL THERAPEUTIC STEEL AND PLASTIC SHOES AND SUPPORT PADS ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE SSADL CLASSES.**
42. **BITS:** Double, Pelham, Snaffle are accepted. **Running Gags, Bubble bits and Swales bits are not permitted. JUDGES WILL TAKE THE SEVERITY OF THE BIT INTO CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE MARKING SYSTEM.**
43. **NOSEBANDS:** Flash and grackle **are** permitted within the Series if accompanied by the correct bridle (snaffle, pelham or double) as they are permitted within pony club/showjumping/eventing/working hunter.
44. **BRIDLES:** Judges to take into consideration the severity of the bit used.  
**IN-HAND BRIDLES: Bitted or halters should be used within traditional/breed/governing body regulations of the relevant societies. THE IN-HAND LEAD REIN MUST NOT BE ATTACHED FROM THE SIDE OF THE BIT AND UP THROUGH THE BACK OF THE NOSEBAND BEFORE ATTACHING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BIT. ANYONE SEEN DOING THIS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE RING.**
45. **BITLESS BRIDLES:** Can only be used when accompanied by an explanatory veterinary letter – reference a welfare issue. This letter should be forwarded with membership application.
46. **OVER-REACH BOOTS:** Can only be worn when accompanied by an explanatory veterinary letter – reference a welfare issue. This letter should be forwarded with membership application.
47. Dispensation letters from competitors are valid within the In-Hand and ridden section for phases 1 and 2.
48. **PRESENTATION/AWARDS:** All judges have the right to alter marks and placing if a pony/horse misbehaves after the marks have been issued. If for any reason the marks are altered. **It is the judge's duty/responsibility to ensure the alteration and explanation is recorded on the mark sheet and timed and dated.** This rule applies until all competitors have left the ring.
49. **ALL RIDERS SUITABLY MOUNTED**  
**All senior animals ridden anywhere on a showground, warm up area, rings or lorry park MUST only be ridden by a rider whose size and weight dose not compromise the animal's welfare. We are operating under a 20% rider weight guideline, where the rider in full riding attire and full tack must be less than 20% of the animal's body weight. This is based on a relatively fit healthy animal, as overweight animals are also a welfare concern.**  
**SSADL Officials, and Governing Bodies reserve the right to request a rider of a senior horse or pony to dismount and leave the ring or surrounding areas. This rule will be monitored throughout the season.**
50. **JUDGES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GROOM FOR ANY COMPETITOR IN ANY SSADL CLASSES.**



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