

THE CASPIAN HORSE SOCIETY RULES FOR SHOWING

Amended and effective from May 2017

These Rules are intended for use by Show Secretaries of the CHS, affiliated Shows, Judges and Exhibitors.

Definitions

Member – Member of the Caspian Horse Society.

Affiliated Shows – Shows affiliated to the Caspian Horse Society

Exhibitor – An owner, producer or other person responsible for a horse at a show.

Producer – A person who undertakes the professional preparation and/or training of a horse for the Show ring.

General Rules

1. All horses exhibited in Pure or Part-Bred Classes must be registered with the Caspian Horse Society, or other Society being a member of the International Caspian Society (ICS), and should be entered in the name under which they have been registered, unless stated in the Schedule as open to non-members.
2. Exhibitors must be members of a Caspian society affiliated to the ICS to be eligible for the Breed Society Awards or may join the CHS not later than 14 days before the show.
3. An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a horse bred, sold, leased or produced by the Judge, his/her immediate family or his/her employer.
4. A rider may not ride in a class judged by someone for whom he/she has ridden in the show ring in the same year.
5. An exhibitor may not show under a Judge for whom he/she has produced a horse in the same year.
6. Exhibitors may not remove their horse/s from the Ring during judging without the Judge's permission.
7. In all classes whips/canes must not exceed 75 centimetres (30 inches). If misused in the opinion of the Judge, an exhibitor may be sent out of the Ring and may also be disqualified. A show cane is a plain or leather-covered cane.
8. Pure-bred Caspians should be shown in the natural state, not plaited. Justifiable tidying is allowed but manes and tails should not be pulled.
9. In all Working Hunter Classes, spurs are not allowed.
10. There is no age limit for riders in Ridden and Working Hunter classes; however the weight limit for riders of pure-breds is 9 stone.
11. Exhibitors and their grooms must, at all times, present themselves in the Ring neatly and smartly dressed.
12. Correctly secured current British standard skull caps/riding hats must be worn at all times when mounted (including side saddle class). NB: A rider whose hat comes off or chin strap comes undone whilst competing must, on penalty of elimination, replace it or fasten it before

continuing. He/she may dismount without penalty to recover the hat or have it passed up from the ground, or may stop without penalty to fasten the chin strap.

13. Handlers aged 14 years and under of horses in In-Hand classes must wear correctly secured current British Standard skull caps/riding hats.
14. Any horse/pony deemed by the judge to be dangerous to himself or other competitors will be instructed to be removed from the ring.
15. The judge may require that any competitor using abusive language or behaviour towards officials, competitors, horses or spectators should leave the ring and be disqualified.
16. Fall of either horse or rider will incur immediate elimination, rider not permitted to remount.
17. The class ends when the Judge dismisses the class.
18. In all Breeding classes brood mares must be four years old or over.
19. All Ridden horses must be four years old or over.
20. No horse shall be shown on a leading rein except those entered in ridden Leading Rein Classes. The rein should be attached only to the nose band.
21. Mares with a living foal born during the current season are not eligible to compete in Ridden classes. All foals must be at least three weeks old on the day of the Show and must accompany their dam into the ring and be led alongside the mare as much as possible, except on the presentation of the death certificate of the dam.
22. Unlicensed colts up to 3 years of age may only be shown in a Youngstock or Progeny class and must be adequately controlled (see also Rules 24 and 27).
- 23: All entire horses 2 years or over shown in the Stallion class must be in possession of a current Stallion Licence issued by the CHS or another ICS member society. However, until colts reach the required 24 months of age for inspection, a temporary, non-breeding 'Showing Licence' may be applied for in their 2nd year, which must be stated in the show catalogue. (NB: Issue of a Showing Licence neither implies nor assumes the granting of a Stallion Licence)
24. The Judge's decision is final.

In Hand Classes

25. Youngstock, 1,2,3 years, are eligible to be shown in halter, leather headcollar or snaffle bridle only.
26. Brood Mares should be shown in a snaffle bit.
27. Foals up to one year of age **must** only be shown in a halter or leather head collar. No foal to be shown in a bit of any type. Weaned foals must be more than 20 weeks old. No foal to be clipped out or lunged.
28. All stallions and colts two years old or over must be adequately bitted and under control and may not be handled by a person under 18 years of age.

Ridden Classes

- 29 All horses in Ridden classes must be shown in a suitable snaffle bit, but horses in jumping and Working Hunter classes may be shown in suitable tack and bit. Tack must be in safe condition.
- 30 Stallions may only be ridden if written permission is first obtained from the CHS Chairman. When requesting permission, the owner's/keeper's statement as to the stallion's safe behaviour when ridden in mixed company should be sent to the Chairman, along with the age of his rider and the show and classes to be entered. All, plus the Chairman's permission, should be included with the entry form when sending to the show secretary. Please allow sufficient time for your request to be considered and paperwork to be returned. In the interests of safety the stallion must wear identifying discs* on both sides of his bridle. (*Discs may be obtainable for £2 each from <http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/news/show/1261-new-british-dressage-stallion-discs>)

Part-Bred Caspians

- 31 In Part-Bred breeding classes, horses may be plaited at the discretion of the Exhibitor.
- 32 In all other respects the above rules apply.

Judges

- 33 At all shows affiliated to the C.H.S., Judges must be on the approved Judges' Panel.
- 34 Members participating in Performance Awards must present show record cards to Show Secretaries for signing *before leaving the Showground*.

Affiliated Shows

- 35 All Shows wishing to affiliate to the Caspian Horse Society must submit a Schedule in Draft form, (together with the names of Judges who have accepted to judge) to the secretary of the CHS at the registered office address, or by email, not less than 4 weeks before the show. If a Draft Schedule is not submitted, affiliation will not be granted.
- 36 In the event of a Judge being unable to fulfil his/her judging obligations, the Show must immediately inform the C.H.S.' office and must submit the names of the substitute Judge/s. Substitutions and nomination of entries are not allowed.

C.H.S. Council reserves the right to amend, add to or subtract from these Rules, which shall be effective from the date of publishing to the members of the Society.