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1. Where possible it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure eligibility.
2. It is the organiser's responsibility to make available the name of the Judge so that competitors can determine their eligibility.
3. A competitor must not compete in any class in which the Judge is a member of the competitor's immediate family.
4. The horse/pony or derivative must not compete in any class in which the Judge, or member of his/her family has bred, owned, loaned, leased or produced within the previous six months.
5. A competitor or a member of competitor's family must not accommodate the Judge as a houseguest within one month prior to, or during the show.
6. Any part of the combination (horse and driver) which has received individual tuition (other than clinics or arranged club activities) by the Judge within the previous three months is ineligible to compete.
7. A competitor who has employed or been employed by the Judge, or has been a business partner within the previous three months must not compete.
8. A competitor, who has trained, owned or leased a horse/pony or derivative from the Judge within the previous three months, must not compete in any class.
9. Where the Judge or a member of the Judge's family has driven the horse/pony or derivative for the competitor, within the previous three months, is ineligible to compete.
10. A competitor is to ensure that the horse/pony or derivative is eligible for classes entered. However, where a Judge knowingly permits an ineligible exhibit to compete, both Judge and competitor will be held in breach of the rules.
11. Competitors shall, at all times, behave in a proper and respectful manner to judges, show officials and their fellow competitors.
12. Competitors should be correctly and neatly attired in dress appropriate for the class.
13. Competitors are required to present the horse/pony or derivative in a clean and appropriate manner for the class.
14. Competitors should not call either the Judge or Steward by given names while in the ring - either "Sir" or "Madam" is more appropriate.
15. The Judge or Steward should not refer to any competitor by name.
16. If competitors wish to speak to the Judge, approach the Steward to find a suitable time to do so.
17. The Judge's decision is final.
18. Once judging has commenced, the horse/pony or derivative shall not leave the ring without the permission of the Judge.
19. Once judging has commenced, there shall be no change of driver.
20. Competitors need to show consideration for all other competitors, particularly those with young or green horses.
21. Competitors shall present themselves on time for the judging of the class.
22. Competitors shall accept placings graciously.
23. It shall be the competitor's responsibility to ensure they are eligible for the classes entered.
24. To acknowledge and retain sponsors, competitors are encouraged to write 'thankyou' notes to them.
25. Late competitors should ask the Steward to refer to the Judge if requesting permission to enter the ring/class late.