

## **Cleveland Bay Horse Society Guidelines for Judges**

Judges representing the Cleveland Bay Horse Society must act and dress in an appropriate manner to uphold the reputation of the CBHS and its objectives.

A Judge may not adjudicate a class in which, to the judge's knowledge, a horse has been bred, sold, leased, or broken by the judge or his/her immediate family. If on the day such a horse is forward another judge must place the horse in the line-up.

Judges must only be accompanied in the ring by the persons appointed by the show or a probationary judge approved by the society.

Judges must be a fully paid up member of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society.

Whilst judges are encouraged to carry schedules, they are forbidden from referring to the show catalogue either prior to judging, or during their own classes.

When judging purebred classes, substance, bone and the CBHS breed standards should be taken into consideration.

Judges must not ask how the horse is bred during judging. It is acceptable to ask how much CB is in the horse in a mixed class of pure and part breds.

When judging brood mare classes, Judges must consider the condition of the foal. Also, when comparing a Mare with a foal at foot with a barren mare, allowances should be made regarding condition of the former for suckling the foal.

All foals must be 3 weeks old on the day of the show (unless the show rules state otherwise) and must accompany their dam into the ring and be led alongside the mare as much as possible.

All horses one year and older must be adequately bitted. In-hand colts and stallions 4 years and over are recommended to be presented in stallion harness and suitably bitted. Safety is paramount.

If, in the opinion of the judge, any horse entered is unsound, the judge may, at his or her discretion, ask the exhibitor to withdraw the horse from the class.

If in the opinion of the judge a horse's conduct or behaviour is detrimental to the society or a danger to other exhibitors and spectators, then the Judge may ask for the handler to leave the ring.

If an owner or exhibitor acts in an inappropriate or un-sportsmanlike manner at a show they may be subject to disciplinary action.

Any other objection or complaint relating to the shows should be made in accordance with the procedure set out in the relative show rules.

The rider/handler may not remove their horse or themselves from the ring during judging, without permission from the judge. The class ends when the judge dismisses the class.

At the commencement of judging a class is closed and horses will only be allowed to enter the ring at the judge's discretion. As a guide this should be no later than when the horses have walked around the ring a couple of times for the in hand and for ridden when the class goes into a trot.

Exhibitors and their grooms must present themselves in the show ring appropriately dressed and act in a professional manner.

Correctly secured headgear must be worn.

Judges should only adjudicate at Cleveland Bay Classes at **ONE** show per season unless sanctioned by the CB Show Committee.

In the event of a judge being unable to fulfil his/her judging commitments they must immediately inform the Show Committee Chair, and the Show Committee will sort out a replacement judge.

Should a show contact the judge regarding the cancellation of classes please refer the matter to the CBHS office or Show Committee.

Judges should not touch horses during the examination of confirmation due to health and safety reasons.

Complaints by exhibitors should be made in writing in accordance with the CBHS Complaints Procedure for a CBHS run show, or any other show to the Show Secretary, and the appropriate fee paid.

Mobile phones must be turned off while judging is taking place.

As some judges are appointed early please can you make sure your membership is paid before the 1<sup>st</sup> January in order to be re-appointed on to the Judges Panel.

The Judge has discretion to withhold any prize if he or she considers there is insufficient merit.

The judge's decision is final.

**Show Committee April 2018**