

Horse of the Year Show

Search for a Star 2008

To see if you qualify please read the rules:

- The organisers (South Essex Insurance Brokers Ltd) reserve the right to refuse and/or disqualify an entry without giving a reason at any time.
- The judges decision, at any point in the competition, is final.
- Any RIDER or OWNER within the following categories is exempt from competing in or entering an animal in Search for a Star.
 - judges registered within 2 years of the competition date with any showing association, organisation or breed society.
 - anyone who produces or schools show horses or ponies for financial remuneration.
 - anyone resident at the same address as anyone, who has owned, ridden or exhibited a horse or pony in a show class at the Horse of the Year show since 1997.
 - Anyone who has ridden, exhibited or owned a horse in any show class at Horse of the Year Show since and including 1997.
- The HORSE or PONY being exhibited must not be produced in a professional showing yard although may have been purchased from a professional before Jan 2008. However, it must meet all other qualification criteria.
- Hard hats fitted with a safety harness and to an approved and accepted standard and correct footwear with a heel must be worn while mounted on the showground at all venues.
- The rules of the Sport Horse Breeding of GB, British Show Horse Association apply in all selection classes unless otherwise stated. Competitors in the final must comply with the rules of the Horse Of Year Show.
- No stallion or entire is eligible.
- Any horse or pony that has qualified for the **Horse of the Year Show or Royal International Horse Show** before March 1, 2008, is not eligible for entry into Search for a Star 2008. Qualification after March 1, 2008, for HOYS or RIHS is acceptable but the horse or pony must not compete at HOYS before being judged in the first round of Search for a Star.
- A competitor or owner may enter more than one qualifying class at more than one selection venue but can only take up qualification in one class with one horse at HOYS.
- An owner/rider qualifying and then unable to complete the first round at HOYS is permitted to enter a selection on a subsequent year provided a letter is submitted with the new entry form explaining the circumstances.
- Being placed first or second in a qualifying class does not automatically entitle a competitor to an invitation to compete at HOYS. An invitation will be issued only if the judges consider the entry is of a suitable standard to appear at HOYS.
- Entries for only one horse/pony can be made on each entry form, which must be signed by the owner. In the case of multiple ownership, the entry form must be signed by each owner.
- Refund of entry fees will be made, upon application, up to 7 days after the qualifier but only on the production of a valid certificate from a doctor or veterinary surgeon. £10 per class will be deducted for administration costs.
- No entries will be accepted on the day of a competition. Closing date for entries being paid by cheque is 10 days prior to the qualifying selection day. After that, arrangements must be made to pay in cash directly to the secretary, subject to the availability of places.
- Only complaints in writing with a full name, address and telephone number, made within 30 minutes of the grievance arising will be considered. No correspondence will be entered into, beyond that necessary to inform parties of a decision if it cannot be reached on the day. If you have any knowledge of a qualified horse that proves it does not meet the criteria for qualification for Search for a Star at Horse of the Year show please write directly to N. MacKenzie at SEIB, South Essex Insurance House, North Road, South Ockendon, Essex RM15 5BE with your name, address and telephone number. Your details will remain strictly confidential.
- Competitors must declare 30 minutes before the start of each class. No professional help is allowed in the warm-up or main ring at the qualifiers or championship.
- GROOMS - No person may attend a horse/pony in the arena who is inappropriately dressed or deemed a showing professional. Hard hats must be worn by grooms at all times when in the arena.
- Horses may be shown in snaffle, double or Pelham bridles.
- No rider may compete side saddle.
- The combination of horse, owner and rider that qualifies must compete at Horse of the Year Show. The horse must remain with the same owner and no change of rider will be allowed without a medical certificate forwarded to and agreed by South Essex Insurance Brokers before the Monday immediately preceding Horse of the Year Show.
- If there is a large entry the class may be split. Competitors will be told times at declaration which must be at least 30 minutes before the published time of the class.
- In the working hunter and riding club show horse classes any horse that does not jump clear is unlikely to be asked back for further judging.
- Badly behaved horses may be asked to leave the ring, the judge has the right to refuse to ride any horse at anytime.
- Entry form must be completed and signed by both owner & rider.

It is important that you read the rules carefully before completing your entry form

Search for a Star Secretary: 5 Magpie Drive, Totton, Southampton SO40 8TE Tel: 023 8066 3310

Just £12 of your entry fee is retained by SEIB for running the competition. The remainder goes to HOYS.

Exhibitors who qualify must apply for a schedule to the HOYS Show Office, 10th Street, NAC, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2XS, tel: (024) 7669 3088, fax: (024) 7606 9003

The Horse of the Year Show will be held at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on 8th-12th October 2008



About Search for a Star at Horse of the Year show

Search for a Star is designed to give amateur riders and owners an opportunity to compete at the prestigious Horse of the Year Show and to identify top class horses and ponies which otherwise may not be given the opportunity to compete at this level. It is, however, run by professionals and the imposed standards are identical to those applied to professionals. One fundamental difference is that at HOYS the judges will use radio microphones to give their thoughts and explain decisions. They will not publicly criticize riders or horses.



18 May 2008
Blackburn
Lancashire

21 June 2008
Braintree
Essex

12 July 2008
Addington
Buckinghamshire

19 July 2008
Hook
Hampshire

16 August 2008
Badgworth
Somerset



Horse of the Year Show Schedule for Search for a Star 2008



8.30 AM - WORKING HUNTER

15hh and over. Horses 4 years and over. Riders 16 years or over on venue date. Horses will be asked to jump a short course not exceeding 3ft Gins. Martingales and boots permitted for the jumping phase. The same bridle must be worn throughout. Tweed jackets are acceptable. Grooms, correctly dressed, may be required in the arena. Rosettes to 6th place. 1st and 2nd quality at judges discretion
Entry fee £38 - SEIB insured £30



9.45 AM - RIDING CLUB SHOW HORSE

Horses, 15hh and over, 4 years and over. Riders 16 years or over on venue date. Judged on 50% conformation, temperament, type and manners and 50% performance. Judges will ensure that conformation and temperament allows the horse to be a competent all round performer, capable of doing most work including jumping and dressage. Harmony of horse and rider will be taken into account and you will be expected to demonstrate the ability to negotiate a small rustic and a coloured obstacle. Jumping style and approach is important. Snaffle bridles will not be penalized, but the same bridle must be worn throughout the competition. Martingales optional. Tweed or show jackets. Correctly dressed grooms may be required in the arena. Rosettes to 6th place. 1st and 2nd quality at judges discretion
Entry fee £38 - SEIB insured £30



11.00 AM - SHOW HUNTER

Exceeding 15hh, 4 years and over. Riders 16 years or over on the date of venue. Class will not be divided into different weights. Tweed jacket. Correctly dressed grooms may be required in the arena. Rosettes to 6th place. 1st and 2nd quality at judges discretion
Entry fee £38 - SEIB insured £30

12.15 PM - SOUTH ESSEX INSURANCE BROKERS AND ROR HOYS RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE THOROUGHBRED SHOW HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Separate schedule and entry form required for this class

For a schedule please send a SAE to: 5 Magpie Drive, Totton, Southampton SO40 8TE Tel: 023 8066 3310



1.30 - 2.15 PM - LUNCH

2.15 PM - SHOW PONIES & SHOW HUNTER PONIES

Ponies not exceeding 15hh, 4 years and over. Riders not exceeding 20 years on Jan 1, 2008. Will be expected to perform a short, individual show. Correctly dressed grooms may be required in the arena. Leading rein ponies NOT ELIGIBLE. The best of type will win. Rosettes to 6th place. 1st and 2nd quality at judges discretion. At HOYS, championship rosettes will be awarded to both a Show Pony and a Show Hunter Pony and they will both qualify for the final judging.
Entry fee £38 - SEIB insured £30



3.30 PM - RIDING HORSE/HACK

15hh or over, 4 years or over. Riders 16 years or over on the date of venue. Riding horse - tweed jacket. Hack - show jacket. Correctly dressed grooms may be required in the arena. The best of type will win. Rosettes to 6th place. 1st and 2nd quality at judges discretion
At HOYS, championship rosettes will be awarded to both a Riding Horse and a Hack and they will both qualify for the final judging.
Entry fee £38 - SEIB insured £30



4.45 PM - COBS

Up to 15.1hh, 4 years or over. Riders 16 years or over on the date of venue. Tweed jacket. Correctly dressed grooms may be required in the arena. Rosettes to 6th place. 1st and 2nd quality at judges discretion
Entry fee £38 - SEIB insured £30



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18 May 2008

Osbaldeston Equestrian Centre, Blackburn BB2 7LZ
Tel 01254 813159

21 June 2008

Unex Towerlands Equestrian Centre
Panfield Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 5BJ
Tel 01376 326802

12 July 2008

Addington Manor Equestrian Centre
Addington, Buckingham MK18 2JR
Tel 01296 712402

19 July 2008

Wellington Equestrian Centre
Heckfield, Hook, Hampshire RG27 0LJ
Tel 0118 932 6308

16 August 2008

Badgworth Riding Centre
Beech Tree Farm, Badgworth Arena, Badgworth Lane
Badgworth, Somerset BS26 2QU
Tel 01934 732 543

KEY DETAILS

All horses and ponies qualify for a rosette.
All times are approximate – see rules about declaration.
HAVING QUALIFIED YOUR ENTRY WILL BE PROCESSED BY HOYS
• 1st and 2nd are eligible for HOYS but qualification is not automatic.
The Judges will ensure that the horse/pony reach the required standard.
You must declare 30 minutes before the beginning of each class.
We will endeavour to run to time, however, further information from the secretary will be available on the day. Please read the rules.

STABLING

Please arrange stabling directly with your venue of choice.

PLEASE NOTE

Please read the Rules. Closing date for entries paid by cheque is 10 days before each venue date.
Entry fees will be returned if the class is full.

