

Riding Club Rules

- Membership renewal date on the first club meeting in February.
- To qualify as a member you must either own or ride a veteran horse or pony (15 years plus) or be over 35 years of age
- All members are encouraged to help in some way.
- A points system will be run throughout the year to encourage member participation.
- Points awarded for VHPRC events only, are awarded from the start of membership, and cannot be backdated.
- Members attending demonstrations and talks will be charged a small fee of £1 to cover costs. Guests are welcome and will be charged £3.
- All competitions will be run in accordance with BHS rules.
- Variations on tack and equipment will be accepted at rallies and fun ridden events only.
- Club meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of the month at The Griffin, 107 London Road, Bridgegate, Bristol, BS30 5JN unless otherwise advised.

Qualifying Show Rules

- Horse and rider combinations may only qualify once. If we do not receive your qualifying card on time, you cannot qualify a second time.
- Horse and rider combinations can qualify in both ridden and in-hand classes.
- Highest placed in each age group qualify. (15 to 19 years, 20 to 24 years and 25 years and over.) If these have already qualified, the card will be passed down to previous non-qualifiers to 6th place.
- For Mature Rider qualification first 2 qualify but if previously qualified the qualification can pass down to 6th place.
- For Mature Handler qualification first 2 qualify but if previously qualified the qualification can pass down to 6th place.
- Qualifying card must be returned within 14 days of the show. Strictly no late entries.
- All qualifying combinations will receive a certificate and rosette at the qualifying show.
- Entry to the Championships does not require you to be a member of the club but entry fees for the Championship classes will be higher than that for members.
- The age category that you qualify in will not necessarily correspond with the age categories at the Championship show.

Championship Show Rules

- Qualified horse and rider combinations only.
- No professional riders.
- No unsound horse allowed in the ring.
- No stripping of horses.
- Age to be displayed.
- Proof of age may be required.
- All horses must be bitted if ridden.
- Complaints must be made immediately after the class and accompanied with a £10 deposit, returnable if the complaint is upheld.
- All horses, ponies and riders must be correctly turned out.
- Age categories will be advised approximately 14 days prior to the show.