

BRECKNOCKSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1974 SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

By its nature the Show presents a potentially hazardous environment. All persons concerned in the presentation of the Show need to be vigilant and ensure that any perceived hazard is, if possible, dealt with immediately and reported to the Show Administrator, Show Safety Officer, Mr Barrie Llewellyn or Bio Security Officer in order that necessary action can be taken.

All problems/incidents should in any case be reported for record. In this manner it is aimed to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons attending the show in whatever capacity, whether as Officials, Contractors, Exhibitors, Traders, Performers or Members of the Public.

This must be seen as an ongoing commitment in which all are involved. In particular, Section Secretaries and Chief Stewards must be satisfied that their Stewards have the training and experience to carry out any task allotted to them.

The Show Administrator will be responsible for sending a copy of the Policy Statement to each Officer, Committee Member, Section Secretary and Steward. The Show Secretary shall keep necessary site plans and the Accident Register in the accordance with the Regulations and where necessary report any incident to the Health and Safety Executive.

Potentially many hazards will arise from the activities of Contractors. Only professional and appropriately qualified and/or experienced Contractors shall be engaged for: General Showground Work, Electrical Supply and Maintenance, Tentage, Catering and Course Building. All Contractors must undertake to have sufficient experience staff on site to deal with emergencies on Show Day and to have sufficient insurance cover.

- (a) The Administrator will advise all Contractors that they must observe the Health and Safety at works standard appropriate to their trades, both in terms of equipment and in handling and storage.
- (b) The Administrator will advise all Traders similarly and where any of their activities on the Showground give rise to potential hazards, e.g. demonstrations of machinery, they must provide any necessary barriers and or attendants to ensure public safety
- (c) Any Operator of Fairground or similar equipment which needs Safety certification must certify to the Show Secretary that a valid certificate exists.
- (d) The Show Administrator will advise all Exhibitors of Horses that only designated parking and exercising areas and walkways must be used.
- (e) The Show Administrator will advise all Exhibitors of Sheep or Cattle as appropriate that the designated unloading areas and pens must be used and that competent adult handlers must be present.
- (f) The Dog Section Secretary will advise all Exhibitors that all Dogs must be kept on leads unless secured away from the Public or under direction of a Show Steward.

The Showground Directors will plan the site layout having regard to representations of all interested parties, giving particular attention to the designation of parking, unloading and penning arrangements for livestock to comply with the Ministry of Agriculture, Cattle and Sheep/Goat Health Scheme for approved Shows, and for parking, exercising and movement of Horses. The Show Administrator will be responsible for sending the required plan to the Agricultural Department of the Welsh Office.

A contingent of an approved First Aid organisation and a Veterinary Surgeon will be on site on Show Day.

All personnel must be alive to the possibility of an accident. A quick assessment must be made of the situation and action taken or instituted as required.

The Show Administrator and appropriate emergency service must be informed without delay. The objective is to protect the Public, contain the incident and minimise the consequence. Gate Stewards must be ready at any time to control incoming traffic in order to facilitate speedy evacuation of any casualties from the Showground. In the event of a serious fire or accident all admission to the Showground will be stopped, except by the Emergency Services. Stewards will direct people to safe areas of the Showground to leave the entrance and exits clear for Emergency Services. The Public Address System will normally be the best way to communicate instructions and information.

The Safety Officer will be on site before, during and after the Show to monitor and assist on the implementation of the requirements of the Act and to undertake general liaison.

The need to amend or update the policy Statement will be considered at Show Review Meetings.

BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY

1. Prizes presented to the Society are considered subject to the same regulations as the prize given by the Society unless special notice to the contrary be given in writing to the Society by the Donor.
2. Animals exhibited for competition must have been bred or in the possession of the exhibitor at least three months before the day of the exhibition.
3. The age of every animal in years and months shall be stated in the entry form. In case of Hereford Cattle the age shall be taken from the 1st July in each year. In the case of other animals the age shall date from such date (if any) as shall be specified by the herd, flock or stud book concerned. In all other cases the age dated from 1st January in each year.
4. (a) The Society reserves to itself the power of withholding any prizes entirely if there appears not to be sufficient merit in the exhibit shown
(b) The Society will give its prizes when there appears to be great merit although there may only be one exhibitor in the class unless otherwise stated.
5. Prizes in the Livestock classes will be paid out on the day of the Show, except that prizes will be retained in any class where an objection has been lodged, until such objection has been disposed of.
6. If it comes to the knowledge of the Committee in any way and be proved to them that any exhibitor shall knowingly sign a false certificate of stock exhibited or shown in a class for which the animal is not eligible the prizes won and any entrance fees paid shall be forfeited.
7. All arrangements in the Show Yard shall be under the control of the Show Directors, and exhibitors must obey any instructions given by the Stewards. Persons in charge of stock within the Show Yard are subject to the control of the Show Directors and the Stewards.
8. The Stock exhibited shall not be distinguished in the Show Ring by the name of the Breeder or owner but by numbers affixed to each lot corresponding with a list in the entry book kept by the Administrator.
9. All Stock (with the exception of jumpers and harness horses) exhibited must be within the Show Yard by such time as the Committee may from time to time determine and remain there until after the Grand Parade and as much longer as the Stewards may consider necessary. No animal shall be taken out of the Show Yard by such a time as the Committee may from time to time determine and remain there until after the Grand Parade and as much longer as the Stewards may consider necessary. No animal shall be taken out of the Show Yard before the specified time without a pass from the Show Directors.
10. The Society will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to or through any animal exhibited at the show and it shall be a condition entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Society harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from which conduct.
11. No person shall be allowed to fix any placard in the Yard without the written permission of the Show Directors.

12. Protests against the award of the judges must be lodged with the Administrator, in writing, previous to the animal objected to leaving the Show Yard. Their objectives afterwards will be considered by a Disputes Committee consisting of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and four members of the General Committee selected by him, whose decision shall be final, and from which there will be no appeal. Prizes not objected to on or before the time mentioned will be paid over to the respective winners and duly qualified to receive them. A deposit of Ten Pounds must be paid upon delivery of each protest to the Administrator, which deposit will be forfeited to the Society in case the objection is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Committee.
13. The exhibitor of any animal at the Society's Show may be required by the Stewards to prove the correctness of his Certificate to their satisfaction. In the absence of a life measurement certificate accepted by the Stewards as relating to the animal in question, the Stewards may require that any entry shall be measured by the Veterinary Surgeon in charge before being shown. Until the required proof has been furnished any prizes may be withheld and the exhibitor may be prohibited from exhibiting at the Society's Show.
14. The Administrator will supply on application the necessary forms of entries and no entry will be entertained unless the same is made on the prescribed form.
15. The Society, its officers or servants, shall not be held responsible to any person whatsoever while on the Society's premises or while entering or leaving the same for any damage or loss however caused to the property of any such person or any injury fatal or otherwise to any such person.
16. The Society, its officer or servants, shall not be held responsible for an accident, damage or loss however caused that may occur to any exhibitor or his servant or to any animal, article or property brought into the Show Ground or while entering or leaving or being carried into or out of the said Show Ground. Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, any animal, or article or property exhibited or brought on to the Showground by him, and he shall indemnify and hold harmless the Society from and against all actions, suits, expenses and claims on account of or in respect of any such damage or injury which may be caused or occasioned.



**Thank you to all our competitors and exhibitors.
We wish you success for 2015.**