

Dress code.

Here are some indications on what to wear, but don't worry you won't be penalised at the qualifiers for the wrong jacket although you are likely to be given advice for the future.

Don't go and spend lots of money on new clothes, it is amazing what you can borrow, but do make sure you have your own, correctly fitting hat and that it is up to current UK standards. All competitors must wear a hard hat with a safety harness and this is required in every class.

REMEMBER, GROOMS AND IN-HAND COMPETITORS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY DRESSED AND WEAR A HARD HAT.

HUNTERS/RIDING HORSES

Riders should wear tweed jacket with collar & tie, though a coloured stock is acceptable. Plain leather gloves & a show cane, with boots or half chaps. Breeches should be plain, preferably beige.

WORKING HORSE/PONY

As for hunters but the wrong colour jacket will not be penalised.

HACKS

Male riders wear as above, but lady riders may wear navy or black jackets. If you are unsure whether your horse is a hack or riding horse wear what you think is appropriate, the judges will give you some advice for the future.

COBS

As for hunters.

TRADITIONAL GYPSY COBS

Hacking/tweed show jacket, shirt and tie, gloves, breeches or jodhpurs, in one of the following colours; cream, beige, canary (white or dark coloured are not acceptable), hair net, show cane/whip (MUST NOT exceed 76cms/30inches in length), jodhpur boots for juniors and long black boots for adults or skull cap complying to the new hat rules.

RACEHORSES

The rider should wear the appropriate clothing for their type of horse for example, a hunter would wear tweed and a hack a show jacket but no competitor will be penalised for the wrong jacket.

GENERAL

Horses and ponies should be plaited except for cobs who should be hogged, except for traditional types and mountains and moorlands. Coloured browbands are acceptable for hack/riding horse. It is also considered correct dress for ADULT riders to wear spurs or dummy spurs, but this is your choice no riders under 15 years of age may wear spurs.

IN-HAND

Handlers to be dressed appropriately. Suggested clothing: tweed jacket, shirt and tie, smart trousers, appropriate footwear no trainers. Hard hat compulsory for handler and groom if in the ring.

SIMPLE SNAFFLE, SIMPLE PELHAM OR SIMPLE DOUBLE BRIDLES, EXCESSIVE LEVER ACTION IS ACTIVELY DISCOURAGED

Working horse/pony riders should remember that their horse must remain in the same tack throughout the class.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

If you are lucky enough to qualify for one of the Championships, adult riders should wear white or cream stock, men may wear a red hunting coat with top boots if appropriate for their type of horse. It is amazing what you can borrow, please don't think you have to go out and purchase lots of new clothing for one championship.

PLEASE NOTE

Grooms and In-Hand competitors should be neat, appropriately turned out AND MUST wear a hard hat.

