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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Search for a Star Competition (the "Competition") consists of a round of qualifying events held at various venues, with the Search for a Star RDA Showing Championship taking place at the British Show Horse Association National Championships ("BSHA Championships")
- 1.2. These terms and conditions (the "Rules") apply to each stage of the Competition. By submitting an Entry (as defined below) the owner ("Owner") and rider ("Rider") (the Owner and Rider each an "Entrant") named as such on the Entry Form (as defined below) agree, jointly and severally, to be bound by these Rules.
- 1.3. The Competition is organised by South Essex Insurance Brokers Limited (the "Organiser") whose principal place of business is South Essex House, North Road, South Ockendon, Essex RM15 5BE.
- 1.4. The Organiser reserves the right at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, the Competition with or without prior notice due to reasons outside its reasonable control.
- 1.5. The Entrant warrants that all information provided by the Entrant to the Organiser in the Entry Form (as defined below) and such other information that the Entrant may provide to the Organiser during or before the Competition is up-to-date, true and accurate. The Entrant must

not provide any information which he or she knows or reasonably believes to be false, inaccurate or out of date. The Entrant accepts that the Organiser may conduct checks to verify the information that the Entrant has provided to the Organiser.

- 1.6. These Rules have been developed to ensure that competitors in the Competition may compete against one another under fair and equal conditions. They cannot, however, cover every eventuality; matters that cannot be resolved by interpreting the Rules to the letter will be resolved by the Organiser, following the spirit of the text to obtain a solution that is fairest to all competitors in the Competition.
 - 1.7. Paragraph headings shall not affect the interpretation of these Rules.
- ## **2. SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FORMS**
- 2.1. To enter the Competition (an "Entry") the Entrant must complete and sign the entry form provided by the Organiser (the "Entry Form") and send their completed and signed Entry Form together with the required entry fee (the "Entry Fee") to the Organiser at the address shown on the Entry Form.
 - 2.2. By submitting an Entry, the Entrants agree to abide by the systems, rules and regulations of the Competition and these Rules. An Entry for a Rider under the age of 18 must be made by one of the Rider's parents or legal guardians. Except for such an Entry, Entries on behalf of another

person will not be accepted. The Entry Form must be fully and correctly completed. Incomplete or inaccurate Entry Forms or Entry Forms that are received without the Entry Fee will not be accepted.

the day of the Competition; and

2.5.3. the Entrant agrees to pay the Organiser a late entry fee of £10;

2.3. The closing date for Entry ("Closing Date") is as specified on the Schedule to these Rules. Subject to paragraph 2.5, payment of the Entry Fee for each Entry must be received by the Organiser in cleared funds by no later than the Closing Date.

2.6. No Entry will be accepted on the day of the Competition without prior consent of the Organiser.

2.7. An Entry for only one Horse can be made on each Entry Form. If the Entrant wishes to enter another Horse in the Competition, the Entrant must submit a new Entry Form.

2.4. An Entry must be made in the appropriate class (or classes) for which the horses or ponies ("Horses") are eligible. Except for an Entry made in accordance with paragraph 2.5 (which may be accepted at the discretion of the Organiser) no Entry will be accepted after the Closing Date. No amendments or substitutions may be made to any Entry submitted by an Entrant without the Organiser's prior written consent (which may be given or withheld at the Organiser's absolute discretion).

2.8. The Entry Form must be signed by the Rider (or his or her parent or legal guardian if the Rider is under the age of 18) and the Owner of the Horse.

2.9. The Organiser does not accept any liability for any Entry which is lost, delayed, misdirected or incomplete or which cannot be delivered or entered for any reason.

2.5. Any Entry made after the Closing Date may be accepted by the Organiser at its absolute discretion if:

2.10. Unless the Organiser agrees otherwise, an Entry will not be deemed to have been accepted until the Entry Fee has been received and the Entrant has received an acceptance email from (or on behalf of) the Organiser confirming that the Entry has been accepted.

2.5.1. the Entrant speaks to the secretary or the Organiser and explains the reason in advance of the Competition for the late entry; and

3. DISQUALIFICATION AND REFUSAL OF ENTRY

2.5.2. the class that the Entrant wishes to enter is not full on

3.1. The Organiser has the right to refuse an Entry for any reason and at its sole discretion, including (but

not limited to) if the class to which the Entry relates is full.

- 3.2. The Organiser may, without liability, disqualify and prevent any Entrant from entering, attending and/or otherwise participating in the Competition immediately by giving notice to the Entrant, if:

- 3.2.1. the Entrant breaches any of these Rules; or
- 3.2.2. the Organiser and/or the judges of the Competition (the "Judges") have reasonable grounds to believe that the Entrant has breached any of these Rules; or
- 3.2.3. any person who assists, represents or acts on behalf of an Entrant or who is in the employment of any Entrant during the Competition conducts himself or herself in such a manner that were he or she an Entrant he or she would himself or herself be in breach of any of the provisions of these Rules.

4. REFUND OF ENTRY FEE

- 4.1. If an Entrant withdraws its Entry it shall not be entitled to a refund of any Entry Fee paid by it unless the Horse or Rider that is the subject of the Entry is unable to attend the Competition due to ill health, and no more than 7 days after the Competition, a written application to withdraw the Entry is received by the Organiser and is accompanied with a valid certificate from a veterinary

surgeon or doctor. The Organiser reserves the right to charge a fixed fee of £10 per class for administration costs associated with the withdrawal of the Entry and may deduct this fee from any Entry Fee it refunds to the Entrant.

- 4.2. Refunds (less any administration charges) will only be paid to the person who submitted the Entry and will not be paid to anyone else. No refund of any Entry Fee will be given for any disqualified Horse, Rider or other Entrant.
- 4.3. Any Entry Fee which has been paid by the Entrant shall be refunded in full if an Entry is refused by the Organiser because the class to which the Entry relates is full.
- 4.4. In the event that a Competition is permanently discontinued in accordance with paragraph 1.4, the Entrant may be refunded (less any administration charges), but any such refund shall be at the Organiser's sole discretion (acting reasonably). The Organiser shall not, under any circumstances, be responsible for travelling or associated expenses.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRANTS

- 5.1. This Competition is for riders affiliated to the RDA only.
- 5.2. For those Riders with a hearing impairment, a commander is allowed to relay instructions to the Rider from the Judges or steward during the Competition by sign language.

- 5.3. For those Riders with a hearing impairment, a wireless headset and microphone can be used during the Competition. The commander must make themselves known to the arena steward and stand next to them throughout the Competition. The Commander must only relay instructions to the Rider which have come from the Judges or steward.
- 5.4. Entrants must be medically fit for the activities they undertake. It is the responsibility of all Entrants to ensure that they are medically fit to compete. Where necessary their parents/guardians must take this responsibility. The Organiser reserves the right to require any Entrant to withdraw.
- 5.5. The complexity of the event requires strict observation of health and safety guidelines at all times by everyone involved. In order to minimise the risk of accidents, Entrants are asked to comply with any instructions given by a steward.
- 5.6. No Entrant who has been convicted of an equestrian offence and whose conviction is unspent may participate in the Competition.
- 5.7. All riders must be suitably mounted for the type/height of horse/pony they ride. Riders should be suitably mounted with weight including tack and clothing at or below the 20% guideline and they should fit the horse/pony with the rider having a correct stirrup length.

6. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS

- 6.1. Horses must be plaited except for show cobs that should be hogged and traditional types with full mane, tail and feather as appropriate.
- 6.2. Horses must be up to date with all vaccinations generally recommended by veterinary surgeons.
- 6.3. Each Horse taking part in the Competition must comply with the eligibility criteria applicable to the class in which they are entered as shown on the Schedule to these Rules.
- 6.4. Each Horse taking part in the Competition must be healthy and able to compete on their own merits.
- 6.5. Horses must be shown in snaffle, simple double or Pelham bridles apart from where specialist tack is required for RDA purposes.
- 6.6. Any form of bitless bridles will not be permitted.
- 6.7. Horses must be five years old or over.
- 6.8. Any height horse or pony is allowed.
- 6.9. Please ensure that you consult the RDA weight chart and guidelines to ensure that your Horse/Rider combination is suitable. If at any point the Judges or steward feel the combination is unsuitable, the Judges/steward have the discretion to ask the Horse/

Rider combination to leave the arena and not take part in the Competition.

7. SHOW GROUND RULES

7.1. All Entrants must familiarise themselves with any applicable rules of the showground where the Competition takes place and must comply with such rules.

7.2. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times whilst on the showground.

8. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE COMPETITION

8.1. All persons entering the arena must be smartly and appropriately dressed.

8.2. Riders and grooms must comply with the clothing requirements specified in the Schedule to these Rules.

8.3. Riders must wear hard hats fitted with a safety harness (and to an approved and accepted British standard) and correct footwear with a heel while mounted on the showground at all venues and at all times.

8.4. Grooms must wear hard hats at all times when in the arena.

8.5. Persons who do not comply with paragraphs 8.1 to 8.4, or are otherwise inappropriately dressed, and Horses that do not comply with paragraph 6.1, may be refused entry to the arena or asked to leave the arena.

8.6. Only tack that is accepted during the Competition can be worn in the warm-up.

8.7. Horses must be warmed up by the Rider that will compete on the Horse in the Competition.

8.8. Special equipment is permitted in the Competition provided that there is no possible risk of harm coming to the Horse or Rider as a result of such equipment being used.

8.9. Entrants and any accompanying adults and children must be polite and civil at all times during the Competition and must not conduct themselves at the Competition in a manner which is discourteous, offensive, or uncivil to the public, or in a manner which is liable to bring the Competition and/or the Organiser into disrepute.

8.10. Entrants must not argue with the Judges or use abusive or threatening language or behave in a manner which is discourteous, uncivil, abusive or threatening towards the Judges, the Organiser (including any employee of the Organiser) or any steward or other participant at the Competition. Entrants who do not comply with this paragraph may be refused entry to or asked to leave the arena and/or disqualified from the Competition.

8.11. It is the responsibility of the competitors to abide by the rules of Search for a Star.

8.12. Entrants must not treat any animal at the Competition, whether inside

or outside the arena, in a manner likely to cause pain or discomfort to the animal and, in particular (but without limitation), must not use the bit, whip or spur in such a way as to punish an animal, or use a whip or spur excessively on any animal.

8.13. No Rider or Horse may compete at the Competition where the Rider and/or Horse are not, in the reasonable opinion of the Organiser and/or the Judges, fully qualified, fit or eligible. Entrants accept that the Organiser and/or the Judge may refuse to allow a Horse and/or Rider to compete and/or may ask a Rider to leave the arena where the Organiser and/or the Judge reasonably believe that the Horse and/or Rider are not fully qualified, fit or eligible or are unsafe either to themselves or to others.

8.14. If a Horse becomes unsettled to the point at which it poses a risk to the Rider, grooms, stewards/ Judges or others in the immediate area, the Judges or the Organiser (or someone on their behalf) have discretion to ask the Horse/Rider combination to leave the judging arena.

8.15. The Organiser and the Judges have the right to disqualify any Horse which appears to them (acting reasonably) to be lame, over-worked, in distress or injured.

8.16. Entrants must comply with all reasonable directions issued by the Organiser (including its employees, agents and sub-contractors), and the Judges.

8.17. All class times are for guidance only and the Organiser may amend these at any time. If there is a large number of Entries to a class, the Organiser reserves the right to split the class.

8.18. Riders must declare 30 minutes before the published start time of each class at the Competition.

8.19. Entrants will be told the time at which they will compete at the declaration. The declaration will take place at least 30 minutes before the published time of the class.

8.20. Any Rider who has had a fall or sustains a serious injury anywhere in the Competition venue must see a doctor/medic and be passed fit to ride before continuing the Competition.

8.21. Cane not exceeding 30" and spurs may only be worn by adults.

8.21.1. Spurs may only be worn by participants who are able to control their leg movements.

8.21.2. matching spurs must be worn unless the participant is riding side-saddle or riding with a prosthesis.

8.21.3. Spurs should be made of metal & the band around the heel must be smooth.

8.21.4. Spurs with a smooth rotating rubber, metal or plastic ball on the shank are permitted.

- 8.21.5. Swan-neck & 'Comb' spurs are not permitted.
- 8.21.6. Any shank on the back of the heel must point towards the rear and the end must be clearly horizontal to the ground or pointing downwards.
- 8.21.7. No spur shall extend more than 2.5cm from the rear of the boot.
- 8.21.8. Dummy spurs are permitted.
- 8.21.9. Excessive use* of whips or spurs is forbidden.

*Excessive use - It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that if whips or spurs are carried/worn that they must not be used to the detriment of the horse.

N.B. Constant leg movement by a participant on a horse's side may also cause rubs or sores which must be avoided.

- 8.22. Exhibitors are under the jurisdiction of the Judge(s) until asked to leave the line, after rosettes have been presented. Judges should consider behaviour at prize giving and should take action if appropriate.

9. WINNERS

- 9.1. In this paragraph and except where the context suggests otherwise, references to a

"Qualified" or "Qualifying" Horse, Rider and/or Owner means a Horse, Rider and/or Owner who is placed first or second in the Competition.

- 9.2. All Horses which compete in the Competition will receive a rosette (provided that they are not disqualified at any time during the Competition).
- 9.3. Judges will pay particular attention to manners and any Horse deemed not to stand quietly in line or during the prize giving may be asked to leave the arena. Any Horse that does not accept the prize giving in a mannerly fashion will be disqualified and rosettes removed.
- 9.4. Exhibitors are under the jurisdiction of the Judges until asked to leave the line, after rosettes have been presented. Judges should consider behaviour at prize giving and should take action if appropriate.
- 9.5. Any horse qualified for the BSHA Championships must follow the rules associated with those Championships.
- 9.6. The Judges' decision, in all respects, is final and no correspondence or appeals will be accepted or entered into.
- 9.7. If a Qualified Horse and Rider is invited to compete at the BSHA Championship, the same combination of Qualified Horse, Owner(s) and Rider must compete

at the BSHA Championship and for the avoidance of doubt the Qualifying Horse must remain with the same name, the same Owner(s) and the same Rider as it had at the qualifying Competition and no change or substitution of Rider will be allowed without the express permission from the organiser.

- 9.8. If a Qualified Horse or Rider is invited to compete at the BSHA Championship but cannot compete, no cash or credit alternative will be offered to the Horse's Owner or Rider.
- 9.9. The Entrant accepts any invitation to compete at BSHA Championship subject to the Entrant's full compliance with the rules of the BSHA Championship and entry to the BSHA Championship may be refused, or the Entrant may be disqualified from competing at the BSHA Championship, if the Entrant fails to comply with the rules of the BSHA Championship.
- 9.10. At the absolute discretion of the Judges, a Horse and Rider who have been placed third, fourth, fifth or sixth in the BSHA Competition, and who would have been placed first or second but for the presence of the Qualified Horse or Rider, may qualify to compete at the BSHA Championship if the Qualifying Horse and Rider have already qualified to compete at the BSHA Championship independently of this BSHA Competition or are unable to take up their place at the BSHA Championship.

- 9.11. At the absolute discretion of the Judges, if a place becomes available at the Championship class, the place may be filled by any Horse or Rider (meeting the criteria of the competition) from any venue. Qualification does not automatically go down the line.

10. STABLING

The Organiser is not responsible for arranging for stabling of any Entrant's Horse. Entrants must arrange stabling for their Horses directly with their venue of choice.

11. HEALTH, SAFETY and SECURITY

All Entrants must comply with such health, safety and security policies as are notified to them from time to time by the Organiser.

12. INSURANCE

All Entrants must hold public liability insurance which adequately and sufficiently covers the risks associated with their attendance and participation at the Competition.

13. PUBLICITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 13.1. The Competition may be recorded and videos, photographs and other recordings may be taken where an Entrant may be captured participating in the Competition. The Entrant agrees to the publication of such photographs, videos, recordings and/or likenesses of the Entrant (whether edited, adapted, modified or copied) and their use by the

Organiser and those authorised by the Organiser, without prior notice or compensation, in any way which the Organiser may see fit now or in the future including but not limited to film, broadcast, radio, TV, publications, future events and publicity. The Entrant acknowledges that the Organiser has the full right to sell and/or profit from the commercial use of such photographs, motion pictures, recordings and/or likenesses of the Entrant.

- 13.2. Any audio, visual or audio-visual recordings that are made by (or on behalf of) the Entrant of the Competition or any part of it are for personal use and cannot be published or used for any commercial purpose without the prior written consent of the Organiser.
- 13.3. The Entrant accepts and agrees that, if they win, the Organiser may announce their names, age and town of residence on the Organiser's website(s) and may use the same for publicity purposes which may include sharing and/or using the Entrant's details with the press and the Organiser's PR advisers.
- 13.4. The Entrant agrees and acknowledges that nothing in these Rules grants the Entrant any rights in or to any intellectual property owned or controlled by the Organiser.

14. COMPLAINTS

- 14.1. Should any Entrant wish to register an objection or complaint, whether

it is against a Judge, exhibitor, show organiser or otherwise, they must write to the Organiser within 14 days of the Competition.

- 14.2. Any objection or complaint must be made in writing, signed and submitted to the Organiser. No anonymous complaints will be actioned. No personal details will be disclosed but the full name, address and telephone number of the complainant must be supplied for the complaint to be considered.
- 14.3. Any complaint regarding the Competition at the BSHA Championships will be subject to the BSHA Championships complaints procedure and no complaints will be accepted after the BSHA Championships has ended.
- 14.4. If any Entrant has any knowledge of a Qualified Horse or Rider that does not meet the criteria for qualification or entry for the Competition, please write as soon as possible to N. MacKenzie at SEIB Insurance Brokers, South Essex Insurance House, North Road, South Ockendon, Essex RM15 5BE with your name, address and telephone number. Your details will remain strictly confidential.
- 14.5. The decision of the Judges and Organiser is final and there is no appeals procedure or board of appeal for disqualified competitors to apply to.

15. DATA PROTECTION

15.1. By submitting your personal details you consent to us using this information in the ways described in our Privacy Policy, which includes sending you emails from time to time about our business partners specified in our Privacy Policy, and from ourselves, including, telling you about offers, discounts or other information which we think may be of interest to you. You can opt out at any time by following the instructions in our Privacy Policy.

15.2. Our Privacy Policy can be found at <https://www.seib.co.uk/about-us/privacy-policy> or by writing to us at our registered office address.

15.3. By entering this Competition, you consent to us sharing your personal details with BSHA Championships, as well as any press, the Judges and Organisers of the Competition, and our PR advisers, for the purpose of enabling you to compete in the Championship.

16. LIABILITY

16.1. Nothing in these Rules excludes or limits the liability of the Organiser to the Entrant for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, or any other liability that cannot be excluded by law.

16.2. Subject always to paragraph 16.1, the total liability of the Organiser to the Entrant for any loss or damage arising from the Competition or any breach of these Rules will be limited to the Entry Fee.

17. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

17.1. These Rules and the Competition will be governed by English law.

17.2. The Organiser and Entrant irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

18. TESTS FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

In common with other similar bodies, the Organiser of the Competition takes a very serious view of the use of Prohibited Substances (as defined below) doping, whether intentional or unintentional, having particular regard to the safety of children and vulnerable adults.

Entrants should be aware that many proprietary feeds and preparations contain Prohibited as do many foods such as chocolate. Prohibited Substances can be absorbed through the skin and they are also contained in some homeopathic and herbal remedies including calmers. It is the responsibility of the Entrant having custody of a Horse, particularly in the twenty four hours before a Competition, to ensure that nothing is fed, administered or applied to a Horse that contains a Prohibited Substance. Ignorance is not an adequate defence.

The Organiser is not authorised to give guidance to Entrants, but the Organiser follows the Equine Prohibited Substances List ("EPSL") as published from time to

time by the Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI").

Where appropriate, the Organiser will adopt threshold levels published in the EPSL. Please note that the EPSL includes any other substance with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s) as substances specifically mentioned on the list. All substances on the list, whether indicated as "Banned" or "Controlled", are prohibited substances under the Rules. Also prohibited are "metabolites" of the substances and "markers", both terms being defined below; save and except that Altronogest/ synthetic progesterone is NOT a prohibited substance (e.g. Regumate) so long as it is not in Stallions or Geldings and that FEI Rules are adhered to:

(A) Use of Prohibited Substances

- (i) Any Horse taking part in classes judged under the Competition Rules will be liable to Prohibited Substances Testing (as defined below) in accordance with the Prohibited Substances Testing procedure laid down by this Rule. A refusal to submit an animal for Prohibited Substances Testing shall constitute a breach of this Rule.
- (ii) The presence in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a Horse of a Prohibited Substance (as defined below) shall constitute a breach of this Rule by the Owner and/or Rider and/or any other person within involved with the animal.

- (iii) "Prohibited Substances Testing" means the examination of a Horse by a duly qualified person appointed by the Organiser and includes the taking of samples for subsequent analysis of all or any body fluids, excreta, hair or skin scrapings at the discretion of the person conducting the examination.
- (iv) "Prohibited Substance" means any quantity of any substance listed as a "Banned" or "Controlled" substance on the EPSL as published by the FEI and in force from time to time excluding any quantity of any substance under any threshold level specified in the EPSL but including any other substance with a chemical structure or similar biological effect(s) as any substance on the EPSL and also including any metabolites of such substances and any markers. The terms metabolite and marker shall have the same meaning as in the FEI Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations as published by the FEI from time to time.
- (v) Any person who administers or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered or connives at or promotes or encourages the administration to a Horse of a Prohibited Substance shall be guilty of a breach of this Rule.
- (vi) The Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to the Competition and/or to disqualify a Horse, Rider and Owner in the event that the Horse has previously

tested positive for any Prohibited Substances following an examination by a duly qualified person at any other competition, whether organised by the Organiser or any other organiser, association, society or body.

(B) Sampling Procedure

- (i) A duly qualified person will be appointed by the Organiser to undertake the Prohibited Substances Testing.
 - (ii) Prohibited Substances Testing should take place as soon as possible after the participation of the Horse in its class provided that it does not interfere with its programme in which case the Prohibited Substances Testing should take place as soon as possible after the Horse has completed its programme on that day.
 - (iii) It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the Horse (whether it be the Owner or the Rider or other such person) to supervise the Horse from the time of notification of selection for Prohibited Substances Testing until completion of Prohibited Substances Testing. It is also the responsibility of this person to witness the sampling procedure and to sign a declaration to the effect that he/she has witnessed the collection and sealing of the test samples. Refusal or wilful obstruction by any person to submit a Horse for sampling or refusal to sign the above mentioned declaration is a violation of the Rules and will be subject to the same sanctions as a positive sample result.
- (iv) All samples taken on behalf of the Organiser will be kept in a secure place and dispatched to the laboratory selected as soon as reasonably possible after collection.
 - (v) The sample must be divided into two parts hereinafter referred to as Sample A and Sample B. The initial analysis will be done by the laboratory on Sample A.
 - (vi) If the result of analysis of Sample A is negative then the laboratory may forthwith destroy Sample B. The Owner or Rider will be notified within 14 days of the Organiser receiving any negative result.
 - (vii) If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive then the Owner and/or Rider must be notified in writing by recorded delivery post. The Owner and/or Rider may require confirmatory analysis of Sample B provided that a written request for such confirmatory analysis is received by the Organiser within 14 days of dispatch by the Organiser of notification of a positive analysis of Sample A.
 - (viii) The Owner and/or Rider may request that findings be made in respect of particular matters during the analysis of Sample B on the basis that they will be responsible for all additional costs incurred whatever the result of the analysis of Sample B.
 - (ix) Upon receipt of a valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample

B, the Organiser shall inform the laboratory immediately and the laboratory shall carry out the analysis of Sample B.

- (x) If the result of analysis of Sample B is negative then the entire test shall be considered negative.
- (xi) If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive and no valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B is received, the Owner and/or Rider shall reimburse the Organiser for the cost of analysis of Sample A forthwith upon demand.
- (xii) If the analysis of Sample B is positive then the person requesting the analysis shall reimburse the Organiser the cost of analysis of Samples A and B forthwith upon demand.

(C) Penalties

If the presence of a Prohibited Substance in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a Horse is confirmed by laboratory analysis carried out pursuant to this Rule then the result of the Prohibited Substances Testing shall be reported to the Organiser.

The Organiser shall investigate the matter and decide within 28 working days of the date of notification of a positive Prohibited Substances test to the Owner and/ or Rider whether or not to institute disciplinary proceedings for a breach or breaches of this Rule and decide to disqualify the Horse.

The Organiser may impose any or all of the following penalties:

- a. The Horse shall be disqualified from any class, competition or championship in which it took part on the date of the Prohibited Substances Testing and any subsequent class, competition or championship for which it qualified on the date of the Prohibited Substances Testing and shall forfeit any placings, awards and prize money.
- b. The Horse shall be suspended from being entered or shown or otherwise taking part in any Search for a Star or Racehorse to Riding Horse competition.
- c. The Owner and/or Rider of such Horse may be suspended from entering and/or competing in the Competition or any future RDA Search for a Star competitions.

19. SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET POLICY

(A) Introduction

The Organiser acknowledges the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and all other forms of electronic communication ("**Social Media**") and the role which "Social Media" plays in the day-to-day lives of Entrants in, and attendees of, the Competition.

(B) Using Social Media

- (i) You should be aware that the Organiser may from time to time carry out internet searches to identify postings which include references to the Competition.
- (ii) Search for a Star images are the subject of copyright and should not be used in Social Media save as provided in the Search for a Star website.
- (iii) You should ensure that any material that you transmit or post to Social Media is clearly stated to be your personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of the Organiser.
- (iv) You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of the Competition, or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of the Competition or the Organiser.
- (v) You must not post or transmit any material relating to the Search for a Star, competitors, former competitors, their horses, or which could otherwise be associated with or which may reasonably be attributed as coming from the Organiser:
 - a. that is threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory, blasphemous, in breach of

confidence, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or

- b. which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of these Rules, or constitutes a criminal offence, or which could give rise to civil liability, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of, or infringe the rights of any third party in the UK or any other country in the world.
- (vi) Any breach of this paragraph 19 may constitute a breach of these Rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against you.

(C) Disclosure Under Law or Regulation

You should be aware that the Organiser will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting or directing the Organiser to disclose the identity or locate anyone posting any material in breach of this paragraph 19. If the Organiser is requested by the police or any other regulatory or government authority investigating suspected illegal activities to provide your personal information, the Organiser is entitled to do so.



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