

# BRITISH SCURRY AND TRIALS DRIVING



## THE BSTD RULE BOOK

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## INTRODUCTION

These rules are to establish that those participating in classes run by the British Scurry and Trials Driving do so in a fair environment. These rules cannot provide for every eventuality so for unforeseen and exceptional circumstances participants are asked to interpret these rules by following as close as possible, the spirit of the text, and that the judges make decisions with a sporting spirit and approach as near as possible the intentions of these rules.

Competing with animals can be hazardous. Participants enter at their own risk and are asked by the BSTD to maintain high levels of safety with their equipment and during competition. The BSTD is committed to genuine equality of opportunity. This means that we treat all participants and their helpers fairly irrespective of ethnic origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, religion or disability.

## REGISTRATION

- Registration runs from 1st January to 31st December of the same year.
- Registration forms may be downloaded from the website [www.scurryandtrials.co.uk](http://www.scurryandtrials.co.uk) or requested by email, post or telephone.
- It is a part of the registration process that a copy of the competitor's public liability insurance which covers timed arena competitions be submitted along with a signed copy of the current Rule Book (signature page only) and a fully completed Registration Form along with the correct fee.
- There is a full registration for carriage drivers and a supporters category (£15) for those who wish to support but do not wish to drive that season.

## NEW COMPETITORS TO THE BSTD

All new drivers who register will be assessed at their first show as to their safety and ability by a member of the steering committee. There may be a charge for this assessment of £20 to be paid directly to the assessor. The drivers ability along with the safety of their turnout will have an experienced driver mentor them throughout and help them at their first show. This may include an open driver being their groom/backstepper for that first show. Grooms will also be assessed as a part of the initial assessment.

- Some shows may in the opinion of the steering committee and the show organisers, be not suitable for the more NOVICE drivers or some JUNIOR drivers. If this is the case they will be informed when entries are sent in privately.

## JUNIOR DRIVERS

Please read the statement above.

New junior drivers to the BSTD will complete the assessment process as to their abilities along with the safety of their turnout. All juniors will be given a mentor to help them throughout the season should they require help or information at any show. An adult must always groom/backstep for them and an open driver may be chosen to groom/backstep for them in the arena if in the opinion of the organisers it is for health and safety parameters.

For the purposes of the Grand League juniors can accumulate points throughout the season in the following age categories therefore giving all the juniors within the BSTD the chance to win prizes at the end of the season. 8-10yrs : 11-12yrs : 13-14yrs : 15-16yrs. When a junior wins the 15-16yr section the following season they will drive as an adult.

## CLASSES & ENTRIES

- The BSTD will decide which shows will have which classes following dialogue with individual show organisers and entries received.
- Classes available may be - singles/pairs/teams/Shetland (types)/juniors/minature ponies/very young juniors and horses.
- Classes may be amalgamated in the sessions.
- Classes may be added at a later time or combined at the discretion of the organisers.
- Forms may be downloaded from the website or if requested, sent by post or email.
- All one day shows will have a separate class (within the open session/class for all) for miniature ponies (vsp) with prize money. This is to ensure that those with little legs have equality when at the one day shows where we run 2 open sessions.
- Two day shows have separate classes with prize money.
- Each show may have slightly different prize money grades.
- All one day shows with two open sessions/classes - competitors may only enter one turnout in each session/open class but if the entries are low the BSTD will contact those we know with multiple turnouts and be offered the chance to enter another turnout.
- All shows will have grand league points to accrue except those that are restricted in some way which will be identified.
- Turnouts will run for GL points and class prize money by 'the first run time counts' for all turnouts to place everyone in order in their individual classes of very small ponies (vsp) : small pony pairs (spp) : large pony pairs (lpp) and single ponies (sp).
- EACH TURNOUT ENTERED WILL ALLOW 3 PEOPLE TO HAVE PASSES TO THAT SHOW.
- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE SHOW DATE. If a show is fully entered then this will be advertised on the BSTD social media (Facebook) and the website news page and a waiting list formed if necessary.
- **Entries will not be refunded and will not be held or transferred for a future event if a competitor is unable to attend the show they have entered other than proof of a lame pony (eg a veterinary invoice/note).**
- POST DATED CHEQUES - Will not be accepted. If a post dated cheque is sent for an entry well in advance of an event they WILL NOT guarantee an entry to that event.
- FEES - Registration £30 (£40 if after the 31st Jan)) Entry fee at each event per turnout £35.
- Late Entries – Late entries can often be arranged proceeding a show and often for an extra class for competitors who are already at a show with their pony/s however late entries will not be accepted when the running order has been finalised and written up and has been on display.
- PARADES - Only the first 6 on the running order may parade before the start of a competition. If one of the first six do not wish to parade then with prior agreement another competitor may enter the arena in their place.
- PRESENTATION - Only the first six placings may enter the arena for prize giving plus the top juniors and turnout winner in the championship line up.
- LIMITED ENTRY SHOWS - Some shows and events set entry limitations therefore these will be identified on the show calendar list. Some events also set standards such as no novices so these will be identified on the show calendar list.
- EQUIFEST LIMITATIONS - All competitors will be allowed the maximum of two turnouts in the event.

## GROOMS

- All competitors must ensure that each turnout has both the driver and a groom on the carriage at all times. Competitors must ensure other people's safety as well as their own by bringing or asking someone in advance to assist them in the whole process of putting to, competing and taking out.
- Always have a competent groom on board.
- Grooms must sit on a scurry carriage and stand on a trials carriage for the purpose of balance and safety in competition.

## PONIES

- Pairs and teams class – ponies must not measure over 14.2hh (without shoes).
- The height of the tallest pony determines the class in which they must compete. Very small ponies must be 10.2hh and under if competing in the Very Small Pony Class.
- Singles class – ponies must not measure over 14.2hh (without shoes).
- Ponies and horses in all classes must be at least 4yrs old.
- Vaccinations – participants are advised to comply with any rules set by the show venue.
- **Substitutions -**
- A substitute is allowed for both a single and a pair for 2 consecutive shows only. If a pony goes lame again either a veterinary headed certificate or a video showing the date/time must be given as proof of lameness before a substitute can be used.
- For those driving a single pony that wish to use a substitute which is already entered, in situ on the show field, and will be running in the same class (eg : one pony will be running as itself and as the pony who is lame), the driver must declare which name the pony is running for grand league points and forfeit the points for it's other run. This can only be done twice in one season.
- For qualifying shows (eg Equifest or identified events), one of a pair or multiple of ponies may be substituted but it is THE WHOLE TURNOUT which qualifies therefore single ponies may not be substituted even if the driver has completed sufficient qualifiers. The officials do have discretion over substitutes however and may offer a competitor a place in a competition.
- An individual pony may compete in a pair or team class and a single pony class at a show but may not compete in both pair height classes (eg : small pony pair & large pony pair) at the same show.
- BEHAVIOUR & MANNERS - If in the opinion of the organisers or a member of the steering committee a pony or ponies are dangerous or ill mannered or too inexperienced where their actions are a danger or risk to other competitors or public then they will be asked to unhitch and take no further part in the competition.
- Ponies staying overnight must be penned or put in temporary stabling. (As a guide the area taken must not exceed twice the horsebox/trailer size).
- Tethering is not allowed. Competitors are asked to be sensible and give thought to others and access for emergency vehicles.

## RESCUE PONIES

To qualify for this award ponies must have come from recognised registered charities only.

## **CARRIAGES**

- Scurry carts and marathon/three phase trials vehicles are allowed.
- Vehicles must be 4 wheeled with a minimum track width of 125cms.
- Pneumatic tyres or wired spoke wheels are not allowed.
- Vehicles must be in good condition and fit for purpose which is the responsibility of the driver.
- Vehicles must carry one driver and one groom unless it is a team turnout which must carry one driver and two grooms.
- Grooms must sit on a scurry carriage and stand on a trials carriage for the purpose of balance and safety in competition.
- The organisers may allow a new or interested competitor the chance to drive at a show with a two wheeled vehicle on carriage wheels for the purpose of encouragement for a maximum of two shows in the season. Thereafter the competitor must compete with a four wheeled vehicle.

## **HARNESS**

Must be safe, clean, in good condition and fit for purpose.

## **DRESS CODE**

- Participants must be smart and clean. 'Colours' are encouraged to form a 'team' approach.
- No shorts or blue or ripped jeans allowed in the arena for competition by either the driver, the groom or their helpers.
- Everyone on the vehicle must wear a suitable, three point secured, approved, protective hard hat in competition and in warming up and exercising at the show/event venue even if the show venue is not open to the public.
- Adults - Body and back protectors are recommended and may be worn. (NOT air filling models)
- Juniors (16yrs and under) - must wear a body protector whilst on the carriage wherever on the showground.
- Drivers must carry a whip.

## **COURSE**

- Competitors will have up to 10mins to walk the course before the published running. Where possible the course shall be built the evening before the event and competitors may walk the course then too within guidelines from the show organisers.
- Competitors must wait until the course builder invites them to walk the course. No competitor may enter the arena whilst the course is being built unless invited to do so by the course builder.
- There is no set minimum or maximum distance between obstacles but the design will enable drivers to maintain an even fast pace throughout the majority of the course.
- The fastest overall time wins following any penalty time points to add.
- The course shall include cone 'gates' and obstacles single and multiple which will all include a knockdown/dislodge-able element. The course may be built using other safe materials in its design.
- The whole course shall be timed.
- Only the Course Designer and his staff may alter or work on any part of the Course. Any Competitor, or persons associated with a Competitor, who tampers with any part of the Course will entail Disqualification of that Competitor.
- Single 'gate' width is 170cms but 160cm may be used on the course for a 'joker' gate. Multiple obstacle widths approx 3metres. (Examples of multiple or single obstacles :- zig zag : 'U' Turn or box : Elbow : single cone turns and multiple single cone turns : trials 'type' obstacles : a bridge : water : double 'U' : double 'L' : ramps).

## **COMPETITOR BEHAVIOUR**

- If in the opinion of the BSTD organisers, show organisers or a member of the steering committee, a competitor or a member of that competitors family or friend or helpers behaves in a manner which brings the BSTD into disrepute or puts other competitors at risk or disturbs or effects other competitors detrimentally the BSTD will have the right to ban that competitor from the next show they have entered and may ban them for upto one year depending on the severity of the misdemeanor. The BSTD shall operate a yellow card policy.
- Private parties held in the horsebox park must cease at 10pm to allow other competitors and their helpers to rest.
- Social Media - Inappropriate videos must not be published on the BSTD pages. If they appear they will be removed immediately.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY & INSURANCE**

- Health and Safety standards will be in force always.
- All persons on any show ground or course etc will be held responsible to complying with these standards at all times and will not put themselves or any other person at risk in any way whatsoever.
- Any accident shall be reported to the Show Health and Safety Office at the time of the occurrence.
- A report shall be entered into the Accident Report Book and the relevant forms completed.
- All owners, members and exhibitors are responsible for damage to third parties, how so ever caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their equine.
- It is a condition of entry that all competitors have third party liability insurance providing full coverage for participation in carriage driving timed events and to ensure that the policy is up to date.
- If the organisers, in their opinion, deem a turnout/competitor is unsafe whether when driving in or out of the arena or if their equipment is not up to a 'fit for purpose' standard, the organisers or a member of the steering committee have the right to ask that turnout/competitor to not participate further at the event. If in the opinion of the organisers or a member of the steering committee a pony or ponies are dangerous or ill mannered or too inexperienced where their actions are a danger or risk to other competitors or public then they will be asked to unhitch and take no further part in the competition.

**DISCLAIMER Neither the organisers, sponsors, landowner nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any loss, damage, injury, illness to horses, owners, drivers, grooms, spectators nor any person whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract, or in any other way whatsoever.**

## CORONAVIRUS, COVID - 19 RULES FOR COMPETITORS AT EVENTS (if required)

These rules are an addition to the British Scurry & Trials Driving Rule Book from the season 2020. They are a part of the Rule Book and must be taken as any other rule whether inside or outside of the competition arena but as a 'part' of any event where the BSTD is in attendance.

### Objectives

- The purpose of these rules are to meet with public health objectives and to adhere to the government guidelines at the time.
- Competitors, grooms and their helpers are being asked by the government to collaborate with your fellow competitors, organisers and the general public to ensure all has been done to keep everyone safe.
- To put in place competition protocols for competitors and stick to those rules and document any relevant discussions and any breaking of the rules and guidelines. The BSTD will act upon any competitors or their staff, helpers and friends if they do not follow these rules.
- The BSTD will monitor co-operation at all the events and analyse each event as to any rule changes required whilst attending and competing at all the events.
- The BSTD will use risk assessment tools and processes to make the most effective decisions.
- The health and safety of the BSTD's competitors, grooms, volunteers and staff will be the number one priority at all times.

### **\*\* IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS PLEASE STAY AT HOME.\*\***

1. If on arrival at an event anyone shows or appears to have any of the symptoms of coronavirus you will be asked to go home immediately regardless of at what stage the competition is at, at that event.
2. In line with the social distancing guidance it is advised that large gatherings should not take place. Therefore groups of people/competitors standing together will be asked to disperse.
3. Keep to a minimum of two metres apart from anyone outside your household/team at all times.
4. Each team must bring their own hand sanitiser and soap to every event so they may wash their hands, for a minimum of 20secs, as often as possible throughout the day. The wipe down of all equipment with bacterial wipes/disinfectant will be expected before arrival at every event.
5. Teams may wear protective face masks and gloves if they wish.
6. No one should shake hands or hug one another outside of their own household/team.
7. No equipment of any sort (equine, human, transport or sport) can be shared, exchanged or lent out to any other team nor can any team member enter a horsebox or caravan/camper belonging to someone not in their team or household.
8. Everyone will be encouraged to :
  - wash their hands after touching common surfaces– and always after coughing or sneezing.
  - to cover their mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, and avoid touching their face, nose and eyes.
  - To keep their distance and avoid being face to face with people outside their household or team. Keep to social distancing requirements.
  - not to share water bottles, soft drink or food, glassware, crockery, cutlery or alcoholic drinks.



## COURSE RULES AND PENALTIES

<b>WHIPS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entering the arena without a whip or losing or putting the whip down</li> <li>• Excessive use of the whip (judge's discretion) may result in a warning or elimination.</li> <li>• Excessive use of the whip may result in the competitor being required to stand before the steering committee and organisers where they may be disciplined in other ways. Eg : GL points deducted.</li> <li>• The BSTD may operate a yellow card policy.</li> </ul>	Elim
<b>BELL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting before the bell (at the judge's discretion)</li> <li>• Failing to stop when the bell is rung during a round(if heard)may result in(judge's discretion)</li> </ul>	Elim Elim
<b>TIMING EQUIPMENT</b>	Knocking over the Start/Finish timing equipment at any time	Elim
<b>START/FINISH SIGNS</b>	Failure to pass through the Start/Finish	Elim
<b>SAFETY EQUIPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HATS</b> - Failure to wear correct protective head wear</li> <li>• <b>JUNIORS (16yrs &amp; under) – must wear a body protector when grooming or driving on the carriage.</b></li> <li>• <b>ADULTS</b> It is a recommendation that competitors wear a body or back protector (Not the air filling models).</li> <li>* <b>WHIP.</b> A whip must be carried whilst competing. Failure to carry a whip -</li> </ul>	Elim Elim Elim
<b>SOUNDNESS</b>	A lame pony in the opinion of the judge, a member of the steering committee and course builder	Disqu
<b>CARRIAGES</b>	Vehicle overturning/tipping up and the driver involuntary leaves the carriage. (Judge's discretion)	Elim
<b>GROOMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groom(s) dismounting on the course, each occasion</li> <li>• Driver dismounting on the course, each occasion (The clock continues to run)</li> <li>• Groom(s) and Driver may dismount the vehicle a maximum of twice, thereafter</li> <li>• Groom(s) holding reins or using the brake (except in emergency situations or in the case of assisting a junior driver for safety reasons)</li> </ul>	10sec 10sec Elim Elim
<b>COURSE RULES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Obstacles and 'gates' consisting of a single pair of cones or a single cone will constitute a Single Obstacle.</li> <li>• If a ball(s) falls or is dislodged from a single obstacle.</li> <li>• If a ball(s) falls or is dislodged from any subsequent gates or obstacles.</li> <li>• For knocking down any part of a multiple obstacle (each gate fault)</li> <li>• A driver may, in an open obstacle, take any route to drive it, even if to do so he crosses his own path. If he makes an error of course in an open multiple obstacle (eg overshoots) he may continue where he made the error or restart the multiple at 'A'.</li> <li>• If he drives the open multiple obstacle in the wrong order, knocking down a previously driven obstacle or 'gate' or an obstacle or 'gate' yet to be driven.</li> </ul>	5 secs 5 secs 5 secs  Elim
<b>VERY SMALL PONIES</b>	<p>If, in the opinion of the judge and course builder that the course at an event is a long one the very small ponies entered may be given some seconds help handicap.</p> <p>The appropriate and known to competitors seconds will be deducted from their overall time after any course penalties have been added. A very small pony is deemed to be 10.2hh and under.</p>	
<b>ODDITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Competitor is considered to have passed through a gate when the entire front axle has passed between the markers.</li> <li>• Failure to complete the course in the correct order</li> <li>• If any part of the course becomes in the judge's view, undriveable or unsafe, the bell will be rung and the clock stopped whilst the element is rebuilt. The bell will be rung and the competitor will be allowed to restart at a fast pace from that point they were halted and their time to be restarted without penalty.</li> <li>• If a judge rings the bell in error the competitor will be allowed to re run at the end of the drawn order with no penalty.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Objections – The judge's decision is final</b></p>	Elim



**AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT ALL COMPETITORS MUST SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH THEIR REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE AND A COPY OF THEIR CURRENT PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

**I have read and understood the British Scurry & Trials Driving Rule Book and will adhere to its rules -**

<b>Signed</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>PRINT YOUR NAME PLEASE</b>	

**For the second householder if relevant.**

<b>Signed</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>PRINT YOUR NAME PLEASE</b>	