



GUIDELINES FOR SHOW ORGANISERS

2017 DIRECT QUALIFIER

***** No affiliation fees *****

In order to help your classes run smoothly, we compiled the following list of guidelines for your convenience.

The usual route of qualification for through the Veteran Horse Society Showing series is through an Area qualifier (first round) where competitors placed 1st to 4th are then eligible to enter a Regional Final (second round). Competitors then placed 1st or 2nd at a Regional Final gain qualification to the VHS Supreme Final to be held at the National Veteran Open Championships, Arena UK, Lincolnshire, 29th September – 1st October 2017.

Direct Qualifiers essentially offer competitors the opportunity to gain first and second round qualification in one single attempt. Competitors placed 1st to 4th in each class at a Direct Qualifier will receive qualification to enter Regional Finals and those placed 1st and 2nd also receive qualification for the Supreme Final.

Direct Qualifiers are open to members and non-members. However, non-members must purchase day membership from VHS head office in advance of the show, at a cost of £15. They will then be provided with an age badge and day membership card which they will need to carry in the ring.

VHS rosettes are optional.

There is no obligation for VHS Direct Qualifiers to include an In-hand and Ridden championship. Shows are of course still welcome to do so but would need to supply their own rosettes for these.

Due to the limited number of VHS Direct Qualifiers to be held throughout the UK, acceptance is only given upon receipt of fully completed application forms, including Judge's names.

Notes for shows:

Judges: Shows may only use judges from the current VHS Panel list (available on VHS website). A Direct Qualifier requires either: 1 A Panel Judge or 1 A* Panel Judge.

Stewards: The ring steward **must** be fully aware of the VHS rules and marking system before the start of the classes. (Rulebook available on the VHS website). Stewards guidelines will also be sent to you in your show pack.

You will receive your show pack ahead of your show, containing the following:

- VHS rosettes, if requested, 1st - 6th x 6 (*1 set per class*)
- VHS score sheets x 6 (*1 per class*)
- VHS result sheet x 1 (*1 per show*)
- VHS guidelines for Judges and Stewards (*for your information*)
- An Allen & Page / VHS advert to be included in your schedule or if this is not possible, it must be displayed at your show.

All paperwork will be sent by email.

Results: You must return the results sheet (completed with details of 1st to 6th placings for each class), and a scanned copy or photograph of the score sheets, to be received no later than 10 working days after your show. This is vital for the VHS to be able to confirm Supreme Final qualifications and ensure competitor entries are received within the allotted timeframe. Results and score sheets to be emailed to: **results@veteran-horse-society.co.uk**.

You are required to send a list of your class entries and their contact details to VHS head office as soon as possible after your entries close and a minimum of two weeks before the show. This is so that non-members can be contacted to ensure they arrange day membership in advance of the show.

Wording for your schedule is included overleaf – this must be copied and included in full. A copy of your draft schedule must be submitted to VHS head office for approval as soon as possible, but no later than 1 month prior to your show.

**For further information on Membership and qualifying classes:
www.veteran-horse-society.co.uk / info@veteran-horse-society.co.uk
01239 881300 (VHS Show Office) or 07789 514004 (VHS Mobile)**

Schedule wording:

Veteran Horse Society – DIRECT QUALIFIER 2017.

Direct qualifier for the Veteran Horse Society Supreme Final:

VETERAN HORSE OF THE YEAR 2017

Kindly Sponsored by Allen & Page.

Open to members and non-members purchasing day membership for this show. Day membership must be purchased from VHS head office in advance of the show, at a cost of £15. A day membership card and age badge will be provided. All competitors and grooms must adhere to VHS Rules in all circumstances. Failure to do so may result in immediate disqualification. Members and day members must carry their current VHS membership card **in the ring** and produce these on request – no exceptions will be made.

VHS Regional Final qualification. All competitors placed 1st to 4th in each class will qualify for the corresponding class at VHS Regional Finals. Members and Day-members will have their showing card signed by the judge in the ring as proof of qualification. Day-members must become full VHS members within 14 days and exchange their day-showing card for a full showing card in order to validate their Regional Final qualification. Regional Finals are open to members only.

VHS Supreme Final qualification. Competitors placed 1st and 2nd in each class will also qualify directly for the corresponding class at the VHS Supreme Final, to be held at the National Veteran Open Championships, Arena UK, Lincolnshire, 29th September – 1st October 2017. If the competitor has already qualified or does not wish to attend, they must refuse the qualification and pass it down the line **on the day**. Day members must become full VHS members in order to enter the Supreme Final.

VHS M&M Supreme Final qualification. The highest placed M&M in each class will qualify for the VHS M&M Supreme Final at the National Veteran Open Championships.

All competitors are eligible to enter open classes at the National Veteran Open Championships, 29th September – 1st October 2017. No qualification or membership necessary. See VHS website for schedule.

For further information on qualification or membership please visit the VHS website www.veteran-horse-society.co.uk or telephone the VHS Show Office on 01239 881300 or 07789 514004.

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| CLASS 1 | DIAMOND VETERAN IN-HAND (25 years and over). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height. |
| CLASS 2 | VETERAN IN-HAND (20–24 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height. |
| CLASS 3 | PRE-VETERAN IN-HAND (15–19 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height. |
| CLASS 4 | DIAMOND VETERAN RIDDEN (25 years and over). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height. |
| CLASS 5 | VETERAN RIDDEN (20–24 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height. |
| CLASS 6 | PRE-VETERAN RIDDEN (15–19 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height. |



VHS 2017 DIRECT QUALIFIER APPLICATION FORM

NAME OF SHOW _____

DATE(s) OF SHOW _____ JUDGE _____

COUNTY OF SHOWGROUND _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS _____

FACEBOOK PAGE _____ TWITTER NAME _____

SHOW SECRETARY MR/MRS/MISS _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POST CODE _____

EMAIL _____ @ _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (MOBILE) _____ (PM) _____

Shows may only use judges from the current VHS Panel list (available on VHS website). A Direct Qualifier requires either: 1 A Panel Judge or 1 A* Panel Judge.

Standard age category Foundation classes are mandatory (no combined age classes or specialist classes).

VHS rosettes are optional.

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	Cost	Qty	Total
Direct Qualifier - Foundation classes – standard age categories			
In-Hand & Ridden (6 classes), to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">VHS rosettes 1st - 6th x 6 (1 set per class)	£60.00		£
In-Hand & Ridden (6 classes) – no rosettes:	£ 0.00		£ 0.00
Total payable			£

Area Qualifiers, Regional Finals and Open Classes are also available.

Please contact Julianne Aston at Head Office for further info: info@veteran-horse-society.co.uk

PLEASE RETURN TO: VETERAN HORSE SOCIETY, 5-6 PRIORY STREET, CARDIGAN, SA43 1BX

Cheques payable to Veteran Horse Society