



## GUIDELINES FOR SHOW ORGANISERS

### 2017 OPEN CLASS

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

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

The Veteran Horse Society Open Classes are separate to the traditional VHS Showing series. The open classes offer the unique opportunity for professionals and amateurs to compete alongside one another in a single open ridden class. Competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in these open classes go forward to the VHS Open Class Final to be held at the National Veteran Open Championships, Arena UK, Lincolnshire, 29<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

VHS Open Classes 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 & day membership card which they will need to carry in the ring.

Due to the limited number of VHS Open Classes 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). An Open Class 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, 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>
- VHS score sheet x 1
- VHS result sheet x 1
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Open Class Final qualifications. Results and score sheets to be emailed to: **results@veteran-horse-society.co.uk**.

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.

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.

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

Veteran Horse Society, 5-6 Priory Street, Cardigan. SA43 1BX

Schedule wording:

## ***Veteran Horse Society – OPEN CLASS 2017.***

***Qualifier for the VHS Open Class Final:  
to be held at the National Open Veteran Championships 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.

This class is open to both professionals and amateurs.

**VHS Open Class Final qualification.** Competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will qualify for the VHS Open Class Final, to be held at the National Veteran Open Championships, Arena UK, Lincolnshire, 29<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

If the competitor has already qualified or does not wish to attend, they must refuse the qualification card and pass it down the line **on the day**. Day members must become full VHS members in order to enter the Open Class Final.

All non-professional competitors are eligible to enter a wide range of classes at the National Veteran Open Championships, 29<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.veteran-horse-society.co.uk) or telephone the VHS Show Office on 01239 881300 or 07789 514004.

CLASS 1      **VHS RIDDEN VETERAN OPEN CLASS** (15–30 years). Open to horses and ponies of any breed and height. Open to professionals and amateurs.



## VHS 2017 OPEN CLASS 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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VHS rosettes are optional.

	Cost	Qty	Total
<b>VHS Open class – Ridden only</b>			
Ridden only (1 class), to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>VHS rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup></li></ul>	£15.00		£
Ridden only (1 class), to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No rosettes</li></ul>	£ 0.00		£ 0.00
<b>Total payable</b>			£

Area Qualifiers, Direct Qualifiers and Regional Finals are also available.

Please contact Julianne Aston at Head Office for further info: [info@veteran-horse-society.co.uk](mailto: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**