Appendix A

RULES

1. **All equines must be four years old and over.**

2. **All horses/ponies on the show ground must be covered by third party insurance Checks may be made, and documents must be produced.**

3. **Any excessive use of whips, or failure to obey an order by a judge or steward in or out of the arena (whilst on the showground) may result in disqualification from the show and loss of any entry fees.**

4. **The organisers accept no responsibility for accidents however caused.**

5. **The organisers will not be responsible for any error which may appear in the schedule.**

6. **The Judges' decision is final.**

7. **Closing Date for entries is xx/xx/xxxx. Late entries after this date and on the day at additional £xx.xx per class.**

8. **All entries must be in writing with entry fees and no entry fees are refundable. Telephone entries will not be accepted. (Event organiser choice). Submission of an entry is acknowledgment and acceptance of these rules.**

9. **All competitors must be in the ring when required to be judged or may face disqualification. It is the competitor's responsibility to be at the correct ring at the correct time.**

10. **Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.**

11. **The driver must be aged 8 years and over on the first day of the show at which they are to compete. A driver under the age of 18 years must be accompanied in the vehicle by a**

competent and responsible person aged 18 years and over a "responsible adult". Proof of age will be required if necessary, it is the responsibility of the owner / driver (if over 18) or (if the owner/driver is under 18) the responsible adult to ensure that his/her groom is/are competent for the purpose of attending to the turnout and aged over 8 or over on the day of the show. When in the vehicle grooms, passengers and driver must have their feet firmly on the floor of the vehicle or use a suitable fixed footrest. This regulation applies at all times and in all areas on the showground. Anyone under the age of 14 years, on the day of the show, either whip, groom or passenger MUST wear an approved hard hat whilst on or attending a turnout (BDS Ruling).

12. **HEADWEAR Anyone riding a horse or pony must wear a correctly fitted secured hat to BSI or European Safety Standard at all times when mounted on the show ground.**

13. **We are privileged to have the use of this ground and it would be greatly appreciated if you would dispose of your rubbish carefully as the ground is used for grazing (if appropriate).**

14. **In the rare event of cancellation, refund of entry fees will be made after all creditors have been paid.**

15. **This event is open to BDS and Non BDS members with current public liability insurance, Non-Members Event form to be completed before participating at event available on the day from event organiser.**

16. **All Young drivers must wear an approved hard hat and be accompanied on the carriage at all times by a capable adult with an additional adult groom in attendance on the ground. Their feet must touch either a foot rest, or the floor of the carriage.**

DUTY OF CARE AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION

- **NEVER take the bridle off while the equine is attached to the carriage.**
- **An active and competent groom should be in attendance at all times.**
- **Equine, harness and vehicle must be in sound condition and suitable for the activity and terrain.**
- **When the equine is in harness and attached to the carriage, control must be maintained at all times either through the driver who will be on the box seat, or by the groom who will either hold the reins or a lead rope attached to the bit or under halter.**
- **No passenger or groom should be on the carriage until the driver is on the box seat holding the reins.**
- **The whip should be in your hand, not in the socket.**
- **Before attending a group event ensure your equine is happy driving in company.**
- **When driving in company never move off adjacent to a horse being put to, unless the driver is happy for you to do so.**

ON THE ROAD

- **Vehicles on the highway must have red reflectors to the rear.**
- **Avoid driving on the road after dusk. If unavoidable, reflective clothing and carriage signs are essential. Lights must be carried, white to the front and red to the rear between dusk and dawn.**

- **Brakes are not compulsory on horse drawn vehicles, but if fitted they must be in working order. (Road traffic act 1998).**
- **When driving in company ensure you leave sufficient distance from the turnout in front to allow for sudden stoppage. When descending a slope, remember that all turnouts behind must be clear of the slope before anyone increases pace.**
- **Alert other equines, ridden or driven, and pedestrians before passing slowly and with care.**
- **Ensure that the Highway Code is always adhered to and that any signals given to other road users are as identified in the code.**
- **At any rest stops, turnouts must have an attendant at all times.**
- **Ensure spares and a phone are carried to support overcoming adverse event.**