

KENT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Patron: HRH The Duke of Kent, KG

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7th, 8th, 9th JULY 2023

ENTRIES CLOSE Sunday 26th May 2023

SHOWGROUND HOLDING NUMBER 20/059/8000

Please send your entries to the Livestock Department Kent County Agricultural Society Kent Showground
Detling, Maidstone Kent ME14 3JF Tel: 01622 633057

Or via

www.kcas.org.uk

This Schedule is issued subject to the Rules, Orders and Regulations of the Department for the
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL LIVESTOCK CLASSE

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In these showing rules:

Inspector means a person authorised by the Society to carry out inspections and other duties in accordance with the schedule regulations.

Exhibitor means the person responsible for entering any animal in the Show at point of entry and thereafter.

Participants means all owners, exhibitors, fitters, agents, attendants, handlers and other participants in the showing of an animal.

Steward means a volunteer appointed to support the running of the Show by the Kent County Agricultural Society.

Society means Kent County Agricultural Society.

Show means the Kent County Show.

ENTRIES

1. CLOSING DATE FOR ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Sunday 26th May 2023

For an entry to be accepted the following must be completed and received in the Show Office prior to or on the deadline.

- All entry forms signed by the exhibitor or his agent.
- Any additional certificates required.
- Entry fee in full.

Entries received after the 26 May will not be accepted.

Ideally entries are to be made online at www.showingscene.com Paper entries will be accept by post .
Telephone entries cannot be accepted. All amendments to entries must be made in writing by post or email.

The Society reserves the right to close entries early where places are limited.

2. ACCURACY OF ENTRY DETAILS

Every exhibitor shall be held responsible for the correctness of their entry and the correctness of documentation brought to the Show. If when queried, correctness cannot be proven, the entry in question shall not be accepted. If already accepted the entry may be cancelled or the exhibit may be disqualified, and any award made to it cancelled. No refunds will be given if the incorrect class is listed on the entry form.

If any wilful misstatement or incorrectness shall at any time be proved to have been made in any certificate, either in connection with the Shows of this Society or any other Agricultural Society, the offenders shall (at the discretion of the Show Manager) be disqualified from exhibiting at the Shows of this Society. If such certificate relates to an animal which has been or shall be awarded a prize at this Society's Show, the prize shall be withheld.

Entry will not be granted to any animals that have not provided the correct information prior to the Show or to any animals that arrived without correct documentation.

3. OWNERSHIP

All livestock must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor at the time of entry. In the event of death of an exhibitor the Executor(s) will be deemed to succeed as such.

4. AGE OF ANIMAL ON ENTRY

The date of birth of cattle and goats (in the case of sheep, the year of birth) must be correctly stated on the entry form. Should any question arise as to the age of any exhibit the Stewards may, at the request of the Judge, have the state of dentition of the exhibit examined by a competent authority. If in the opinion of such authority the state of dentition shall indicate that the stated age of any animal does not agree with the dentition test, the Stewards shall have power to disqualify such animal. Any animal having failed to pass the dentition test at any other Show shall forthwith be disqualified.

5. REJECTION

The Show Manager supported by the Council reserves the right to reject or cancel the entry or entries made by any person if they shall deem fit to do so. No reason has to be provided.

6. AMALGAMATION OR CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

Classes will be cancelled or amalgamated unless there are at least two exhibitors in the cattle section and three exhibitors in the sheep section.

Should any classes be amalgamated, no prize money or trophies will be carried over to the Any Other Breed classes.

For any breeds that have been entered into the Any Other Breed sections by more than three exhibitors for two years or more, consideration will be given consideration to holding specific breed classes the following year.

7. DATA PROTECTION - GDPR

All data given upon entry into classes with the Society may be provided to Breed Societies etc for the checking of eligibility and publication of results. Name, Town, County and results will be published in the catalogue and online. Details may also be provided to the press and Breed Societies for publication. Information about exhibitors will be forwarded to the appropriate regulatory authority, such as DEFRA or Trading Standards as well as the Society's Veterinary Advisers. By making an entry to a class with the Society you are providing consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.

8. REFUNDS

Refunds will only be considered if an animal is medically unable to compete. If exhibitors are unable to compete, a

refund request will have to be completed within one month of the Show. No refunds will be considered after this time. A valid vet's certificate must support the refund request. There will be no refunds prior to the Show, all requests will be considered after the Show.

TICKETS

9. SHOW PACKS

Show packs will be issued to Exhibitors on Thursday 6th July upon arrival at biosecurity. Exhibitors are asked to check that their allocation of tickets is correct at that time.

10. EXHIBITORS' TICKETS

The following allocation of entry passes will be given to exhibitors'

Cattle	Number of Exhibits	Number of 3 day wristbands
	1	2
	2	3
	3	4
	4	5
	5 plus	6

Sheep and Goats

Number of Exhibits	Number of 3 day wristbands
1 - 4	2
5	3
6 plus	4

In case of the transfer or improper use of a ticket it will be immediately cancelled and the full price of admission charged. Exhibitors will be expected to pay the full price for admission to the Show if tickets are lost, stolen or not presented at the gate for whatever reason. No refunds will be issued.

11. STOCKMENS' SUPPER TICKETS

The stockmen's barbeque supper will be held on the evening of Saturday 8th July. Supper tickets will be available from your Senior Section Steward at the Show and will be based on the number of animals brought forward. Additional supper tickets are priced at £10.00 and can be purchased from the cattle office on show days by cash payment only.

Supper Ticket Allocation

1-3 animals forward	= 1 Supper Ticket
4-9 animals forward	= 2 Supper Tickets
Over 9 animals forward	= 3 Supper Tickets

ARRIVAL AND TRANSIT OF ANIMALS

12. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Livestock Arrival - Thursday 6 July 2023

All Livestock (Cattle, Sheep, Pigs and Goats) must arrive on site 8.00am - 5.00pm. If unexpected circumstances arise, resulting in the arrival after 5.00pm on Thursday 6 July 2023, please phone the Show Office (open until 6.00pm). Security will not allow access to vehicles delivering livestock after this time unless the Show Office has given permission. Livestock must complete the relevant bio-security checks prior to entering the Show.

Livestock Departure - Monday 10 July 2023

13. THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS (IN TRANSIT) ORDER 2006

Livestock transported to the Show by a haulier must in general be accompanied by a current Transport Certificate.

All exhibitors must ensure that they comply fully with the current legislation issued by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs regarding the EU Welfare of Animals in Transport Regulation and are able to provide the appropriate documentation at the Show to the relevant governing authority.

For the purposes of this article, mammals shall not be considered fit for transport if they are;

- a) Unfit animals (see DEFRA website Annex 1 Chapter 1 of Council Regulation 1/2005).
- b) Pregnant female animals that have reached the latest stage of gestation (within 10% of the estimated time of the gestation before birth) and for a period of one week after giving birth.
- c) Very young animals except if the journey is less than 100 km, eg calves of less than 10 days of age, pigs less than 3 weeks of age and lambs of less than one week.
- d) Calves of less than 14 days of age on journeys exceeding 8 hours will not be permitted.

14. SECURITY

All animals must be brought properly secured within a livestock vehicle to the satisfaction of the Stewards of the section, or they will not be admitted to the Showground.

15. FORAGE

Straw for first litter will be provided free of charge on Thursday 6 July; subsequently exhibitors must provide their own, together with all provender required during the time their animals are on the Showground.

VETERINARY

16. CONTAGION

Every exhibitor of any animal which to their knowledge is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease, or which has been in contact with any animal suffering as such, shall pay the Society £50 as compensation and for liquidated damages for each and every animal so sent. In addition, in the event of the Society's Veterinary Inspector certifying that any animal sent for exhibition is in his opinion a possible source of danger, such animal shall be removed with due speed by the Participant, from the Showground, or be otherwise managed as per the Veterinarian's direction with a view to averting the spread of contagion.

17. VETERINARY TREATMENT

It is a condition of entry that the Society's Veterinary Officers may treat any animal in an emergency and agree the best course of action (including dispatch if necessary) whether or not the owner/exhibitor is present. If emergency veterinary treatment is required at the Show, exhibitors will be responsible for the cost of any medication or drugs used in the treatment of their animals and payment must be made direct to the veterinary officer at the time of treatment.

Any animal that is receiving veterinary treatment at the time of the Show should not be entered unless the owner has had the animal examined by their own Vet and it is safe for them to enter the Show. However, animals still showing evidence of disease will not be permitted to be shown; the ultimate decision will rest with the Kent County Show Veterinary Officers.

18. MISUSE OF DRUGS

The Society reserves the right to take blood and urine samples from any animal at the Show to test for the presence of illegal or banned substances.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS AND INSURANCE

19. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Exhibitors must have read and understood the Rules and Regulations for Livestock and their specific section.

All handlers must be competent and experienced to compete at the level of competition in which entered. Cattle handlers under the age of 14 must be supervised (please note the restrictions on leading bulls). Sheep and Goat

handlers must be 13 years of age or over to exhibit unsupervised in the livestock main lines (excluding the Young Handler classes and the Commercial Beef Novice class).

Respectful language and attitude will be expected at all times towards volunteer stewards, judges and other competitors.

20. NO SMOKING

Strictly no smoking in any buildings or marquees on the Showground.

21. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Alcohol is prohibited within all Livestock Marquees/Lines during the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm on each Show day.

22. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Organisers of this Show have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers and all the Officials and Stewards.

23. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

All livestock exhibitors must ensure they have adequate public liability insurance cover.

24. DOGS

Exhibitors must ensure that their dogs are kept quiet, under strict control and on leads at all times whilst on the Showground itself, the Livestock Camping Area or the car parks. Members of the public will not be allowed to bring their dogs inside the exhibition areas. Therefore, exhibitors' dogs will only be allowed in the exhibition areas outside of show opening hours which are 8.00am - 6.00pm.

JUDGING AND PARADES

25. JUDGING

Only the Stewards and authorised officials including the official photographer shall enter any of the rings or have any communication with the Judges during the time the judging is taking place. All participants acting in opposition to this rule shall forfeit such prizes as may be awarded to their exhibits.

The Judges may withhold any prize where there is evident want of merit. Where there is only one entry shown in a class, the judges may award the first, second, third or fourth prize according to the merit of that entry.

Once a class has started, late competitors will only be allowed entry into the ring if the Judge is prepared to accept them.

Exhibitors are particularly requested to note the name of the Judge appointed for the classes they wish to enter and are advised, in the interests of all concerned, not knowingly to enter an animal bred by or that has been owned by the Judge appointed.

Should there be an unforeseen change of judge then the exhibitor should stand down from that class and entry fees will be refunded or advise the Chief Steward before judging commences so that a referee may be appointed. The Society will have made every effort to inform exhibitors of a change in judge.

In the event of a judge knowingly encountering an animal in which he/she has had a past or present financial or breeder interest, the Society will arrange for the placement of that animal by another judge.

The decision of the Judge is final.

Exhibitors must ensure that they are wearing the correct number for each animal whilst in the ring. Cattle

exhibitors must wear both sets of numbers for each animal.

26. APPEARANCE MONEY

Appearance money will be paid to each animal forward in a class. Each animal will receive one amount of appearance money no matter how many classes they enter.

Cattle	£18
Sheep	£5
Goats	£5

27. PARADES

The Grand Parade of Livestock will be in the Livestock Rings on Friday and Sunday at 3pm and the Astor Ring at 2.30pm on Saturday. This is subject to change and advice should be sought from the Chief Steward.

Livestock will be paraded at the discretion of the Stewards and exhibitors are requested to see that sufficient stockmen are in attendance for this purpose. All exhibitors must ensure that at least one animal is taken out on parade by attendants in white coats when requested or appearance money will be forfeited. If a trophy is not being presented any animal can be taken out on parade. All Champion winning animals must be taken on parade, failure to do so may result in a forfeit of that Championship place and the prize awarded to the Reserve Champion animal. For this reason, all Reserve Champions should also be ready to take part in the Grand Parade.

Any prize winner who fails to parade without authority loses any appearance money unless a certificate is produced signed by a Veterinary Surgeon or a substantial reason is forwarded in writing and handed to the Chief Steward responsible for the Parade giving such reasons. The Chief Steward will report to the Show Manager, whose decision shall be final as to the forfeiting of any appearance money.

Cattle young handlers' must be accompanied.

28. TEMPORARY ACCIDENT

Any animal suffering from an accident, having temporary consequences only, will not be disqualified on that account.

29. PROTESTS

Any exhibitor wishing to make a protest, having reference to any exhibit at the Show, must make it in writing to the Show Manager and deposit the sum of £20.00, which may, at the discretion of the Council be forfeited to the funds of the Society, if the protest should appear to them to be frivolous or unreasonable. All protests must be delivered to the Show Manager before 5.00pm on the day of judging. After that hour no protest will be received unless a special and satisfactory reason can be given for the delay. A Council meeting will be called to consider any such protests at 10.30am on the following day at which time any person making a protest, or their authorised agent must be available to answer questions if required. Protests lodged against awards made on the third day of the Show will be considered at a time and place which will be fixed by the Council. The decision of the Council shall be final.

RESULTS AND PRIZES

30. PRIZE MONEY

The following prizes will be awarded for each class for cattle, sheep and goats (unless otherwise listed):

1 st	£40
2 nd	£30
3 rd	£20
4 th	£10

All prize money will be paid to the exhibitor listed on the entry form within four weeks of the Show date.

In all cases where the prizes are offered conditionally, they shall be withheld until the exhibitor shall have proved to the satisfaction of the Council that the conditions have been fulfilled.

31. PRIZE CARDS

Prize cards will be allocated for the above places for Livestock classes. Additional prize cards for Champion and Reserve Champion will be allocated. A number of classes have special prize cards or rosettes for specific winners. See individual sections for details.

32. TROPHIES

Trophies will be engraved and sent to exhibitors within two months of the Show date. All trophies are perpetual and must be returned prior to the following years Show.

33. RESERVE AWARDS

In awarding prizes, the Judges are instructed to add a reserve number in each instance (provided there is sufficient merit), stating the next best animal or pen of animals, in case any animal or pen of animals to which a prize has been awarded should be disqualified.

In the case of any prize animal being disqualified, the winner of the next succeeding prize in that class shall take the prize that has been awarded to the disqualified animal. The lowest prize in the class shall go to the reserve number provided a reserve card has been awarded.

34. ROSETTES

No animal will be allowed to wear rosettes or ribbons and no prize cards may be displayed other than those issued by the Society.

35. RESULTS

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check the results of the classes entered on the website www.kentshowground.co.uk within four weeks of the Show. No changes to results or prize money will be made after this time.

GENERAL

36. ADVERTISING

No person shall be allowed to fix any placard in the Showground except in the cattle, sheep and goat lines without the written permission of the Show Manager and no exhibitor shall be allowed to distribute flyers anywhere in the Showground. Any exhibitor who would like to advertise should speak to the Show Office regarding sponsorship at the Show to discuss advertising opportunities.

37. PUBLIC VIEW

Any participant shutting out his exhibits from the public view by letting down or affixing canvas, or in any other way except with the sanction of the Stewards or refusing to conform to the instructions of any Steward, will be fined £25.00 for each occurrence outlined by the Stewards.

Fines will be deducted from any prizes which may be due to the exhibitor or be recovered as per debts to the Society.

38. EVICTION

The Stewards shall have power to remove from the Showground the stock belonging to (and cancel the tickets of) any participant who does not comply with the instructions given by the Stewards, without any responsibility attaching to the Stewards or the Society in consequence of such removal.

39. LIVESTOCK CAMPING

Livestock camping area will be with the showground. A number of priority spaces are available upon request.

40. DISCLAIMER

Exhibits, the public and all participants are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

Neither the Society nor any of its officials will be responsible for anything that may happen from any cause or circumstances whatsoever to visitors or participants attending the Show, or through or to any animal or article exhibited at the Show and it shall be considered a condition of entry or admission to the grounds that each person shall hold the Society harmless and that they shall indemnify the Society against any legal proceedings arising from any such case or circumstances.

41. AMENDMENTS

The Society reserves the right to review and amend their rules and regulations prior to the Show. Any amendments will be listed on the Society website www.kentshowground.co.uk.

Please ensure you read the specific rules and regulations that are listed in each section.