



# ***The Side Saddle Association***<sup>®</sup>

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## **2017 GUIDE FOR AFFILIATING SHOWS *FOR SHOWS ONLY REQUIRING SAFETY HATS TO BE WORN IF STIPULATED IN SSA CLASS WORDING***

including

**Information, Notes & Schedule Wording for Show Secretaries**

**The SSA Show Affiliation Form is a separate document**

***SSA Area Run Shows, please see page 2 and The Area Show Affiliation Form***

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*(Please do not telephone after 9.00 pm)*

**Or for your SSA Local Area Contact: [www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk](http://www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk)**

**PLEASE AFFILIATE BY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017.**

**AFFILIATING CORRECTLY**

You can affiliate "On Line" by visiting

[www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk](http://www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk) "Affiliating your Show"

**In order to be correctly affiliated, Show Secretaries are requested to observe the following rules**

- Completed Affiliation Forms and the correct fee must be received by the Side Saddle Association (SSA) by **1st February, 2017, IN ORDER TO OFFER QUALIFYING CLASSES AND TO ENSURE INCLUSION IN THE SSA MEMBERS' SHOWS & FIXTURES LIST**, circulated to all Members and posted on the Side Saddle Association's Website.
- A copy of the relevant section of draft schedule **MUST** be sent to Mrs Sarah Bellow, SSA Show Affiliation Officer, for approval. Until the draft is received AND approved, **NO** rosettes will be sent to you. Please ensure the wording for all classes conform to those given in this Guide.
- If you would like any relevant **Class wording emailing in word format**, please do ask.
- Provided Draft Schedule wording has been approved, **which must include the name of the Judge**, Rosettes, Mark & Results Sheets, as appropriate, will be despatched at least 4 weeks prior to your Show, 2<sup>nd</sup> class with a receipt of postage. If you have not received your Rosettes, please contact Mrs Sarah Bellow, SSA Show Affiliation Officer, as soon as possible. Rosettes received but misplaced will be charged for at cost.
- For the **SSA Judges Panel**, please visit: [www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk](http://www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk) - Affiliating Your Show.
- If your Judge's name was not included on the Affiliation Form, it should be included on the draft schedule and /or forwarded as soon as possible and in advance of your Show.

- A copy of the final schedule should also be forwarded.

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### *FOR SHOWS ONLY REQUIRING SAFETY HATS TO BE WORN*

#### *IF STIPULATED IN SSA CLASS WORDING*

*Please note: ALL Shows affiliating to the Side Saddle Association (SSA), whose H&S and Insurance Policies, or the Venue's, require Safety Hats to be worn at all times should be aware that should they decide to waive the ruling for SSA classes, they do so at their own risk and the SSA cannot be held responsible for such a decision.*

#### INFORMATION FOR ALL SECRETARIES OF AFFILIATING SHOWS

Show Secretaries are urged to contact their local Side Saddle Association Contact,

[www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk](http://www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk) if they have any local queries, problems, difficulty in finding Judges, or need advice about Jumping or any other Classes.

#### □A. COMPETITION RULES

**FALLS:** A fall of horse/pony or rider in any class run under Side Saddle Association rules will result in disqualification, and the rider must leave the ring dismounted. It is strongly recommended that medical advice is then sought before competing in any other class.

**JUNIOR COMPETITORS (SSA Members or Non SSA Members):** MUST have attained their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and be under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year and MUST wear a correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hat that meets **one of the following** current Safety Standards in all classes affiliated to or run by the SSA: All PAS 015; VG1; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. In addition the new BS/EN standard will be allowed, once approved with the finalised number being advised in due course. A Spur or Spur band is not permitted in any class where jumping is involved.

**ADULT COMPETITORS (SSA Members or Non SSA Members):** MUST be aged 18 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year and MUST wear a correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hat that meets **one of the following** current Safety Standards where indicated in the competition rules: All PAS 015; VG1; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. In addition the new BS/EN standard will be allowed, once approved with the finalised number being advised in due course Where safety hats are not compulsory, Adult competitors wear alternative headgear at their own risk.

**LEAD REIN** competitors MUST compete **Hors Concours** in any SSA affiliated class unless otherwise stated.

**QUALIFIERS:** Shows held up to and including the first day of the 2017 National Side Saddle Show will be Qualifiers for 2017. Shows held after that date will be Qualifiers for the following year.

#### B. MARK SHEETS, ETC.

Results and/or mark sheets are provided by the SSA for Equitation and Classical Ladies Side Saddle Qualifying Classes. Mark Sheets for Equitation Jumping, Working Hunter and WHP Classes are available to download from the Association's Website: [sidesaddleassociation.co.uk](http://sidesaddleassociation.co.uk)

#### D. JUMPING CLASSES

Side saddle jumping classes are a crowd-puller and exceptionally popular. Shows wishing to offer them are invited to discuss the range of classes with their Area Chairman. You are asked, **IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY**, to request an SSA representative to walk and approve the course. All courses should be designed to encourage.

#### E. ROSETTES PROVIDED BY THE SSA (\*\* New for 2017)

Please note these Rosettes are additional to and do not replace a Show's own rosettes:

##### **The Side Saddle Association Equitation Qualifying Classes:**

2 sets, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> places, Special for highest under 14 and 2 Turnout as detailed in class wording

If applicable, **Sir Lancelot:** 1 special rosette

##### **Classical Ladies Qualifying Classes**

2 special rosettes, as detailed in class wording

##### **Costume Concours d'Élégance, Riding Club Horse/Pony:**

2 special rosettes, as detailed in class wording

##### **Concours d'Élégance:**

2 special rosettes, as detailed in class wording

##### **Best Horse or Pony:**

2 special rosettes, as detailed in class wording

\*\* CHAPS offer a to the highest placed coloured exhibit who qualifies, as detailed in class wording

##### **Additional Special Rosettes:**

SSA rosettes are available for Shows to purchase and award to the highest placed SSA Member, carrying their current Championship Points Card riding side saddle in such classes as, Equitation Jumping, WH/WHP, Ladies Hunter, Ladies Hack, SS Show Pony, etc.

#### *Special Notes for SSA Area Run Shows*

1. Please refer to the SSA Area Run Shows' Affiliation Form.
2. All Areas MUST appoint a representative to collect and sign for the Area's Rosettes for the Year at the SSA AGM. Area Shows affiliating after 1<sup>st</sup> February will pay for their Rosettes in the normal way.
3. Please see the current Members' Handbook for Schedule wording for "SSA Area Only" affiliated classes.

**SCHEDULE WORDING FOR 2017**  
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**EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING CLASSES**

may be offered as

**CHOICE 1**, an **Open Class**, open to Adults and Juniors. If entries warrant, an **Open Class** may be divided into an Adult and a Junior Class at the discretion of the Show. SSA Rosettes and Qualifying Points shall be awarded to Adults & Juniors as 2 sections: the highest placed Adult & Junior Members will receive SSA rosettes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Qualifying Points down each line. The highest placed Member under 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year will receive a rosette. Juniors must wear Hats to current Safety Standards or above.

or **CHOICE 2**, two classes, **Adult** and **Junior**, with the same rosettes as Choice 1.

- *The Judge must be on the current SSA Judging Panel*
- *Shows held up to and including the first day of the 2017 National Side Saddle Show will be Qualifiers for 2017. Shows held after that date will be Qualifiers for the following year.*
- *In all equitation classes it is the rider and not the horse that is judged and qualifies and there will be no reference to the sex, breeding or conformation of the horse. However, horses should, in the opinion of the judge, have manners suitable for carrying a side saddle. Horses shall be 4 years old or over.*
- *Competitors enter the ring together and are required by the Judge to walk, trot and canter on the right rein, followed by a change of rein through trot and canter left, before being called into a provisional order.*
- *Each competitor is asked to give a freestyle show to a maximum of 2 minutes, after which the competitor's saddle and turnout is inspected after their individual show.*

**CLASS WORDING FOR CHOICE 1**

***The Side Saddle Association***

**EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN QUALIFYING CLASS**

Run under SSA Rules defined in the current Member's Handbook. Open to SSA Members and Non-Members. Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3<sup>rd</sup> Adult and 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior places and SSA Championship Points. **Southernden Farm** offers a rosette to the highest placed Member aged under 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. **Side Saddle International** offer a rosette to the Adult Member and **Manor Grange Stud Show Centre** to the Junior Member, judged to be the best turned out. Juniors must wear Hats to current Safety Standard or above.

**OR CLASS WORDING FOR CHOICE 2**

***The Side Saddle Association***

**EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS ADULT QUALIFYING CLASS**

Run under SSA rules defined in the current Members' Handbook. Open to SSA Adult Members and Non-Members aged 18 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place and SSA Championship Points. **Side Saddle International** offer a rosette to the Adult Member, judged to be the best turned out.

***The Side Saddle Association***

**EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR QUALIFYING CLASS**

Run under SSA rules defined in the current Members' Handbook. Open to SSA Junior Members and Non-Members aged under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place and SSA Championship Points. **Southernden Farm** offers a rosette to the highest placed Member aged under 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. **Manor Grange Stud Show Centre** offer a rosette to the Junior Member, judged to be the best turned out. Hats to current Safety Standards or above must be worn.

**□ QUALIFIER FOR THE SIR LANCELOT MEMORIAL TROPHY**

- *For Shows (maximum of 2 per Area), invited by the relevant SSA Area Chairman, to hold a Sir Lancelot Qualifier*
- *The Judge must be on the current SSA Panel but may be assisted by a Celebrity or Sponsor*

A Special rosette will be offered to the Adult Member, carrying their current Championship Points Card, of the **SSA Area in which the Show is organised**, who during the Equitation Qualifier Class (irrespective of final placing) is judged to be the most elegant. That member will be eligible to compete in the Final for the Sir Lancelot Memorial Trophy (donated by the late Mrs E. Skelton) at the National Side Saddle Show. A Member may only qualify once per season between one National Show and the next, and if the Judge's first choice has already qualified, the rosette will be awarded to the next eligible competitor.

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**SIDE SADDLE RIDING CLUB HORSE/PONY CLASS**

- *The Judge must be on the current SSA or other appropriate Judging Panels*
- Open to horses and ponies 4 years old or over. Riders will be required to give a short show including a small jump, maximum 61cm (2'). The height may be adjusted during the course of the class at the Judge's discretion. The class shall be judged on the show, the manners of horse/pony and its suitability for the rider. Conformation will not be considered. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards. Hats to current Safety Standard or above must be worn.

□ **BEST HORSE OR PONY RIDDEN SIDE SADDLE (\*\* New for 2017)**

- *The Judge must be on the current SSA or other appropriate Judging Panels*
- Open to horses and ponies 4 years old or over: conformation & manners will be taken into consideration; horses/ponies will not be stripped. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards.
- \*\* The Highest placed **coloured exhibit** (who has not already qualified) receives a **Special Rosette** and qualifies for the Side Saddle Final at the **CHAPS Championship Show**. Open to any type of exhibit. Riders must be 16 or over. Riders/Owners need not be a member or their exhibit registered with CHAPS at the time of qualification, but in order to compete at the Championships, the Rider/Owner must be a showing member and their horse/pony registered with CHAPS before entering the final.

**CLASSICAL LADIES SIDE SADDLE QUALIFIER**

- *The Judge must be on the current SSA, SHBGB, BSHA, BSPS, or P(UK) Judging Panels*
  - *A maximum of 3 per annum for SSA Area run Shows*
- Open to SSA Adult Members and Non-members, aged 18 and over on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, riding side saddle, on horses exceeding 148cm (14.2hh). To be judged 25% conformation and action, 25% manners & way of going, 25% rider, and 25% turnout of horse & rider, by a SHBGB, BSHA, BSPS, P(UK) or SSA Panel Judge. Judges may request a short show, but will not ride exhibits; horses will not be stripped. Traditional habits must be worn. Fancy Dress and Period Costumes NOT permitted. **NB** Silk hats are permitted to be worn in this class **AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY**. Judges are requested to use the mark sheet provided. The highest placed horse/rider combination qualifies for the Final to be held at the National Side Saddle Show. In the event of previous qualification, this may be passed down to fourth place. **Special rosettes** are offered by **Mrs T Mitchell** to the winner and if the winner has already qualified, a second rosette is awarded with the Qualification Card. Qualifying combinations are required to become Full Members of the SSA 21 days prior to the National Side Saddle Show or as soon as possible if qualified after that date to be eligible to be eligible to compete at the Final. Combinations qualifying between one National Side Saddle Show and the next may carry forward the qualification, for that year only.
- The highest placed **Riding Horse, Hack** (*not exceed 160cm*), **Cob** or **Hunter**, Mare or Gelding, 4 years and over, ridden by a SSA Adult Member qualifies for the current year's **BSHA Championship Show DMSL Phone Systems Ladies Show Horse Championship** and if already qualified the ticket will go to the next highest placed horse down to 5<sup>th</sup> place. Combinations qualifying after the current year's BSHA Championship Show may carry forward the qualification, to the following year. **SSA Members** who qualify for **The Ladies Show Horse Championship**, **will not be required to join the BSHA** in order to compete in any **Side Saddle class** at the **BSHA National Championship Show**. If the BSHA Championship Show entries have closed at the time of qualification, competitors will not be charged a late entry fee for the **Championship**.

**SIDE SADDLE CONCOURS d'ÉLÉGANCE**

- *The Judge must be on the current SSA or any appropriate Judging panel but may be assisted by a Celebrity or Sponsor*
  - *Where these classes are a main ring attraction Shows may, at their discretion limit entries to Adult competitors only and the rosette provided for the highest placed Junior will not be awarded.*
- The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse and rider. Attention may be paid to the rider's personal appearance but detailed inspection of rider or tack is not required. Fancy dress or period costume is not permitted. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. No individual show is required, but the Judge may ask groups of 3 or 4 riders to give short displays. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards. **N.B.** Silk hats are permitted to be worn by Adults **IN THIS CLASS AT ANY TIME OF DAY**. Juniors **must** wear hats to current Safety standards or above for this class. Adult riders not wearing such hats do so at their own risk.

□ **SIDE SADDLE COSTUME CONCOURS d'ÉLÉGANCE**

The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse/pony and rider, and the way of going of the horse/pony. Safe tack must be used. Detailed inspection of the rider's period costume is not required. Fancy dress is not permitted. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. No individual show is required, but the judge may ask small groups of 3 or 4 riders to give short displays. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Card. Competitors should produce a brief résumé about

their costumes for the Commentator. Juniors **must** wear hats to current Safety Standard or above for this class. Adult riders not wearing such hats do so at their own risk.

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**Whilst not offered as SSA affiliated classes, (Special Rosettes are available for purchase)**

**Mark Sheets for these Classes can be downloaded from the SSA Website:**

**[www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk](http://www.sidesaddleassociation.co.uk) "Affiliating Your Show"**

#### **WORKING HUNTER AND WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES**

- *The Judge must be on the current SSA, SHBGB, BSHA, BSPS, or P(UK) Judging Panels*
- *These classes may be combined at the Show Organisers/Judge's discretion*
- *Hats to current Safety Standard or above must be worn*

#### **☐SIDE SADDLE OPEN WORKING HUNTER**

Open to horses exceeding 148cm (14.2hh). Riders any age. Height of fences not to exceed 84cm (2'9"). The spread of fences shall not exceed the height.

#### **SIDE SADDLE OPEN WORKING HUNTER PONY**

Open to ponies not exceeding 153cm (15hh). Riders any age. Height of fences not to exceed 76cm (2'6"). If the class is split into height groups, ponies not exceeding 143cm (14hh), will jump a course not exceeding 69cm (2'3"), ponies not exceeding 133cm (13hh) a course not exceeding 61cm (2'). The spread of fences shall not exceed the height.

#### **SIDE SADDLE EQUITATION JUMPING CLASSES**

- *The Judge must be on the current SSA Judging Panel*
- *To be run under SSA rules as they appear in the current Members' Handbook*
- *Hats to current Safety Standard or above must be worn*
- *Junior riders are **not permitted** to wear a spur or spur band in any class where jumping is involved*
- *Shows may title their class(es) at their discretion, i.e. Open, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Beginners etc., but may not exceed the appropriate heights or spreads stipulated below*
- *It is recommended that the first fence is built on the right rein towards the collecting ring*
- *The first two fences **MUST NOT** be at maximum height*
- *Doubles and "Dog Leg" turns **MAY NOT** be included at any level*
- *Competitors may only compete once in any Equitation Jumping class, but may ride subsequent rounds, the National Side Saddle Show excepted, Hors Concours, on another horse or horses.*
- *Competitors may select at which height they would like to jump within their relevant class.*
- *The course shall consist of rustic or coloured fences, or a combination of both, and the number of fences must not exceed those stated.*
- *Maximum height and spread of fences:*

##### **Junior Novice A: Maximum number of fences 8**

*38 cm (1'3") max height, 30cm (1'0"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 30 cm (1'0")*

##### **Junior Novice B: Maximum number of fences 8**

*53 cm (1'9") max height, 38 cm (1'3"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 46 cm (1'6")*

##### **Junior Open A: Maximum number of fences 8**

*53 cm (1'9") max height, 38 cm (1'3"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 46 cm (1'6")*

##### **Junior Open B: Maximum number of fences 8**

*70 cm (2'3") max height, 46 cm (1'6"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 61 cm (2'0")*

##### **Adult Novice A: Maximum number of fences 8**

*70 cm (2'3") max height, 46 cm (1'6"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 61 cm (2'0")*

##### **Adult Novice B: Maximum number of fences 8**

*76 cm (2'6") max height, 61 cm (2'0"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 70 cm (2'3")*

##### **Adult Intermediate A: Maximum number of fences 9**

*76 cm (2'6") max height, 61 cm (2'0"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 70 cm (2'3")*

##### **Adult Intermediate B: Maximum number of fences 9**

*84 cm (2'9") max height, 70 cm (2'3"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 76 cm (2'6")*

##### **Adult Open A: Maximum number of fences 10**

*84 cm (2'9") max height, 70 cm (2'3"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 76 cm (2'6")*

##### **Adult Open B: Maximum number of fences 10**

*91 cm (3'0") max height, 76 cm (2'6"), max spread, first 2 fences max height 84 cm (2'9")*