

**The Donkey Breed Society**  
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**OUR 52<sup>nd</sup> NATIONAL DONKEY SHOW SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025**  
**To be held at Moreton Morrell College, Warks**

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**CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES:**  
**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

**JUDGES**

Young People's Classes/Championships	Miss Elizabeth Langford
Non-breed Classes	Mrs Sheila Dinsdale
In-Hand Classes	Ms Sarah Prior
In-Hand Championships	Miss Elizabeth Langford
Driving Classes/Championships	Mr Robert Sims

The committee, in addition to the above officials, without whom we could not operate, includes Mrs Carol Morse, Mrs Julie Boyce, Miss Liz Brown, Mr Robert Sims, Mrs Trudy Affleck, Mrs Caroline Tween and Mrs Pam Moon.



## Show Schedule

The organisers reserve the right to amalgamate or split classes as appropriate based on the entries received by 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Donkeys qualifying at events between that date and 31 July 2025 are still eligible to submit entries, but no later than noon on 04 August 2025.

Please note that rings commence at 09:30 am, except for the Cones & Obstacles classes, which will commence at 10:30 am. All classes will automatically follow on from the previous one, so exhibitors are expected to be ready and waiting in plenty of time. Where an exhibitor in the driving class needs to collect another turnout, they must make the ring steward aware of this, and an agreed waiting time obtained.

### **RING ONE - Classes commence at 09:30 am**

#### **CLASSES for YOUNG PEOPLE (under 17)**

##### **Condition and Turnout - Ridden or in-hand**

- Class J30 - 3-8 years old
- Class J31 - 9-12 years old
- Class J32 - 13-16 years old

##### **Young Handler**

- Class J33 - 3-8 years old
- Class J34 - 9-12 years old
- Class J35 - 13-16 years old
- C9 - DBS Young Handler Championship**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed, fully paid up, Junior members from Classes J33-J35

##### **Young Rider**

- Class J36L - Leading Rein 3-8 years old
- Class J36R - Ridden 3-8 years old
- Class J37 - Ridden 9-12 years old
- Class J38 - Ridden 13-16 years old
- C10 - DBS Young Rider Championship**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed, fully paid up, Junior members from Classes J36L/J36R-J38

#### **BREAK - followed, no earlier than 11:00 by the NON-BREED CLASSES**

##### **Condition and Turnout (No foals)**

- Class NB01 - Male donkey
- Class NB02 - Female donkey

##### **Pet Donkey**

- Class NB03 - assessing safety, manners and suitability as an all-round pet donkey including a range of skills
- No foals, nor entire, male, donkeys will be permitted in this class

##### **Newcomer - to be judged on the capability of the handler, not the donkey**

- Class NB04 - This class is based on the handler's skills as required for an in-hand breed class.
- The handler is not to have won a first in any in-hand class at the date of this event.
- Should the handler's position change between date of entry and date of show a full refund of the entry fee will be made.

##### **Novice - to be judged as an in-hand breed class**

- Class NB05 - This class is for donkeys who have never won an in-hand breed class where conformation is assessed.
- Should the donkey's position change between date of entry and date of show a full refund of the entry fee will be made.

## **RING TWO - Classes commence at 09:30 am**

### **IN-HAND BREED CLASSES**

#### **YOUNGSTOCK FEMALES**

##### **Fillies 1 to 3 years**

- F17a** - Senior Yearlings, born 1<sup>st</sup> Jan - 31<sup>st</sup> May
- F17b** - Junior Yearlings, born 1<sup>st</sup> June - 31<sup>st</sup> Dec
- F18a** - Senior 2 year olds, born 1<sup>st</sup> Jan - 31<sup>st</sup> May
- F18b** - Junior 2 year olds, born 1<sup>st</sup> June - 31<sup>st</sup> Dec
- F19** - 3 year old fillies

#### **YOUNGSTOCK MALES**

##### **Geldings 1 to 3 years**

- M7** - Yearlings
- M8** - 2 year olds
- M9** - 3 year olds

##### **Colts 1 to 3 years**

- M3a** - Senior Yearlings, born 1<sup>st</sup> Jan - 31<sup>st</sup> May
- M3b** - Junior Yearlings, born 1<sup>st</sup> June - 31<sup>st</sup> Dec
- M4** - 2 year old colts
- M5** - 3 year old colts

#### **ADULT MALES**

##### **Stallions**

- M2** - Senior Stallions, Age 10 - 19
- M1** - Junior Stallions, Age 4 - 9
- M24a** - Veteran Stallions, Age 20 and over

##### **Geldings**

- M11** - Senior Adult Geldings, Age 10 - 19
- M10** - Junior Adult Geldings, Age 4 - 9
- M24b** - Veteran Geldings, Age 20 and over

#### **ADULT FEMALES**

- F20** - Junior Barren Mare, Age 4 - 9
- F21** - Junior Brood Mare, Age 5 - 9, to have foaled in current year
- F22** - Senior Barren Mare, Age 10 - 19
- F23** - Senior Brood Mare, Age 10 - 19, to have foaled in current year
- F24** - Veteran Mare, Age 20 and over

#### **FOALS**

- F14** - Senior Filly Foals born 1<sup>st</sup> Jan - 31<sup>st</sup> May
- F15** - Senior Colt/Gelding Foal born 1<sup>st</sup> Jan - 31<sup>st</sup> May
- F16** - Junior Foal born 1<sup>st</sup> June - 7<sup>th</sup> July
- C14** - DBS Foal Championship
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed foals from Classes F14 - F16

### **BREAK followed by IN-HAND BREED CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All donkeys qualifying for the In-Hand Championship will be awarded a qualifying rosette **before** entering the ring for the championships. The judging of the championships will be in accordance with the instructions set out in the notes that follow the schedule.

## CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

- C1 DBS British Filly Championship**
- C2 DBS British Youngstock Gelding Championship**
- C3 DBS British Colt Championship**
- C4 DBS British Youngstock Championship** - The champions and their reserves from the Filly/Youngstock Gelding/Colt Championships
- C7 DBS British Stallion Championship**
- C5 DBS British Adult Gelding Championship**
- C6 DBS British Mare Championship**
- C8 DBS British Supreme Championship** - Champion Youngstock, Adult Gelding, Mare and Stallion together with their Reserves

## RING THREE - Classes commence at 09:30 am

### Long Reining - for donkeys 3 years old or over

**Class D50** - open to donkeys in rollers/saddles as well as in harness so long as it is well fitting and safe.

### Open Driving - open to singles and multiples

**Class D52** - Private Driving

**Class D53** - Exercise Vehicle

**Class D54** - Trade Vehicle

**Pleasure Driving - aimed at non-traditional showing.** Exhibitors maybe asked to negotiate a road junction as part of the individual show. Whips and grooms must be wearing a hat and gloves and carrying a whip, however, show wear need not be worn.

**Class D60 - Newcomers** - where the whip has not won a first prize in the show ring

**Class D61 - Open**

### Best Whip, including Junior Whip

**Class D62** - Junior whips aged 8 to 16

**Class D63** - Open

**Class D64** - Senior - for whips aged 60 or over

**Precision and Paces** - a short test will be driven individually with emphasis on precision and accuracy of movements and the way of going for the donkey.

**Class D65A** -Novice

**Class D65B** - Open

**Class D65C** - Long Reined

**Depending on the number of entries there maybe a break now or after the Championships**



## DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- C11**      **Concours D'Elegance** - This is judged entirely on presentation and the ability to demonstrate a pleasing picture from those donkey turnouts entered at the Show. All drivers are automatically entered for the award.
- C12**      **Driven Novice Award** - The Claygate Novice Driving Trophy is awarded to the most successful novice whip, in the opinion of the judge, from those receiving Novice Rosettes in the Open driving (D52 to D54) and The Precision and Paces classes (D65A to D65C)
- C13**      **Supreme Driving Championship** - The eligible entrants must have completed in an open driving class and one of the Precision and Paces classes. This will be the two highest placed turnouts from each open driving section and the two highest placed turnouts from each section of the Precision and Paces classes

## Commencing at 10:30 am

**Cones/Obstacles** - a series of cones and obstacles to be negotiated without knocking balls off. This will be timed. It is being run in parallel with the driving ring.

**Class D66** - Driven

**Class D67** - Long reined

## NOTICES

**Awards.** Any one with an award from last year should return it to Caroline Tween, preferably before the event. Her contact numbers are 01277 514046 or 07763 492845

**Day Members.** Any day member will not be eligible for an award that goes to the individual as opposed to the donkey. This includes, but is not limited to: Young Handler, Young Rider, Newcomer, Best Whip, and the Trinette Hindle Award.

## SOCIETY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

All donkeys must have passports. Those entered in the In-hand breed classes will need either a DBS passport or one over stamped by the DBS.

All riders, handlers, whips and grooms must be members of the DBS. Day memberships are available at a cost of £5 for any 'helpers on the day'. Please see the Fees section of the Declaration sheet.

This show will abide by the rules and regulations contained in the Society's Affiliated Showing Rules with the exception of:

Rule 5(o) - which is replaced by the definitions for the Driving Championships - C11 to C13

Rule 5(p) - which is replaced by the procedures provided in the notes at the end of the schedule

A copy of the Affiliated Showing Rules can be downloaded from the Society website- [www.donkeybreedsociety.co.uk](http://www.donkeybreedsociety.co.uk). Please ensure you have read these before making your entries for the event as you will be asked to confirm that you have done so.

## ARRIVAL TIME

All classes will automatically follow on from the preceding class(es) so please ensure you take this into account in planning your entries and also your arrival time.

## DOCUMENTATION AND OTHER CHECKS

Random checks will be made to ensure that all donkeys are fully vaccinated in accordance with the venue rules (see below), are accompanied by their passport, have been micro-chipped and the exhibitor has appropriate public liability insurance cover.

## **EXHIBITOR NUMBERS**

Exhibitor numbers will NOT be posted out but will be available for collection from the Show Office on the morning of the show.

## **STABLES**

Stabling will be available at a cost of £42.00 for an overnight stay and £22.00 for day use, but you must be clear by 17:00 on Saturday. Any exhibitor hiring a stable will be expected to leave it clean and tidy - any fine imposed by the venue will be passed onto that exhibitor. Should a stable not be considered to be clean and tidy on arrival please provide photographic evidence so we may take the matter up with the venue.

## **VACCINATIONS/PASSPORTS**

In accordance with the current vaccine requirements, all horses, ponies and donkeys attending events at the venue must have received at least their first two vaccines. Animals with full programs are advised to have six monthly boosters, however annual boosters are acceptable. All vaccines need to have 7 clear days before attending the event. It is every exhibitor's responsibility to ensure all animals are vaccinated correctly from the start date of their programme. The Society reserve the right to undertake our own random checks and any person being in charge of an animal not being in compliance will both be asked to leave the site. All animals must have passports with them.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

It will be possible to camp or if you come with a caravan there is electric hook up on site provided both are pre-booked, prices on the booking form.

### **Emailing of Entry Forms, Electronic Payment of Entry Fees and Refund Policy**

Completed entry forms may be scanned and emailed to the Show Secretary - [donkeybreedsocietytreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:donkeybreedsocietytreasurer@gmail.com). Anyone wishing to make their entry in this manner must pay their entry fees electronically and submit a copy of the payment advice. Receipt of the funds will be checked, and a response sent as soon as possible confirming receipt of the entry or requesting further information as necessary.

If you are unable to scan completed entry forms but still wish to pay electronically, please feel free to do so and ensure you enclose a copy of the payment advice along with your entry forms.

Electronic payments should be made to Lloyds Bank, Account Name: Donkey Breed Society, Sort Code: 30-64-97, Account Number: 31968768, Quote Ref CS25.

In the event the Society is forced to cancel the event all entry fees paid will be refunded in full. Any exhibitor wishing to cancel their entries due to ill health from and including 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 will receive a refund, after deducting a £20.00 administration fee, on the production of an appropriate medical certificate from a vet (for the donkey) or a doctor (for the exhibitor).

### **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES to reach the Hon Secretary by - 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

The same entry form is to be used for in-hand and driving classes. Please feel free to copy the form or email the Hon Show Secretary for further copies which can be emailed back to you. Further copies of this schedule can also be emailed to you.

Your entry forms, together with the Fees and Declaration sheet and any other sundry forms that are applicable to your booking as well as a cheque, made payable to 'The Donkey Breed Society' or a bank payment advice for the sum shown on the entry fees sheet should be returned to:

The Honorary Show Secretary, DBS Championship Show  
Mrs Barbara Whale, Holly Berry House, Rough Park, Hamstall Ridware, Staffordshire, WS15 3SQ.

Tel: 07768 686425 or 01889 504424 (work) and email: [donkeybreedsocietytreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:donkeybreedsocietytreasurer@gmail.com)

**Please ensure you read the notes on the next two pages**

## National Show, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - Additional Information

### Definitions/Information for In-Hand Classes

#### 1. Ages

Like all equines, donkeys and mules have an official birthday on 01 January each year so that they are deemed to be a yearling on the 1<sup>st</sup> January immediately following their birth and a 2-year-old on the following 1<sup>st</sup> January and so on. For the sake of clarity, the following definitions apply to Seniors and Juniors.

Junior Youngstock (yearling, 2 year olds and 3 year olds) are those born in the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> May, Senior Youngstock are those born 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> December in their birth year.

<b>Junior Foal</b>	01 June to 07 July in the current calendar year
<b>Senior Foal</b>	01 January to 31 May in the current calendar year
<b>Junior Yearling</b>	01 June to 31 December in the previous calendar year
<b>Senior Yearling</b>	01 January to 31 May in the previous calendar year
<b>Junior Gelding</b>	Is aged 4 to 9
<b>Junior Stallion</b>	Is aged 4 to 9
<b>Junior Barren Mare</b>	Is aged 4 to 9
<b>Junior Brood Mare</b>	Is aged 5 to 9
<b>Senior Gelding</b>	Is aged 10 to 19
<b>Senior Stallion</b>	Is aged 10 to 19
<b>Senior Barren Mare</b>	Is aged 10 to 19
<b>Senior Brood Mare</b>	Is aged 10 to 19
<b>Veteran</b>	Aged 20 and over

#### 2. In-Hand Championships

Donkeys who have pre-qualified at affiliated shows during the year together with those qualifying at the National Show In-Hand Classes, on 16 August 2025, as listed in the schedule, will enter the ring wearing their qualifier rosettes. They will parade in the ring as instructed by the judge, who will select the Champion and then the Reserve Champion.

#### 3. Youngstock and Supreme Championships

The Champion donkeys from the In-Hand championship, together with their reserve champion will enter the ring and line up, with the reserves behind the champion. The judge will select the Champion from the first row, their reserve will move forward, and the judge will select the reserve champion from the new first row.

#### **4. Progeny Points Awards**

Points are awarded to the sire / dam where eligible, and the highest scoring sire will win the Stallion Progeny Points Award, while the highest scoring dam will win the Mare Progeny Points Award. Points will be awarded in the In-Hand classes at the Championship show and from pre-qualified donkeys who are not forward at this show. The parent of the pre-qualified progeny will be awarded 6 points for each pre-qualified donkey, but those donkeys will not be eligible for in-hand class points. For non- pre-qualified donkeys who enter the In-Hand Classes the following are points are awarded to the parents of the progeny as follows; 6 for 1st, 5 for 2nd, 4 for 3rd, 3 for 4th 2 for 5th and 1 for 6th. In addition, there will be 4 points for each parent of the Individual Champions and a further 2 points for the parents of the Reserve Champions. There are 4 points for each parent of the DBS British Supreme Champion and 2 points for the parents of the DBS British Reserve Champion. Those donkeys registered in the Stud Book as well as those entered in other appropriate DBS registers are eligible for the awards. The winning mare and stallion must be owned on the date of the show by a fully paid-up member of the society. If the winning donkey(s) are deceased the award will still be made. If the owner(s) of the winning donkey(s) are deceased the Society shall retain the trophy(s) for that year. As the results cannot be ascertained until after the show the trophies will be presented at the Society Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tie all winners will hold the trophy(s) for equal periods.

#### **Additional Information for Driving Classes**

##### **5. Best Whip Class**

The vehicle and harness, providing they are safe, will not be taken into account in the judging. Judging will be based entirely on the whips ability to drive correctly in the traditional English manner.

##### **6. Stubbings Trophy**

Points will be awarded to entrants with any disability, driving a suitable vehicle or a vehicle purpose built to carry a wheelchair. The vehicle is to be driven in the traditional English style or the driver is to use reins with any necessary adaptations. The whip may be accompanied by an able-bodied companion. The points will be awarded as follows for each position in each class - 6 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 for 5<sup>th</sup> and 1 for 6<sup>th</sup>. The trophy will be awarded to the entrant with the highest total score. In the event of a tie the trophy will be shared on a time basis. Eligible entrants must mark their entry forms with a large "D" in the top right-hand corner.

### **STOP PRESS**

#### **Performance Award**

There will be an overall donkey winner from those entered at this show. Points will be accumulated in all classes (with the exception of any of the Championships) and the donkey with the most points will be awarded the trophy.

Donkeys will be awarded 6 points for a first place down to 1 point for a sixth place in every class entered.

The more classes entered the more chance your donkey has of winning this award; however please do not over-extend your donkey, their welfare is paramount.

**National Showing Points** can be accrued at all class levels held at this event. The only exception being the Championship classes.



