



2023 Sunshine Tour Championships



COMPETITOR & HORSE/PONY RESTRICTIONS

Sunshine Tour Championships are for **AMATEUR** competitors, professionals are excluded from competing in the Sunshine Tour. **Our definition of a 'professional' is someone who earns money from:**

1. Training, schooling, breaking or competing horses/ponies.
 - People who work with horses for care, e.g. grooms, vet nurses and only participate in exercising of horses, e.g. hacking & lunging for exercise but not schooling, training, competing or breaking client's horses can qualify.
2. Buying and/or selling horses for profit.
3. Teaching and/or training riders.
 - Instructors who only teach in a riding school with riding school horses/ponies and do not teach people on their own horses can qualify.
4. Judging affiliated classes in the same discipline as your competition (paid or unpaid).

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each Dressage Qualification Number allows you to enter one dressage championship class:

At the same level as your qualification test **OR** a level above your qualification test.

Horse/rider combinations can compete in 6 championships, in 2 levels (Intro, Prelim, Novice, Elementary) which must be consecutive, e.g. if you've qualified for Intro, Prelim & Novice, you can compete in Prelim & Novice championships but not Intro & Novice championships. Warm up classes can cover 3 levels, you can compete on one or more days.

You DO NOT have to compete in exactly the same TEST as your qualification, only the same LEVEL or above.

TOURS are just groups of classes, divided by competence and measurable points/winnings restrictions - please respect the spirit of each level as well as the letter of the law. **If you are outside the restrictions for the level that you qualified in, you can voluntarily move up to compete in a higher level.**

SMALL TOUR includes Intro, Prelim & Novice classes. **GRAND TOUR** includes Prelim, Novice & Elementary classes.

RESTRICTIONS

SMALL TOUR

Horse/Pony (with any rider): Not to have earned more than 20 BD points, with none earned at Novice level or above. If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Rider (with any horse): Not to have earned any points at BD Novice level or above; not to have competed at BE Novice or above.

Combination: BD Intro Bronze restrictions apply.

GRAND TOUR

Horse/Pony (with any rider): Not to have earned more than 50 BD points, with none earned at Elementary level or above. If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Rider (with any horse): Not to have earned any points at BD Elementary level or above; not to have competed at BE Intermediate or above.

Combination: BD Prelim Bronze restrictions apply.



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SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each Show Jumping Qualification Number allows you to enter one show jumping championship class:

At the same height as qualification **OR** above your qualification height **OR** 5cm below your qualification. Horse/rider combination can take part in a maximum of 6 show jumping championships which must not be more than 20cm difference from lowest class to highest.

TOURS are just groups of classes, divided by competence and measurable points/winnings restrictions - please respect the spirit of each level as well as the letter of the law. **If you are outside the restrictions for the level that you qualified in, you can voluntarily move up to compete in a higher level.**

MINI TOUR – 30cm to 45cm

Mini Tour classes are for very novice/inexperienced riders. Riders who are competing at 70cm or above (on any horse/pony) should enter the Small Tour instead.

Pony (with any horse/pony) not to have earned more than 25 BS points. If pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Riders (on any horse/pony) competing at 70cm or above in any official British Showjumping, British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club competition should enter the Grand Tour instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

Combination cannot compete in Small, Grand or Trophy Tour show jumping or Small or Grand Tour eventers challenge.

SMALL TOUR – 50cm to 75cm

Horse/Pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 50 BS points. If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Riders (on any horse/pony) competing at 90cm or above in any official British Showjumping, British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club competition should enter the Grand Tour instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

Combination: cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping.

GRAND TOUR – 80cm to 90cm

Horse/Pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 75 BS points. If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Riders (on any horse/pony) competing at 1.05m or above in any official British Showjumping, British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club competition should enter the Grand Tour instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

Combination cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping or Mini Tour eventers challenge.

TROPHY TOUR – 95cm to 1.05m

Horse/Pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 100 BS points. If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Riders who are competing at 1.20m or above (on any horse/pony) in any official British Showjumping, British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club competition should not be participating in Sunshine Tour championships. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

Combination cannot compete in Small or Mini Tour show jumping or Mini Tour eventers challenge.



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EVENTERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each Eventers Challenge Qualification Number allows you to enter one eventers challenge championship class:

At the same height as qualification **OR** above your qualification height **OR** 5cm below your qualification.

Horse/rider combination can take part in a maximum of 3 eventers challenge championships which must not be more than 20cm difference from lowest class to highest.

TOURS are just groups of classes, divided by competence and measurable points/winnings restrictions - please respect the spirit of each level as well as the letter of the law. **If you are outside the restrictions for the level that you qualified in, you can voluntarily move up to compete in a higher level.**

MINI TOUR – 50cm

Horse/pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 25 British Showjumping points or ANY British Eventing Foundation points. If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Rider (with any horse/pony) competing at 70cm or above in any official British Showjumping, British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club competition should enter the Small Tour instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

Combination: cannot compete in Grand or Trophy Tour show jumping or Grand Tour eventers challenge.

SMALL TOUR – 60cm & 70cm

Horse/Pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 50 British Showjumping points or ANY British Eventing Foundation points. If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Riders (on any horse/pony) competing at 90cm or above in any official British Showjumping, British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club competition should enter the Grand Tour instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

GRAND TOUR – 80cm & 90cm

Horse/Pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 75 British Showjumping points or ANY British Eventing points; Foundation points are permissible. If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Riders (on any horse/pony) competing at 1.05m or above in any official British Showjumping, British Eventing, Pony Club or Riding Club competition should enter the Trophy Tour instead. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

Combination cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping or Mini Tour eventers challenge.



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SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

All horses and ponies competing in the Sunshine Tour Showing must not be professionally produced/trained for the show ring and must not be kept in training or livery (including DIY livery) with a professional / affiliated showing producer during the current year.

Each Showing Qualification Number allows you to enter one showing championship class.

TOURS are just groups of classes, divided by competence and measurable points/winnings restrictions - please respect the spirit of each level as well as the letter of the law. **If you are outside the restrictions for the level that you qualified in, you can voluntarily move up to compete in a higher level.** You CAN compete in BOTH Small & Grand Tour Showing if you fit the relevant restrictions.

SMALL TOUR SHOWING

Horses/Ponies competing in Small Tour

- During the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's championship: horses/ponies **can** be registered with a showing or breed society but must **not** have won any affiliated class.
- During the period 1st January 2019 to the date of this year's championship: horses/ponies **cannot** have competed in any affiliated showing class at Royal International Horse Show, London International, Olympia or HOYS (from 1st January 2021 for Search for a Star).
- During the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's championship: horses/ponies **can** have taken part in preliminary qualifying rounds of classes that do not require pre-membership of the society but must **not** have taken part in second rounds or championships.

Riders/Handlers competing in Small Tour

- Riders/handlers **never** to have competed in showing classes at Royal International Horse Show, London International, Olympia or HOYS and must not be involved with schooling, training, breaking, producing or breeding show horses/ponies.
- Cannot be currently listed on any showing panel and /or judge affiliated or unaffiliated showing classes; this restriction applies to paid or unpaid activities.
- Cannot teach others to ride, except in Riding School teaching clients not on their own horse/pony.
- During the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's championship; riders/handlers **can** have taken part in preliminary qualifying rounds of classes that do not require pre-membership of the society but must **not** have taken part in second rounds or championships.

GRAND TOUR SHOWING

Horses/Ponies competing in Grand Tour

- During the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's championship: horses/ponies **can** be registered with a showing or breed society and have been placed in first round competitions but must **not** have won a championship class.
- During the period 1st January 2019 to the date of this year's championship: horses/ponies **cannot** have competed in an affiliated showing class at Royal International Horse Show, London International, Olympia or HOYS (from 1st January 2021 for TSR HOYS Masterclass and Search for a Star).
- During the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's championship: horses/ponies **can** have taken part in second rounds of affiliated classes but must **not** have gone forward to the relevant final or championships.

Riders/Handlers competing in Grand Tour

- During the period 1st January 2019 to the date of this year's championship: riders/handlers must **not** have competed in showing classes at Royal International Horse Show, London International, Olympia or HOYS and must not be professionally involved with schooling, training, breaking, producing, breeding or judging show horses/ponies.
- Cannot be currently listed on any affiliated showing panel and /or judge affiliated showing classes; this restriction applies to paid or unpaid activities. Cannot teach other to ride, except in Riding School teaching clients not on their own horse/pony.