

# MINI TOUR SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunshine Tour championships in all disciplines are arranged in sets of classes, called Tours to encourage participation and progression. The starting point for our very novice and inexperienced show jumping riders, or those with different needs is the Mini Tour Show Jumping Championships.

Held on the Sunday of the show, the Mini Tour classes include:

- 30cm Lead Rein Show Jumping
- 30cm Assisted Show Jumping
- 40cm Show Jumping
- 45cm Show Jumping

These progressive classes, encourage riders to establish the basics of good course riding and the importance of a clear round, before proceeding to competitions with results assessed on speed.

**The 30cm Lead Rein and Assisted** classes are judged on faults and style, with the style element assessed by a British Showjumping (BS) Coach. Speed is not important (lead rein with speed tends to be a mums & dads race anyway!!). The guidelines for the style assessment include rider position, correctness, hands, seat, lower leg & application of aids. And in addition, can be influenced by pace, regularity, rhythm, line taken between fences, approach & getaway.

Progressing on the **40cm class**, assistance is permitted to ensure riders get the support they need as they move up to be judged on faults and speed. The top class in the Mini Tour, **the 45cm** is 'training wheels off' with no assistance permitted, judged with BS Club Single Phase rules to find the top 10 placings.

Starting with judging on faults and style, then on to assisted but with speed being part of the judging and then to unassisted with the single-phase marking, means that we feel we are helping to safely prepare riders for the competitive jumping classes at 50cm and above. To maintain the introductory and progressive nature of these classes, pony and rider combinations taking part in Mini Tour classes are not permitted to also take part in the Small Tour. Riders who are competing at 70cm or above (on any horse/pony) should enter the Small Tour instead.

Only ponies are permitted to enter (with the occasional exception for riders with additional needs), so the maximum height is 148cm. We feel that capping the class to restrict participation to only smaller ponies, or only younger children disadvantages older children who are just starting out and need the lower level of jumps to gain confidence and experience.

The ring is always a busy mixture of ponies, parents, and riders! We assign extra staff compared to any other ring to ensure the happy chaos is sufficiently supervised. Warm up space is offered in 2 options: a quick trot around near the ring and pop a cross pole, or a separate warm up space in the Polo Arena. The Polo Arena is not far away, with designated warm up space for minis, adjacent to a different competitive area.

## **Restrictions Applicable to All Mini Tour classes:**

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

**Rider** (with any horse/pony): Not to have competed in any BS competitions (including Club or Just for Schools) or in any Pony Club Area Novice or Championship show jumping or eventing. Not to compete (on any horse/pony) in classes at 70cm or higher at Sunshine Tour.

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

## **MINI TOUR SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES**

### **Class J1 Sunshine Tour Lead-Rein 30cm Mini Tour Championship**

For pre-registered competitors, qualified during the current qualification period. Riders 16 years & under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, riding ponies 148cm & under. Must be led. Lead rein/rope can be attached only to the cavesson/upper part of the noseband.

Competition judged on faults and style, jumping faults are deducted from the style marks to give a total score. Up to 20 marks available for style, 10 marks available in each section:

A: Rider position, correctness, hands, seat, lower leg & application of aids.

B: Pace, regularity, rhythm, line taken between fences, approach & getaway.

### **Class J2 Sunshine Tour 30cm Mini Tour Championship**

For pre-registered competitors, qualified during the current qualification period. Riders 16 years & under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, riding ponies 148cm & under. Can be assisted but not led. Only one assistant is permitted in the ring with each competitor to give verbal guidance and/or help. The assistant is not permitted to lead the pony between the start and finish of the course, doing so will result in elimination.

Competition judged on faults and style, jumping faults are deducted from the style marks to give a total score. Up to 20 marks available for style, 10 marks available in each section:

A: Rider position, correctness, hands, seat, lower leg & application of aids.

B: Pace, regularity, rhythm, line taken between fences, approach & getaway.

### **Class J3 Sunshine Tour 40cm Mini Tour Championship**

For pre-registered competitors, qualified during the current qualification period. Riders 16 years & under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, riding ponies 148cm & under. Can be assisted but not led. Only one assistant is permitted in the ring with each competitor to give verbal guidance and/or help. The assistant is not permitted to lead the pony between the start and finish of the course, doing so will result in elimination.

BS Club single phase competition rules.

### **Class J4 Sunshine Tour 45cm Mini Tour Championship**

For pre-registered competitors, qualified during the current qualification period. Riders 16 years & under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, riding ponies 148cm & under. Cannot be assisted or led. BS Club single phase competition rules.