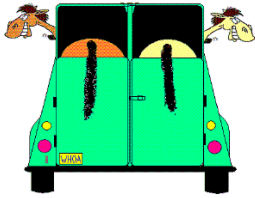




# Sunshine Tour Championships

## Stay Away Shows

If this will be your first stay away show, get excited, it's great fun! Here's some guidance for the horsey side of things. **There's separate guidance for parking and camping.**



## Stabling - Arriving

Stable occupancy starts at 6pm on the day you've booked, until 5pm the following day. Sometimes you can get into your stable early, but it'll depend on if the stable was occupied the night before. Quite often you can check-in with the stable manager earlier, even if you can't actually occupy your stable until later.

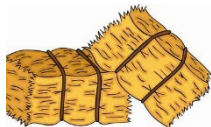
You'll be allocated a stable when you check-in, just go to see the stable manager with your horse's passport. Pay your £10 cash deposit and you'll be issued a booking slip with your stable number on. Keep hold of your slip, you'll need it to claim your deposit back!

You can claim stables for friends, so that you are all together. But you'll need to pay the deposit and show the passport to have the allocation verified by the stable manager. They might promise to hold back nearby stables until others arrive (on the same day), but this is not guaranteed.

Once you've found your stable (it can take a while!), check everything is ok and report any issues immediately. If there is an issue, don't just bunk into another stable – that stable is likely to be allocated to someone else, and then you'll have to share (only kidding, but you can imagine how complicated it becomes very quickly if you help yourself to a stable without permission).

## What to Bring for Horses & Stabling

- Wheelbarrow, mucking out tools, water buckets, feed bowls, haynets – everything you need for daily care and cleaning.
- Feed (and treats of course).



- Bring or pre-order bedding, hay or haylage. You'll need to collect your hay and bedding from the compound near the stable managers', a wheelbarrow is advisable. You may not be able to collect during busy periods while all the staff are occupied with parking duties, or very late when there's only night staff.
- Plenty of rugs – and every type and thickness you have!! Temporary stables could be considerably colder than your stable at home and can be a bit more exposed to rain blowing in, so a waterproof rug is a great idea to have on standby for wet weather.
- A torch, head torch or battery lights. You may need to attend to your horse before it's light or after dark and temporary stabling doesn't have lighting. There are car park lights, but back row stables and inside stables can be gloomy.
- Wellies, waterproofs, and gloves for you. Even in nice autumn weather there can be heavy dew and chilly mornings and evenings.
- A first aid kit – it's useful to have a fairly comprehensive kit so that you can deal with any minor injuries quickly and efficiently.
- A timetable, map and plan of action! It can be useful to pin up at the stable your timetable of classes for each day, either printed and laminated or on a whiteboard. Not only for you, but all your entourage to know what's going on and where you'll be. Plus, a map of where you are going and don't forget to factor in how long it'll take you to get there (see Hickstead - Journey in Minutes on Show Information page of the website).



## Safety & Security

- You will have logged your emergency contact number with your booking. If anything has changed since your booking, please update the stable manager's emergency contact list. You can also leave your phone number pinned to your stable if you like.
- Security is on 24 hours a day. Any problems, go to the stable managers office.
- Please be aware that night staff are not there to book out bedding and hay, or check-in late arrivals. All out of hour's arrivals (after 9pm) must be notified in advance – and have a really good reason for lateness!
- Thefts can occur, the parking area is highly populated so it's impossible to tell if everyone around is part of the Sunshine Tour family. So do keep your belongings locked away when you're not around.
- And just to point out the obvious – no smoking around the stable area! Fire cover is provided by WH Security, with an on-site fire truck and fireman 😊

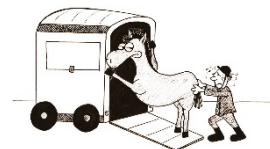


**Be Aware:** Hickstead stabling has been used for other shows, bedding is generally deep litter, but the depth varies enormously depending on the previous occupants mucking out preferences. We advise that you do not try to dig out the whole bed if it's deep!

Muck heaps are generally located at the end of each stable block, and taps are situated at various places. Water canisters, possible with a trolley, are useful for carrying water back to your stable.

## Stabling - Leaving

- Allow yourself plenty of time to pack up, it takes a while to clear up and pack everything away. Hopefully your equine friend will be cooperative about loading, but you will have forgotten how long it took to set up, in your first flush of excitement 😊
- Thoroughly skip out your stable and take a photo that also shows the stable door number (not for Facebook - to show the stable manager!)
- **Take your stable/deposit slip** back to the stable manager to claim your £10 deposit. You may have to wait if they are inspecting stables before releasing deposits.
- You cannot claim the deposit back after the show, it's an on-the-day thing only.



**Have a lovely, mellow, and happy drive home – singing all the way because you've had a great time at the Sunshine Tour** 😊 😊

## Friends & Family Checklist

- ✓ Stabling with friends. First person to arrive can claim all the stables in your group if they have deposits and passports for everyone.
- ✗ Parking with friends – unless you arrive in convoy and have same parking requirements (horsebox or car and day / night / electric booking).
- ✓ Party with friends – of course! But be considerate to your neighbours.
- ✓ Eat with friends – definitely, there's lots of catering options on site and nearby. But no open fires or barbeques.