



# 2024 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 some or all of their income 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 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. Riders who have NOT participated in this level of competition during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 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. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

**Combination:** BD Prelim Bronze restrictions apply.



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### SHOW JUMPING & EVENTERS CHALLENGE 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.**

### RESTRICTIONS

#### **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 rider) not to have earned more than 30 BS points.** If the pony has more than the overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

**Rider (on any horse/pony)** competing at 70cm or above in any official British Showjumping or British Eventing competitions, or in Area, Regional or Championship Pony Club or Riding Club competitions are not eligible for Mini Tour. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

**Combination taking part in Mini Tour show jumping, cannot also compete in Small or Grand 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 60 BS points or any British Eventing Foundation points.** If horse/pony has more than overall points permitted, but none earned during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 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 or British Eventing competitions, or in Area, Regional or Championship Pony Club or Riding Club competitions are not eligible for Small Tour. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

**Combination taking part in Small Tour show jumping, cannot also compete in Mini Tour show jumping.**

#### **GRAND TOUR – 80cm to 1.0m**

**Horse/Pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 90 BS 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

**Riders (on any horse/pony)** competing at 1.10m or above in any official British Showjumping or British Eventing competitions, or in Area, Regional or Championship Pony Club or Riding Club competitions are not eligible for Grand Tour. Riders who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

**Combination taking part in Grand Tour show jumping, cannot also compete in Mini Tour show jumping.**



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### SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

All horses and ponies competing in Sunshine Tour Showing Championships must not be produced/trained or in livery with a professional showing producer/trainer (including DIY livery) 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.

### RESTRICTIONS

#### SMALL TOUR SHOWING

- **Horses & Ponies:** During the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 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.
- **Horses, Ponies and Competitors:** During the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's championship: horses, ponies and competitors **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.
- **Horses, Ponies and Competitors:** During the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to the date of this year's championship: horses, ponies and competitors **cannot** have competed in affiliated showing classes at Royal International Horse Show, London International or HOYS, (including Search for a Star, BSPS London International and The Showing Register championship classes).
- **Competitors:** Cannot be involved with schooling, training, breaking, producing or breeding show horses/ponies. And cannot be currently listed on any showing panel and /or judge affiliated or unaffiliated showing classes; this restriction applies to paid or unpaid activities.

#### GRAND TOUR SHOWING

- **Horses, Ponies and Competitors:** During the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the date of this year's championship: horses/ponies **can** have taken part in second rounds, finals or championships of affiliated classes but must **not** have won a second round, final or championship class.
- **Horses, Ponies and Competitors:** During the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to the date of this year's championship: horses, ponies and competitors **cannot** have competed in affiliated showing classes at Royal International Horse Show, London International, Olympia or HOYS (from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 for Search for a Star, BSPS London International and The Showing Register championship classes).
- **Competitors:** Cannot be involved with schooling, training, breaking, producing or breeding show horses/ponies. And cannot be currently listed on any showing panel and /or judge affiliated or unaffiliated showing classes; this restriction applies to paid or unpaid activities.