



2025 Sunshine Tour Championships



HORSE & COMPETITOR RESTRICTIONS

ALL DISCIPLINES & CHAMPIONSHIPS

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, producing for competition or sale, or competing horses/ponies for clients, owners or a business.
 - People who work with horses solely 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, selling or breeding horses for sale or profit.
3. Teaching and/or training riders/handlers.
 - 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 Code allows you to enter one dressage championship class:

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

Horse & rider combinations can compete in 6 dressage championships, over 2 levels (Levels are: Intro, Prelim, Novice, Elementary) which must be consecutive. For example: if you've qualified for Intro, Prelim and Novice, you can compete in Prelim & Novice championships, but not Intro & Novice. Warm up classes can cover 3 levels.

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 Tour that you qualified in, you can voluntarily move up to compete in a higher Tour.** You CAN compete in BOTH Small & Grand Tour Showing if you fit the relevant restrictions.

DRESSAGE RESTRICTIONS

SMALL TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to have earned any points at BD Novice level or above; not to have competed at BE Novice or above.

GRAND TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to have earned any points at BD Elementary level or above; not to have competed at BE Intermediate or above.

Competitors who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

SMALL TOUR - HORSE

Horse (with any rider) not to have earned more than 20 BD points, with none earned at Novice level or above.

GRAND TOUR - HORSE

Horse (with any rider) not to have earned more than 50 BD points, with none earned at Elementary level or above.

If horse has more points than permitted, but **NONE** earned during the period 1st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

Competitor AND horse must comply with restrictions of the Tour to be eligible to compete in that Tour.

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SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each Show Jumping Qualification Code allows you to enter ONE show jumping championship class:

At the same height as qualification **OR** above your qualification height. Note! 5cm flexibility to compete 5cm below original qualification has been discontinued.

Horse & rider combination can take part in a maximum of 6 show jumping championships which must not be more than 20cm difference from lowest championship 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 Tour that you qualified in, you can voluntarily move up to compete in a higher Tour.** You CAN compete in BOTH Small & Grand Tour Showing if you fit the relevant restrictions.

SHOW JUMPING RESTRICTIONS

MINI TOUR - COMPETITOR

Mini Tour classes are for very novice/inexperienced competitors. Competitors taking part in Mini Tour cannot also take part in Small Tour Show Jumping or Small Tour Eventers Challenge.

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be competing at 70cm or above in any show jumping competition, including British Showjumping, BS Club, British Eventing, Pony Club, Riding Club or NSEA competitions.

SMALL TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be 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.

Competitor cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping.

GRAND TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be 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.

Competitor cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping.

Competitors who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

MINI TOUR – PONY

Pony not to have earned more than 30 BS points or any British Eventing or Foundation points.

SMALL TOUR – HORSE/PONY

Horse/pony not to have earned more than 60 BS points or any British Eventing or Foundation points.

GRAND TOUR – HORSE/PONY

Horse/pony not to have earned more than 90 BS points or any British Eventing points; Foundation points are permissible.

If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

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EVENTERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each Eventers Challenge Qualification Code allows you to enter ONE eventers challenge championship class: At the same height as qualification OR above your qualification height. Note! 5cm flexibility to compete 5cm below original qualification has been discontinued.

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 Tour that you qualified in, you can voluntarily move up to compete in a higher Tour.** You CAN compete in BOTH Small & Grand Tour Showing if you fit the relevant restrictions.

EVENTERS CHALLENGE RESTRICTIONS

SMALL TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be 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.

Competitor cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping.

Competitors who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, are eligible.

SMALL TOUR – HORSE

Horse/pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 60 BS points or any British Eventing or Foundation points.

If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour Championship, they are eligible.

GRAND TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be 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.

Competitor cannot compete in Mini Tour show jumping.

GRAND TOUR – HORSE

Horse/pony (with any rider) not to have earned more than 90 BS points or any British Eventing points; Foundation points are permissible.

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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 Code allows you to enter one showing championship class.

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SHOWING RESTRICTIONS

SMALL TOUR - COMPETITOR

- Competitors (with any horse/pony) **never** to have competed in showing classes at Royal International Horse Show, London International 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 applies to paid or unpaid activities.
- During the period 1st January 2023 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.

SMALL TOUR – HORSE

- During the period 1st January 2023 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 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour: horses/ponies **cannot** have competed in any affiliated showing class at Royal International Horse Show, London International or HOYS (from 1st January 2023 for Search for a Star).
- During the period 1st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour: 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.

GRAND TOUR - COMPETITOR

- During the period 1st January 2021 to the date of this year's championship: Competitors (with any horse/pony) must **not** have competed in showing classes at Royal International Horse Show, London International 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.

GRAND TOUR – HORSE

- During the period 1st January 2023 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 2021 to the date of this year's Sunshine tour: horses/ponies **cannot** have competed in an affiliated showing class at Royal International Horse Show, London International or HOYS (from 1st January 2023 for Search for a Star).
- During the period 1st January 2023 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour: horses/ponies **can** have taken part in 2nd rounds of affiliated classes but must **not** have gone forward to the relevant final or championships.

Competitor AND horse must comply with restrictions of the Tour to be eligible to compete in that Tour.