



2026 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 in 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 any 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 classes if you fit the relevant restrictions.

SMALL TOUR: Intro, Prelim, Novice & Elementary. **GRAND TOUR:** Prelim, Novice & Elementary.

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.

Small & Grand Tour: Competitors who have **not** participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2024 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.

Small & Grand Tour: If horse has more points than permitted, but **NONE** earned during the period 1st January 2024 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.

Horse & rider combination can take part in a maximum of 6 show jumping championships which must not be more than 20cm difference from the lowest championship class to the 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 classes if you fit the relevant restrictions, but Mini Tour is exclusive.

MINI TOUR: 30cm – 45cm. **SMALL TOUR:** 50cm – 75cm. **GRAND TOUR:** 80cm – 1m.

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 60cm 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:

- British Showjumping, including Club & Just for Schools.
- British Eventing, including Go BE & BE Arena Eventing.
- Pony Club or Riding Club Area, Regional or Championship competitions.

GRAND TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be competing **at 1.10m or above** in:

- British Showjumping, including Just for Schools.
- British Eventing competitions.
- Pony Club or Riding Club Area, Regional or Championship competitions.

All Tours: Competitors who have **not** participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2024 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.

All Tours: If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but **NONE** earned during the period 1st January 2024 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.

Abbreviations: British Showjumping (BS); British Eventing (BE) National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA).

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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 classes if you fit the relevant restrictions.

SMALL TOUR: 50cm – 75cm. **GRAND TOUR:** 80cm – 1m.

EVENTERS CHALLENGE RESTRICTIONS

SMALL TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be competing **at 90cm or above** in:

- British Showjumping, including BS Club & Just for Schools.
- British Eventing, including Go BE & BE Arena Eventing.
- Pony Club or Riding Club Area, Regional or Championship competitions.

GRAND TOUR - COMPETITOR

Competitor (with any horse/pony) not to be competing **at 1.10m or above** in:

- British Showjumping, including Just for Schools.
- British Eventing competitions.
- Pony Club or Riding Club Area, Regional or Championship competitions.

Small & Grand Tour: Competitors who have not participated in this level of competition during the period 1st January 2024 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.

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.

Small & Grand Tour: If horse/pony has more points than permitted, but NONE earned during the period 1st January 2024 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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SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each Showing Qualification Code 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 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.

SHOWING RESTRICTIONS – COMPETITOR

Professional Activity: Competitors must not be involved with schooling, training, breaking, producing or breeding show horses/ponies. **Judging:** Competitors cannot be currently listed on any showing panel and /or judge affiliated or unaffiliated showing classes; this applies to paid or unpaid activities.

SMALL TOUR - COMPETITOR

- RIHS, LIHS, HOYS & Search for a Star at HOYS: During the period 1st January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour, competitors (with any horse or pony) **cannot** have competed in showing classes at these national shows.
- Affiliated Showing & Search for a Star finals at Your Horse Live: During the period 1st January 2024 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour competitors **can** have taken part in preliminary qualifying rounds of classes that do not require pre-membership of the society but **cannot** have taken part in affiliated second rounds, finals or championships.

GRAND TOUR - COMPETITOR

- RIHS, LIHS, HOYS & Search for a Star at HOYS: During the period 1st January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour - competitors, with any horse or pony, **cannot** have competed in showing classes at these national shows.
- NPS, BSPS, BSHA & Search for a Star at Your Horse Live: During the period 1st January 2024 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour competitors **can** compete in NPS, BSPS, BSHA & SFAS classes but must **not** have been placed 1st – 6th in a championship class at a championship show.
- Other Affiliated Showing: Competitors **can** have taken part and been placed in affiliated showing classes, second rounds, finals and championship shows.

SHOWING RESTRICTIONS – HORSE

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

SMALL TOUR – HORSE

- RIHS, LIHS, HOYS & Search for a Star at HOYS: During the period 1st January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour horses/ponies **cannot** have competed in showing classes at these national shows.
- Affiliated Showing & Search for a Star at Your Horse Live: During the period 1st January 2024 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour horses /ponies **can** be registered with a showing or breed society and compete in affiliated classes but **cannot** have taken part in second rounds, finals or championships shows.

GRAND TOUR – HORSE

- RIHS, LIHS, HOYS & Search for a Star at HOYS: During the period 1st January 2022 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour horses/ponies **cannot** have competed in showing classes at these national shows
- NPS, BSPS, BSHA & Search for a Star at Your Horse Live: During the period 1st January 2024 to the date of this year's Sunshine Tour horses/ponies **can** compete in affiliated classes but **cannot** have been placed 1st – 6th in a championship class at a championship show.
- Other Affiliated Showing or breed society: Horses/ponies **can** have taken part in and been placed in affiliated showing classes, second rounds, finals and championship shows.

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

Abbreviations: Royal International Horse Show (RIHS); London International Horse Show (LIHS); Horse of the Year Show (HOYS); National Pony Society (NPS); British Show Pony Society (BSPS); British Show Horse Association (BSHA).