

SHOW ETIQUETTE RULES - 2025

❖ Conduct

- Show the judge respect at all times.
We all like to win but the judge has some hard decisions to make and it is impossible to please everybody. Remember its only his/her opinion on the day and the judge's decision is final. Any aggression/foul language aimed towards the judge/judges' guests will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.
- Show other exhibitors respect in the ring at all times.
- Keep your distance, please don't cut across other exhibitors. If there is no alternative, please give plenty of room between pigs for the safety of each exhibitor and their stock as it is paramount, we are all there to enjoy ourselves and show off our amazing stock.
- Pigs should not be left to roam freely whilst other exhibitors are in the ring. It is unavoidable if you're lucky enough to win a rosette but you must attempt to stop the pig or quickly receive your prize and be back in control of your pig as soon as possible.
- Photos must not be taken in the ring by an exhibitor in charge of a pig whilst other exhibitors are in the ring, you must be in control of your pig at all times.
- Exhibitors must remain in the ring unless asked to leave or until all rosettes are given out.
- Exhibitors must use all of the ring, not just the 4 meters around the judge. Pigs must travel in a clockwise circuit unless stated otherwise by the judge.
- Exhibitors outside of the ring must not at any point interact with the judge. Members that are seen to do so may face disciplinary action. Any questions you may have for the judge can be passed through the steward in the ring on the day.
- Exhibitors must not at any point interact with the judge outside of the ring before judging commences. Any members that are seen to do so may face disciplinary action. Any questions you may have for the judge can be passed through the steward in the ring on the day.
- Judges must give all exhibitors pigs a fair looking at and be free from biased and favouritism. Favouritism will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.

❖ Clothing

Showing over the generations has changed quite a bit but the traditions and values remain. As a sign of respect for the judge and of your peer's, dress code is a big part and being presentable is a must.

- A shirt and tie must be worn of a colour of your choice at all times in the ring unless specified otherwise by the judge.
- Smart trousers / chinos / leggings / breeches must be worn of a colour of your choice at all times in the ring or less specified otherwise by the judge. No shorts, jeans, jeggings are permitted at any time. Anyone found to be wearing any three named or variants may be asked to leave the ring or be refused to be judged by the judge on the day.
- A clean White coat / lab coat. Free from any herd name or name of the exhibitor but may include sponsors/breed club's logo on pocket or on the back.
- A stick/paddle- this is be used only to guide the pig and to make it move forward. It should be free from sharp edges, not be used excessively or be used with the intension to injure the pig. Anyone deemed to be in breach of this may be reported and face disciplinary action.

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❖ PPE

- Boots to pass and support the ankle must have a leather upper. No rigger type boots, wellingtons may be worn at the judge's discretion
- Show board, no more than 610mm by 610mm in size, of a colour of your choice. It must be clean, free from any herd name or name of the exhibitor but may include sponsors/breed club's logo on

❖ Pigs

- Pigs must be in good health on arrival and free from disease. If a pig is showing signs or symptoms, please alert the show steward and a vet will be called. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and prosecution from the appropriate authorities.
- No use of artificial colourings is to be used at any time. This may result in disciplinary action and prosecution from the appropriate authorities.
- Woodflour is permitted but ALL woodflour must be removed prior to entering the ring.
- Pig oil is permitted on coloured pigs and pigs with spots but on the spots only .
- Pigs must be clean and presentable at all time before entering the ring