



**BALMORAL  
SHOW 2010**

KING'S HALL BELFAST

**12<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

 **Ulster Bank**

**LIVESTOCK  
EXHIBITORS  
MANUAL**

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## CONTACT DETAILS

The Organisers may be contacted at the RUAS Office at the front of The King's Hall.

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## SHOW OPENING HOURS

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th May 2010

8.30am – 8.00pm daily

## Car Park & Wristband Order Form



Limited reserved car parking is available as follows:-

Harberton Car Park <b>(Circle Day(s) required)</b>	3 Days £50.00 1 Day £20.00	Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____	
Strangford Avenue (Forward Area) <b>(Circle Day(s) required)</b>	3 Day £35.00 1 Day £13.00	Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____	
Admission Wrist Bands Total Payable (all prices include VAT)	3 Day £25.50 _____	_____ £ _____	

Due to the limited number of tickets available, applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis and exhibitors will be limited to an allocation of one ticket in either area.

During the Show, all tickets must be clearly visible inside the vehicle. Space will only be provided for cars. Trailers and stock Lorries cannot be accommodated.

NB Please ensure that you display the correct ticket for the correct day of the Show.

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method    Chq    (make payable to RUAS)    Credit/Debit Card  

**Credit/Debit Card Details**



Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

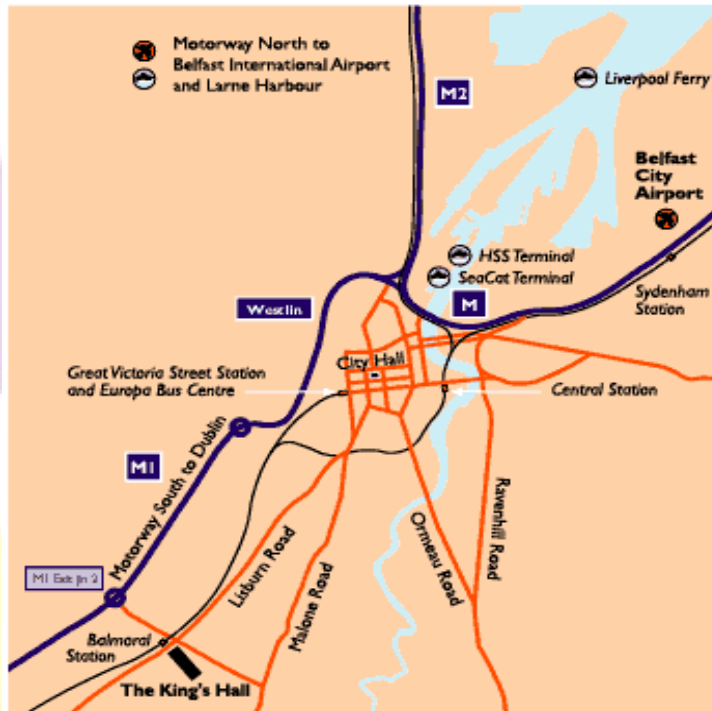
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid From: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_    Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Number (Switch Only): \_\_\_\_\_

Completed form to be returned in the envelope provided.

## DIRECTIONS TO BALMORAL SHOW



From the M1 Motorway: Exit at Junction 2 and follow the signs to The King's Hall.

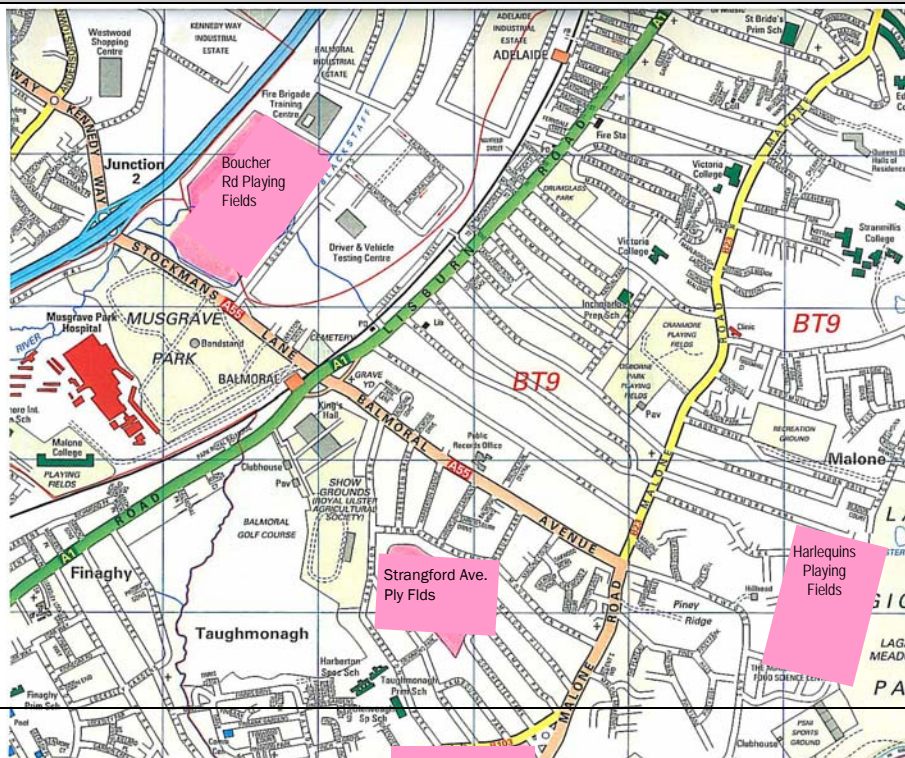
From the M2 Motorway /International Airport: Follow the Westlink to M1 and exit at Junction 2, follow signs to The King's Hall.

From the City Airport: Follow signs to Dublin on the Sydenham By-Pass, onto the Westlink and then M1. Exit at Junction 2, follow signs to The King's Hall.

From Belfast Docks: Follow signs for Westlink and M1 Motorway. Take first exit off M1, signposted to The King's Hall and follow signs to the King's Hall.

From the Outer Ring (A55): Follow the directions towards Lisburn, The King's Hall is clearly sign posted

## LOCATIONS OF CAR PARKS



**PUBLIC  
CAR  
PARKS**

**CANCELLATION OF HORSE ENTRIES**

**THIS FORM IS ONLY TO BE USED IF ANIMALS ARE BEING CANCELLED FROM ALL CLASSES IN WHICH THEY ARE ENTERED. FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**

50% of entry fee will be refunded in classes 13 to 36 only.

I wish to withdraw my horse/s

NAME OF HORSE	CLASSES ENTERED
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

NAME OF EXHIBITOR (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TO BE RETURNED TO:-

ROYAL ULSTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,  
THE KING'S HALL,  
BALMORAL, BELFAST.  
BT9 6GW

## HEALTH DECLARATION FOR HORSES & PONIES

### IMPORTANT:

The following declaration, duly signed must accompany your animals entered in the Horse/Pony Section and must be handed in at Gate of arrival. Please ensure that you enter by the correct gate as vehicles will not be permitted to move through the Showgrounds.

Passports must accompany all horses and be available for inspection.

NAME OF ANIMAL	EXHIBIT NUMBER	CLASS NO
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

I hereby certify that the above animals are free from Contagious or Infectious Disease in accordance with Regulation No. 89 in the Prize Schedule, and have been vaccinated against Equine Influenza in accordance with the Regulation stated on Page 16 of this manual.

NOTE : EQUINE INFLUENZA: This regulation will be rigorously enforced and the necessary veterinary certificate must be available for inspection on arrival at the Showgrounds or at any other time during the Show.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ OWNER/AGENT

### **ARRIVAL GATES**

#### **Gate 'D' (Balmoral Avenue)**

Working Hunter Ponies, Hunters, Brood Mares, Young Stock, Miniature Ponies, Cobs, Riding Horses Connemara Ponies, In Hand Clydesdales and Donkeys

#### **Gate 'H' (Harberton Park),**

Ridden Ponies, Hackneys, Private Driving, Ridden Clydesdales and Trade Turnouts

## **IMPORTANT TRAFFIC NOTICE FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS ARRIVALS**

Traffic will be heavy within the Showgrounds on Tuesday 11th May. To minimise congestion please co-operate with uniformed Traffic Stewards on duty in the Showgrounds. Vehicles left unattended and causing obstruction will be removed to an off-site location and a fee charged for return of the vehicle.

## **PARKING ARRANGEMENTS TRUCKS, HORSE BOXES & TRAILERS**

Long Term Parking for trucks, horse boxes or trailers from Monday 10th May Strangford Avenue Playing Fields (this is subject to ground conditions). Entry to Strangford Avenue Playing Fields on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th is via Drummond Park and will be free of charge (Monday/Tuesday only). Exhibitors may also park in Harberton Car Park on Monday and Tuesday free of charge.

During Show Days (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14th) Strangford Avenue Playing Fields car park will be charged at £7 per day.

A limited number of tickets are available for Harberton Car Park/Strangford Avenue Forward Area (see page 3 for application to purchase)

Daily parking in the Arena Trailer Park is limited to exhibitors competing in the main arena including hackneys, private driving, trade turnouts, ridden ponies, ridden Clydesdales and show jumping horses. Admission is restricted to ticket holders only and tickets must be displayed. Unauthorised vehicles will be removed to an off-site location and a fee charged for return of the vehicle.

Exhibitors who have been allocated stables must, after unloading remove vehicles to Strangford Avenue Playing Fields (weather permitting) or Harlequins Car park or to the Harberton Car Park cars/light van's ( ticket holders only). Please note there is no parking in Queens Playing fields in 2010.

During the days of the Show, during Show hours cars will not be permitted to enter the Showgrounds. If required, exhibitors of Livestock may bring a vehicles with bedding or feed into the Showgrounds via Gate H (Harberton Park) provided these vehicles are removed before 8.00am. This will be strictly policed and any vehicle in the showgrounds after 8.00am will be towed away at owner's risk.

### **STOCK TRAVELLING PASS**

No vehicle will be admitted to the Showgrounds for delivery or collection of livestock unless the Stock Travelling Pass is shown to the security guard on duty at Gate Inner H.

### **EXHIBITORS AND ASSISTANTS WRISTBANDS**

Wrist bands will be provided for admission. Exhibitors, not Members of the Society, who have paid at least £35.00 (inc. VAT) entry fees, are entitled to a free admission wristband, which is not transferable and must be attached to your wrist before entering the gate. Exhibitors are entitled to one admission wrist band per two stalls booked (cattle) or two animals entered in other sections subject to a maximum of four bands. Additional wrist bands can be purchased (see page 4 for order form).

**Exhibitors of Poultry, Rabbits and Eggs do not qualify for free wrist bands but can purchase these in advance of the Show.**

### **ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Please ensure that you enter is by the correct gate as vehicles will not be permitted to move through the Showgrounds. All vehicle occupants not in possession of a admission wrist band will be directed to the nearest pay point where they will be charged the appropriate admission. **Refunds will not be made to anyone paying at the gate on arrival who claims to have forgotten their wristband.**

In any case of delay or difficulty, exhibitors should contact the RUAS Office, situated at the front of the King's Hall. ☎02890 665225.

### **HORSE & PONY ARRIVALS**

Passports must accompany horses on arrival and be available for inspection.

**Brood mares, foals, yearlings, hunters, two/three year olds** – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
May after 9.00am and before 9.00pm Gate D Balmoral Avenue

NOTE: morning and afternoon arrival will help minimise traffic congestion.

Horses should be unloaded as quickly as possible and vehicles removed to Strangford Avenue Playing Fields Car Park or Harlequins car park (dependant on weather), exit via Gate D or Gate C as instructed by traffic stewards.

**Ladies hunters, Cobs, Riding horses, Ladies Side Saddle, Connemara's, Miniatures and Donkeys** - Wednesday 12th May after 6.00pm Gate D Balmoral Avenue as directed by Stewards

**Trade Turnouts, Hackneys, Private Driving and Ridden Clydesdales** - Thursday 13th May before 10.00am Gate H Harberton Park

**Clydesdales, Farm Carts and Working Hunter horses and ponies** - Thursday 13th May after 8.00pm or Friday 14th May before 8.00am Gate D Balmoral Avenue

**Ridden Ponies** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May before 8.30am – Gate H Harberton Park

Judging of Working Hunter Horses & Ponies will be in draw order - the draw will be listed in the catalogue. Declaration **MUST** be made 15 minutes prior to the start time of judging, this will facilitate the Veterinary inspection of passports before ponies enter the judging ring.

#### **PIG ARRIVALS**

Monday 10th May from 12.00 noon or Tuesday 11th May -Gate H Harberton Park

#### **SHEEP ARRIVALS**

**Please note that sheep arriving later than 8.00am in the morning will not gain access to the Showgrounds**

Zwartbles, Rouge De L'Ouest, Beltex, Ile de France, North Country Cheviot, Rare Breeds, Bluefaced Leicester, Dorset Horn Breeds - Tuesday 11th May or Wednesday 12th May before 8.00am -Gate H Harberton Park

Texel, Hampshire Down, Suffolk and Charollais Breeds -Wednesday 12th May after 10.00pm or Thursday 13th May before 8.00am - Gate H Harberton Park

Blackface, Greyface, Kerryhill, Border Leicester -Thursday 13th May after 10.00pm or Friday 14th May before 8.00am -Gate H Harberton Park

#### **GOAT ARRIVALS**

Goats in milk -Tuesday 11th May before 5.30pm and to be milked out by 7.00pm that evening -Gate H Harberton Park

Goats not in milk-Thursday 13th May before 8.00am Gate H Harberton Park

#### **POULTRY, PIGEON & EGG ARRIVALS**

Tuesday 11th May from 2.00pm to 8.00pm. The Poultry Hall will close promptly at 8.30pm.

No entries will be permitted to be delivered on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, the day of judging.

Enter showgrounds via Gate H (Harberton Park). Vehicles must be removed to Harberton car park after off loading.

#### **DECORATED EGGS ARRIVALS**

Monday 10th May from 5.00pm to 7.00pm – Gate H Harberton Park

### **RABBIT ARRIVALS**

Tuesday 11th May from 2.00pm to 8.00pm and to be penned by 8.30pm  
No entries will be permitted to be delivered on Wednesday morning, the day of judging.

Enter showgrounds via Gate H (Harberton Park). Vehicles must be removed to Harberton car park after off loading.

Spillers have provided food for all rabbits, if necessary, exhibitors can provide their own.

### **PET RABBIT ARRIVALS**

Friday 14th May to arrive and be penned before 4pm in the children's farm behind the Grandstand. No vehicles will be permitted into the Showgrounds. Exhibitors must park in Strangford and carry exhibits into the Showgrounds. Spillers have provided food for all rabbits, if necessary, exhibitors can provide their own.

### **BEEF CATTLE ARRIVALS**

Monday 10th May from 12.00 noon or Tuesday 11th May -Gate H Harberton Park

Information Boards will be produced by Breed plan for those breeds within that scheme and by Signet for those who are members of their Scheme.

**The moving of stall names by exhibitors to a different location is strictly prohibited. Any problems with stalling should be discussed with Karen Hughes in the RUAS office.**

### **DAIRY CATTLE ARRIVALS**

Wednesday 12th May before 8.00am [vehicles removed before 8.00am] or Wednesday 12th May after 8.00pm or before 8.00am on Thursday 13th May or Friday 14th before 8.00am [vehicles removed before 8.00am] - arrive by Gate A Lisburn Road.

### **SHOW JUMPING ARRIVALS**

Gate H Harberton Park.

International Trot Up - Passports will be checked between 10.00am and 11.30am on Wednesday 12th May.

## DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS

**Please do not arrive to collect exhibits before the stated time as the police will not permit any waiting in Harberton Park. Exhibitors of stock departing after 8.00pm Friday are encouraged to leave their animals for collection until Saturday morning.**

## HORSE & PONY DEPARTURES

Exit via Gate D pre 6.00pm. After 6.00pm exit via Gate D or Gate C as instructed by traffic stewards.

**Brood mares, foals, yearlings, hunters, two/three year olds** -Wednesday 12th May, by 5.00pm (except Champion/Reserve Champion and first prizewinners).

**Ladies hunters, Cobs, Riding horses, ladies Side Saddle, Connemaras, Minatures and donkeys, trade turnouts, hackneys and ridden Clydesdale**  
Thursday 13th May after 6.00pm as directed by Stewards

**Clydesdales and Farm Carts** - Friday 14th May after 3.00pm as directed by Stewards

**Working Hunter Horses, Ridden Ponies & Working Hunter Ponies**  
- Friday 14th May from 6.00pm as directed by Stewards

## PIG DEPARTURES

Friday 14th May after 8.00pm as directed by stewards

## SHEEP DEPARTURES

**Zwartbles, Rouge de L'Ouest, Beltex, Ile de France, North Country Cheviot, Rare Breeds, Bluefaced Leicester, Dorset Horn & Poll**  
Wednesday 12th May after 8.00pm as directed by Stewards  
**All pens must be vacated on Wednesday night before 9.00pm.**

Sheep Breed Champion & Reserve Champion and pairs selections must be stalled in the pens set aside for that purpose and stay until Friday 14th May after 8.00pm.

**Texel, Hampshire Down, Suffolk, Charollais**-Thursday 13th May after 8.00pm as directed by Stewards  
**All pens must be vacated on Thursday night before 9.00pm**

Sheep Breed Champion & Reserve Champion and pairs selections which must be stalled in the pens set aside for that purpose and stay until Friday 14th May after 8.00pm.

All remaining sheep - Friday 14th May after 8.00pm

Sheep departures are via Gate E. Exhibitors arriving to collect sheep should proceed to gate E via Bristow Park. Exhibitors will not be permitted into Bristow Park before 8.00pm

**GOAT DEPARTURES**

Friday 14th May after 8.00pm -Goats must not leave before the stated time

**POULTRY, PIGEON & EGG DEPARTURES**

Friday 14th May between 8.00pm and 8.30pm or Saturday between 10.00am and 12.00noon.

Eggs should not be removed until Friday 14th May at 7.30pm

Birds may be placed in travel boxes from 7.30pm and eggs may be removed from the display cases from 7.30pm.

No vehicle will be admitted to the Showgrounds for the collection of eggs. Exhibitors arriving to collect eggs will be asked to park in Harberton Car Park and use the trollies provided.

**RABBIT & CAVY DEPARTURES**

Friday 14th May between 8.00pm and 8.30pm or Saturday between 10.00am and 12.00 noon

Exhibits may be placed in travel boxes from 7.30pm

**BEEF CATTLE DEPARTURES**

Friday 14th May after 8.00pm as directed by Stewards - via Gate H. Exhibitors arriving to collect cattle should proceed to Gate H via Harberton Park. Exhibitors will not be permitted into Harberton Park to queue before 7.00pm.

**DAIRY CATTLE DEPARTURES**

Friday 14th May after 8.00pm.

## **SECURITY PRECAUTIONS**

We would appreciate your assistance with the following:-

1. Your Stall/Pen/Box should be thoroughly searched first thing each morning and a search should take place hourly during the times the Show is open. Unattended tack boxes should be locked at all times.
2. A thorough search should be made of your Stall/Pen/Box before you leave at the end of the day. Should any irregular object be noticed on or around your area this should be reported immediately to the Organisers Office at the front of The King's Hall or in the case of the Showgrounds the Show Office located in the foyer of the Alexander Hall.
3. Communication Arrangement - An announcement informing the public of the Emergency situation and the actions to be taken will then be broadcast.

In the event of the public address system not being available for use information will be conveyed using loud hailers.

4. It is important early each morning to ensure that your animals have the necessary food/water to survive a period without attention. On receiving instructions to evacuate do not attempt to take your animals with you. Ensure they are securely penned/fastened and leave as requested.

It is hoped that no unpleasant incidents occur and that you will have a very successful Show.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

The policy of the Council of the Society is to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems of work for all its employees and to provide such information, training and supervision as they need for this purpose. The Council also accepts its responsibility for the health and safety of other persons who have reason to be on the Society's premises. Whilst the Council delegates the implementation of this policy to the Chief Executive it has also established a Show Safety Committee to consider all matters relating to health and safety at Agricultural Events organised by the Society and to make recommendations to Council for optimising, as far as is reasonably practical, safe conditions at these events.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY – THE ROLE OF EXHIBITORS**

In recent years the Council of the RUAS has become increasingly concerned about the risk of accidents occurring at Agricultural Events organised by the Society and the establishment of a Show Safety Committee has seen the resultant introduction of a number of procedures to minimise this risk. The Council has always had a general policy in relation to health and safety and has recently re-stated this as set out below. Whilst the Society has a major responsibility it must be stressed that exhibitors have an equal responsibility and the Council hopes that all exhibitors will treat this responsibility seriously and so minimise the risk of accident and injury. In essence this comes down to common sense but a number of specific regulations are included in the Prize Schedule and Trade Prospectus and additionally other

specific arrangements are advised separately to exhibitors as part of their general instructions.

Any exhibitor attempting to show stock whilst intoxicated will be prohibited from the judging ring. Fractious animals will also be prohibited from the judging ring and/or parades.

The Council wishes it to be known that exhibitors who wilfully ignore instructions may find that they will be barred from exhibiting at future shows organised by the Society.

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS PARTICIPATING IN THE BALMORAL SHOW**

In particular this includes:-

- Co-operation and following arrangements for livestock movement
- Being alert to obstructions or hazards which may lead to slip, trip and fall or other injury accidents – particularly electric cables
- Competent persons to lead livestock
- Public and particularly children in unauthorised areas or close to livestock where an accident can occur.
- Vehicle and livestock movements in unauthorised areas

It is also recognised that all trade or stock exhibitors at Agricultural Events organised by the Society have a responsibility for their personal safety and also a duty of care to their fellow exhibitors and to any other person (including the general public) who has reason to be on the premises.

This responsibility includes:-

- The duty to comply with safety instructions and directions as included in the Rules and Regulations and Instructions to Exhibitors for the various events.
- The duty to refrain from the wilful misuse or interference with anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare and any action that might endanger themselves or others.
- The duty to use properly the means and facilities provided for health, safety and welfare.
- The duty to ensure that where appropriate, the necessary safety instructions are passed on to all other persons who may be involved with the exhibit at any time during the event.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY – HORSES AND PONIES**

Exhibitors will have noted the contents of the previous page setting out the Society's policy on Health and Safety and the responsibility of Exhibitors in the matter.

Horses and ponies will be restricted to the area between the loose box accommodation and Rings 1 and 2 and uniformed traffic Stewards will be employed to implement this. At no time when the Show is open to the public will exhibitors be permitted to ride or lead their animals outside the restricted area unless they are being moved to the Arena for Official Parades. In such instances animals will move in unison and under the supervision of Sectional Stewards.

Should any exhibitor qualify to participate in any such parade full instructions will be given.

Exhibitors are asked to ensure that this information is passed on to other persons who may have control of their animals during the Show. Exhibitors of Working Hunter Exhibitors are particularly asked to note these instructions.

All entries in the young stock section – yearlings, two years old and three years old must be shown without hind shoes fitted.

#### **VACCINATION AGAINST EQUINE INFLUENZA**

All horses and ponies for which an FEI Passport, or a National Passport approved by the FEI has been issued, must have the vaccination section endorsed by a veterinarian, stating that it has received two injections for primary vaccination against equine influenza, given between 1 and 3 months apart. In addition, a booster injection must be recorded as having been given within each succeeding 6 months, subsequent to the second injection of the primary vaccination. None of these injections must have been given within the preceding 7 days including the day of the competition or of entry into the competition stables.

The above are the minimum requirements for influenza vaccination. Both primary and first and subsequent booster injections should be given according to the manufacturer's instructions which will fall within the stipulation of the FEI ruling. A Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate confirming proper vaccination must be available for inspection on arrival at the Show Grounds or at any other time during the Show.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY – CATTLE**

The majority of Cattle brought to Agricultural Shows are well trained and docile. From time to time however some animals do become agitated and the presence of large crowds of spectators particularly on the roads leading to and at the entrances of the Cattle Lawn can contribute to such agitation and thus be the cause of a very definite safety hazard.

To minimise the risk of accident and injury in these areas special provisions will be made in the form of a pedestrian free walkway from the Cattle lines and a holding area opposite the entrance to the Cattle Lawn on the Londonderry Road. This is not a cattle preparation area and tack boxes and other obstructions are prohibited.

The public will be excluded from these areas and uniformed Stewards will only permit access to Judges, Stewards and Exhibitors wearing authorised badges or wristbands.

The dairy cattle section of the Londonderry Hall will be closed to the general public on Friday morning during judging. Wristbands have been allocated to dairy cattle exhibitors and only stewards or exhibitors with these wristbands will be allowed entry to the dairy lines. Please note that membership cards and other tickets will not be valid for this purpose.

The co-operation of exhibitors is sought in the implementation of these arrangements and in ensuring that at no time are animals led or exercised outside the defined areas of control. Exhibitors will have noted in the leaflet setting out the

Society's policy on safety that all exhibitors have a duty "to act responsibly" in order to minimise the risk of accident.

It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that their animals are properly halter trained and Cattle should always be led by competent handlers. In the past concern has been expressed about the ability and competence of children to undertake this task. Failure to properly prepare an animal for showing at Balmoral could lead to such exhibitors being debarred from entering future Shows staged by the Society. Exhibitors are reminded that Stewards have full authority to take appropriate action should it be felt that any animal is not properly trained or that any handler is not competent to be in control of his or her animal.

### **HORSE GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **HORSE ACCOMMODATION**

All loose boxes will be marked with the catalogue number of the Exhibit. Boxes will be unlocked by the attendant upon production by the Exhibitor of the STABLING CARD issued prior to the Show. Loose boxes will only be unlocked if the correct animal is present and ready to enter the accommodation. Exhibitors are requested to note carefully the arrival notes. Loose box accommodation WILL NOT be available before the stated times.

#### **PONY ACCOMMODATION**

Ridden Ponies will only be required in the Showgrounds on Friday 14th May and limited stabling will be available at the Arena Boxes for Thursday night at a cost of £20 per night. A limited number of stables will be available in the Nugent Boxes for Working Hunter Ponies on Friday 14th May. Under no circumstances should boxes be padlocked the night before by way of reserving these boxes.

#### **MEASUREMENT FOR PONIES**

Ponies not in possession of a JMB current measurement certificate issued in Northern Ireland or a current SJAI or IPS measurement certificate or a certificate issued or approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a Certificate issued by a Society or Scheme approved by such National Federation will be measured prior to being permitted to compete. All Measurement Certificates must fully identify the animal to which they relate and must show that the Measurement has been made by a Veterinarian appointed by the issuing Authority and a Measurement Certificate relating to any animal aged eight years or under must show that the Measurement has been made in the current calendar year, provided that all valid FEI Life Certificates shall be accepted. All ponies without Measurement Certificates which comply with this Regulation, the height of which is relevant to their eligibility will be subject to measurement by the Society's Veterinary Surgeons on the day of competition and shall be measured [1cm being allowed for shoes] in a natural position to the satisfaction of the official measurer and shod as exhibited on the day. No person but the official measurer will be allowed to measure any animal.

## **MEASUREMENT OF HORSES AND COBS**

Horses in classes 32 & 33 and all cobs not in possession of a JMB current measurement certificate issued in Northern Ireland or a current SJAI measurement certificate will be measured prior to being permitted to compete. All Measurement Certificates must fully identify the animal to which they relate and must show that the Measurement has been made by a Veterinarian appointed by the issuing Authority and a Measurement Certificate relating to any animal aged eight years or under must show that the Measurement has been made in the current calendar year. Horses and Cobs shall be measured [1cm being allowed for shoes] in a natural position to the satisfaction of the official measurer and shod as exhibited on the day. No person but the official measurer will be allowed to measure any animal.

## **CORRECT DRESS, HORSES AND PONIES**

Each rider and groom must be correctly dressed and riders of exhibits are required to wear protective headgear at all times when the exhibits are being ridden. All exhibitors are encouraged to wear recommended protective headgear to BSI standard with chin strap but in the Working Hunter Horse classes and in the Ridden and Working Hunter Children's Pony classes, exhibitors must wear a riding hat complying with the current British Standard with safety harnesses fitted and correctly fastened. This will apply both in the judging ring and in practice/warm up areas. For ridden and Working Hunter ponies this will also apply at any other time when ponies are ridden within the Showgrounds. Exhibitors not complying with this Regulation will be disqualified.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ALL LIVESTOCK SECTIONS**

### **CORRECT DRESS, CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS AND PIGS**

Exhibitors are particularly requested to provide plain White Coats or breed regulation dress for all persons attending their animals in the Judging Rings or in Parades. Reference to a sponsor or the herd shown will only be permitted on the breast pocket of white coats. White coats are obligatory for sheep and goat exhibitors.

### **HAY & STRAW**

Hay will not be supplied by the Society. Exhibitors should arrange their own supply of fodder.

All stabled/pens have been bedded with 2 bales of straw. Any horse exhibitor arriving on Tuesday 11th May should arrange their own additional straw requirements as further supply will not be available until 7.30am the following morning. Thereafter supplies of straw will be available from the Hay barn or the Alexander Hall for Cattle between the hours of 7.00am to 9.00am and 5.00pm to 7.00pm upon production of a straw ticket.

All areas adjacent to your stables or pens should be kept clear of soiled straw this should be taken to the designated areas provided before 8.00am in the morning.

## **KICKBOARDS**

Kickboards have been erected behind stalls in the Londonderry Hall and exhibitors must keep bedding and tack boxes, within the confined area of their stall leaving a 2.5 metre aisle clear to enable the removal of soiled straw.

## **CUPS & TROPHIES**

All Cups and Trophies in the possession of the Society are available to be claimed by winners but cannot be collected until after the Ordinary Council Meeting succeeding the Show subject to satisfactory security. All such Cups and Trophies must be returned to the Society's offices in The King's Hall at least ten clear days previous to the date of the succeeding Show, in as good condition as that in which they were received.

A number of Cups and Trophies are presented by Breeder Clubs and other Donors. These can be claimed from the appropriate Club.

Cups awarded in the poultry section will be presented in the poultry hall at 7.00pm on the Friday evening of the Show.

## **TOILETS/SHOWER UNITS**

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May toilets will be open in the Alexander Hall, Harberton Hall (upstairs), Balmoral Hall and the Link between The Kings Hall and Nugent Hall. During the Show all toilets including are open. Showers are located opposite the garden village, at the Alexander Hall and at the Balmoral Hall (ladies only).

## **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Should for any reason you have a complaint during the Show please ensure that you contact the Chief Steward of your section or Rhonda Geary, Operations Director in the organisers office.

## PRE SHOW CATERING FOR EXHIBITORS

### Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th May

- Fast Food available from Section G area

### Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th May

- Fast Food available from the Central Balmoral Food Court
- Café Corner at the front of The King's Hall – Monday 10am – 6.00pm and Tuesday 10.00am – 8.00pm
- The Elmwood Grill (between King's Hall and Nugent Hall) Monday 12.00noon – 7.00pm and Tuesday 7.30am – 7.00pm
- Fodder and Food situated beside the cattle wash adjacent to the Alexander Hall

## BALMORAL SHOW CATERING

- Café Corner at the front of The King's Hall – Hot and Cold Fast Food
- The Elmwood in the King's Hall – Self Service Meals and Snacks
- Pinewood Snack Bar on The King's Hall Balcony – Hot and Cold Snacks and Meals
- Mobile Units opposite Horse Rings 1 – Fast Food and Ice Cream
- The Balmoral Food Court in the centre of the Showgrounds – Ice Cream, Aberdeen Angus Carvery, Continental Coffee, Sandwiches & fast food.
- Grand Stand Food Court – Coffee, Ice Cream and general Fast Foods
- Arena and Promenade Area – Popular Fast Foods, Ice Cream and crepes.
- Children's Farm – Fast Food and Ice Cream
- Garden Village – Ice Cream, Crepes, Coffee unit
- Section G – Fast Food
- Rear of Harberton Hall – Coffee Trailer with Sandwiches

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### BANKING

Cash dispensing machines are located outside beside café corner at the front of the King's Hall, in the Link between The Kings Hall and Nugent Hall.

### CHILDREN'S CRECHE

Located in the link between The King's Hall and Nugent Hall. Baby changing and feeding facilities provided. The facility is also used as a Lost Children Centre.

### ELECTRICAL APPARATUS

In accordance with the Health and Safety Executive Guidance Note PM32 it is a requirement that all portable apparatus is checked for electrical safety and provided with an electrical safety certificate. Trailing electrical cables are also identified as being a major safety hazard and their use across aisles is prohibited.

### **FIRST AID FACILITIES**

- Beside Horse Judging Ring 1
- In the King's Hall beside Café Corner
- Beside judges box at Arena (Ambulance)
- At the corner of the Alexander Hall, opposite the Sale Ring building
- A Team of paramedics and a doctor is also on duty
- A paramedic team and ambulance will be located at the corner of the media centre (section L).

### **FIRE PREVENTION**

The use of gas stoves for food preparation is prohibited, as this constitutes a serious fire risk.

### **INFORMATION KIOSK**

Located in Section C close to the entrance to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development exhibit (Balmoral Hall)

### **ORGANISERS OFFICE**

The organiser's office is located, at the front of The King's Hall.

### **PRESS CENTRE**

Located in Section L of the Showgrounds

### **NO SMOKING**

It is against the law to smoke in any building, including loose boxes.

### **SPEED LIMIT**

Extreme care must be taken when driving vehicles in the Showgrounds. A speed limit of 5mph will be in operation at all times.

### **VET MOBILE NUMBERS**

If an animal requires attention telephone:-

Bruce Steele (Chief Vet) ☎07515964443

Andrew Fletcher ☎07793 039172

Philip Johnston ☎07976 851160