



British Scurry and Trials Driving

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THE BSTD RULE BOOK

THE BSTD RULES AND GUIDE TO COMPETING WITH THE BSTD

INTRODUCTION

These rules are to establish that those participating in classes run by the British Scurry and Trials Driving do so in a fair environment. These rules cannot provide for every eventuality so for unforeseen and exceptional circumstances participants are asked to interpret these rules by following as closely as possible, the spirit of the text, and that the judges make decisions with a sporting spirit and approach as near as possible the intentions of these rules.

Competing with animals can be hazardous. Participants enter at their own risk and are asked by the BSTD to maintain high levels of safety with their equipment and during competition. The BSTD is committed to genuine equality of opportunity. This means that we treat all participants and their helpers fairly irrespective of ethnic origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, religion or disability.

NEW COMPETITORS TO THE BSTD

The owners, administrators and committee members reserve the right to refuse anyone from being able to register with the BSTD and enter its events.

All new drivers who register will be assessed at their first show as to their safety and ability by a member of the steering committee.

There may be a charge for this assessment of £20 to be paid directly to the assessor.

The drivers ability along with the safety of their turnout will have an experienced driver mentor them throughout and help them at their first show. This may include an open driver being their groom/backstepper for that first show. Grooms will also be assessed as a part of the initial assessment.

- Some shows may, in the opinion of the steering committee and the show organisers, be not suitable for the more NOVICE drivers or some JUNIOR drivers. If this is the case they will be informed when entries are sent in privately.

NEW REGISTRATIONS - To be completed through the website where the relevant forms may be downloaded. www.scurryandtrials.co.uk . These may then be emailed to the entry secretary when completed or sent in the post.

If completed before the 1st January there is a reduction in the fee.

****Please note the insurance requirements must accompany the registration fee before a new driver competes at their first event**.**

All new drivers or interested parties are welcome to email Carole on caroledavenport666@btinternet.com for advice on how to get started and any questions they wish to ask.

REGISTRATION & INSURANCE REQUIRED

- Registration runs from 1st January to 31st December of the same year.
- Registration forms may be downloaded from the website www.scurryandtrials.co.uk or requested by email, post or telephone. Competitors must complete the form so that we know your details for communication.
- There is a full registration for carriage drivers and a supporters category for those who wish to support but do not wish to drive that season.
- It is a part of the registration process that a copy of the competitor's **public liability insurance** which covers timed arena competitions be submitted along with a **signed copy of the current Rule Book (signature page only - last page)** and a fully **completed Registration Form** along with the **correct fee** which must be paid by BACS or cheque. This must all be completed before the competitor drives at their first BSTD event or their first event of a new BSTD season.
- **COMPETITORS MUST SOURCE THEIR OWN PERSONAL PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE.**
- Please note the BHS, BC or the BDS **DO NOT** now cover competitors doing arena timed events such as the BSTD provides. If a competitor has the full membership to BC then ring and check with them as BC may allow coverage for timed events. This does not apply to Associate Membership only full membership of the BC.

HEALTH AND SAFETY & INSURANCE

- Health and Safety standards will be in force always.
- All persons on any show ground or course etc will be held responsible for complying with these standards at all times and will not put themselves or any other person at risk in any way whatsoever.
- Any accident shall be reported to the Show Health and Safety Office at the time of the occurrence.
- A report shall be entered into the Accident Report Book and the relevant forms completed.
- All owners, members and exhibitors are responsible for damage to third parties, however caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their equine.
- It is a condition of entry that all competitors have **third party public liability insurance** providing full coverage for participation in carriage driving timed events and to ensure that the policy is up to date.
- Please note the BHS, BC or the BDS **DO NOT** now cover competitors doing arena timed events such as the BSTD provides. If a competitor has the full membership to BC then ring and check with them as BC may allow coverage for timed events. This does not apply to Associate Membership only full membership of the BC.
- If the organisers, in their opinion, deem a turnout/competitor is unsafe whether when driving in or out of the arena or if their equipment is not up to a 'fit for purpose' standard, the organisers or a member of the steering committee have the right to ask that turnout/competitor to not participate further at the event.
- If in the opinion of the organisers or a member of the steering committee a pony or ponies are dangerous or ill mannered or too inexperienced where their actions are a danger or risk to other competitors or public then they will be asked to unhitch and take no further part in the competition.
- There must be a driver holding the reins correctly and sitting in the driver's seat at all times. If a pony needs to be led to a destination then it must be un-hitched and led without being attached to the carriage for safety reasons. A groom may walk at the side of a turnout but only if there is a competent adult in the driver's seat in control of the pony.

DISCLAIMER Neither the organisers, sponsors, landowner nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any loss, damage, injury, illness to horses, owners, drivers, grooms, spectators nor any person whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract, or in any other way whatsoever.

JUNIOR DRIVERS

- New junior drivers to the BSTD will complete the assessment process as to their abilities along with the safety of their turnout.
- All juniors will be given a mentor to help them throughout the season should they require help or information at any show.
- An adult must always groom/backstep for them and an open driver may be chosen to groom/backstep for them in the arena if in the opinion of the organisers it is for health and safety parameters.
- For the purposes of the Grand League juniors can accumulate points throughout the season in the following age categories therefore giving all the juniors within the BSTD the chance to win prizes at the end of the season.
- 9-10yrs : 11-12yrs : 13-14yrs : 15-16yrs.
- When a junior wins the 15-16yr section the following season they will drive as an adult.

GROOMS

- All competitors must ensure that each turnout has both the driver and a groom on the carriage at all times.
- Competitors must ensure other people's safety as well as their own by bringing or asking someone competent in advance to assist them in the whole process of putting to, competing and taking out.
- Always have a competent groom on board. All junior drivers must have an adult groom.
- Grooms must sit on a scurry carriage and stand on a trials carriage for the purpose of balance and safety in competition.

COMPETITOR BEHAVIOUR

- If in the opinion of the BSTD organisers, show organisers or a member of the steering committee, a competitor or a member of that competitor's family or friend or helpers behaves in a manner which brings the BSTD into disrepute or puts other competitors at risk or disturbs or affects other competitors detrimentally the BSTD will have the right to ban that competitor from the next show they have entered and may ban them for up to one year depending on the severity of the misdemeanour.
- Competitors and grooms must remember they are competing in an arena surrounded by the general public including children therefore bad language will not be tolerated nor any show of frustration or anger towards your ponies or team mates.
- The BSTD shall operate a yellow and red card policy and may write a warning letter to a competitor who has given concern re their behaviour.
- Private parties held in the horsebox park must cease at 10pm to allow other competitors and their helpers to rest.
- Social Media - Inappropriate videos must not be published on the BSTD pages. If they appear they will be removed immediately.

DRESS CODE

- Participants must be smart and clean. 'Colours' are encouraged to form a 'team' approach.
- At certain identified events all competitors will be asked to be extra smart with jackets and ties.
- No shorts or blue or ripped jeans allowed in the arena for competition by either the driver, the groom or their helpers.
- Drivers must carry a whip
- **HEAD PROTECTION** - Everyone on the vehicle must wear a suitable, three point secured, approved, protective hard hat in competition and in warming up and exercising at the show/event venue even if the show venue is not open to the public. Hats must meet one of the following standards :-
 - PAS015 (1998 or 2011) plus BSI Kitemark.
 - VG1 plus BSI Kitemark.
 - ASTM F1163: 2004a onwards with SEI mark.
 - SNELL E2001 onwards with official Snell label and number.
 - AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards with SAI Global mark.
- **BODY PROTECTION** - Adults - Body and back protectors are recommended and may be worn. (NOT air filling models)
 Juniors (16yrs and under) - **must** wear a body protector whilst on the carriage wherever on the showground. Most body protectors are designed to comply with EN13158 and a recognised BETA level standard. This standard encompasses three levels; we would always recommend competitors to choose level three protectors as these offer the best protection and will meet the requirements for any equestrian discipline but level one and two are acceptable. Not air jackets.

CARRIAGES

- Scurry carts and marathon/three phase trials vehicles are allowed.
- Vehicles must be 4 wheeled with a minimum track width of 125cms.
- Pneumatic tyres or wired spoke wheels are not allowed.
- Vehicles must be in good condition and fit for purpose which is the responsibility of the driver.
- Vehicles must carry one driver and one groom unless it is a team turnout which must carry one driver and two grooms.
- Grooms must sit on a scurry carriage and stand on a trials carriage for the purpose of balance and safety in competition.
- There must be a driver holding the reins correctly and sitting in the driver's seat at all times. If a pony needs to be led to a destination then it must be un-hitched and led without being attached to the carriage for safety reasons. A groom may walk at the side of a turnout but only if there is a competent adult in the driver's seat in control of the pony.
- The organisers may allow a new or interested competitor the chance to drive at a show with a two wheeled vehicle on carriage wheels for the purpose of encouragement for a maximum of two shows in the season. Thereafter the competitor must compete with a four wheeled vehicle.
- Carriages may be measured at any event throughout the season by two delegated officials in the presence of the competitor so as to check measurements comply with the current rules.

HARNESS

- Must be safe, clean, in good condition and fit for purpose.

PONIES

- Pairs and teams class – ponies must not measure over 14.2hh (without shoes).
- The height of the tallest pony determines the class in which they must compete.
- Very small ponies must be 10.2hh and under if competing in the Very Small Pony Class.
- Singles class – ponies must not measure over 14.2hh (without shoes).
- Ponies and horses in all classes must be at least 4yrs old.
- Horses are allowed at many of the events. Please make contact to check whether horses can compete at the show you wish to attend.
- **Vaccinations** – participants are advised to comply with any rules set by the individual shows and events. Competitors must check with each show's rules and regulations.
- Substitutions - A substitute is allowed for both a single and a pair for 2 consecutive shows only. If a pony goes lame again either a veterinary headed certificate or a video showing the date/time must be given as proof of lameness before a substitute can be used.
For those driving a single pony that wish to use a substitute which is already entered, in situ on the show field, and will be running in the same class (eg : one pony will be running as itself and as the pony who is lame), the driver must declare which name the pony is running for grand league points and forfeit the points for it's other run. This can only be done twice in one season.
- For qualifying shows (eg : identified events), one of a pair or multiple of ponies may be substituted but it is THE WHOLE TURNOUT which qualifies therefore single ponies may not be substituted even if the driver has completed sufficient qualifiers. The officials do have discretion over substitutes however and may offer a competitor a place in a competition.
- An individual pony may compete in a pair or team class and a single pony class at a show but may not compete in both pair height classes (eg : small pony pair & large pony pair) at the same show.
- Ponies may be measured at any event throughout the season by two delegated officials in the presence of the competitor so as to check their pony's height complies with the class size entered. If any issues arise competitors may be asked to present their pony to the Joint Measurement Board (JMB).

PONY BEHAVIOUR & MANNERS

- If in the opinion of the organisers or a member of the steering committee a pony or ponies are dangerous or ill mannered or too inexperienced where their actions are a danger or risk to other competitors or public then they will be asked to unhitch and take no further part in the competition.
- Ponies staying overnight must be penned or put in temporary stabling. (As a guide the area taken must not exceed twice the horsebox/trailer size).
- Tethering is not allowed. Competitors are asked to be sensible and give thought to others and access for emergency vehicles.

RESCUE PONIES

- To qualify for this award, ponies must have come from recognised registered charities only. This award doesn't run every year. Competitors will be informed if this award is to run through any season.

VETERAN PONIES

- To qualify for this award ponies must be 15yrs or over. They can accumulate points over the season from where they finish in the championship at each event.
- A league will be kept and the pony accumulating the most points at the end of the season can win The Foxy Lady Best Veteran trophy kindly sponsored by Megan Beverley and Team Beverley.

CLASSES & ENTRIES

- The BSTD will decide which shows will have which classes following dialogue with individual show organisers and entries received.
- Classes available may be - singles/pairs/teams/Shetland (types)/juniors/miniature ponies/very young juniors and horses.
- Classes may be amalgamated in the sessions. If there are only 10 entries or less then the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes at any event. (For example a VSP & Open class).
- Classes may be added at a later time or combined at the discretion of the organisers.
- All one day shows will have a separate class (within the open session/class for all) for miniature ponies (vsp) with prize money. This is to ensure that those with little legs have equality when at the one day shows where we run 2 open sessions.
- Two day shows have separate classes with prize money.
- Each show may have slightly different prize money grades.
- All one day shows with two open sessions/classes - competitors may only enter one turnout in each session/open class but if the entries are low the BSTD will contact those we know with multiple turnouts and be offered the chance to enter another turnout.
- All shows will have grand league points to accrue except those that are restricted in some way which will be identified for example demonstrations.
- Turnouts will run for GL points and class prize money by 'the first run time counts' for all turnouts to place everyone in order in their individual classes of very small ponies (vsp) : small pony pairs (spp) : large pony pairs (lpp) and single ponies (sp) : grooms : horses (h).

YOUR FEES

- **Registration** must be paid before an entry will be accepted. The fee will be determined by the organisers at the beginning of the year and may be paid by BACS or cheques payable to British Scurry & Trials Driving (NOT BSTD as the bank will not accept initials only on cheques).
- **Entry fees** at each event is for per turnout.
- **Late Entries** – Late entries can often be arranged preceding a show and often for an extra class for competitors who are already at a show with their pony/s however late entries will not be accepted when the running order has been finalised and written up and has been on display.

PARADES - Only the first 6 on the running order may parade before the start of a competition. If one of the first six do not wish to parade, then, with prior agreement, another competitor may enter the arena in their place.

PRESENTATION - Only the first six placings may enter the arena for prize giving plus the top juniors and sometimes the turnout or veteran winner in the championship line up.

LIMITED ENTRY SHOWS - Some shows and events set entry limitations therefore these will be identified on the show calendar list. Some events also set standards such as no novices so these will be identified on the show calendar list.

ELITE SHOW LIMITATIONS - Will be identified before the event by the organisers. All competitors will be allowed the maximum of two turnouts in the event.

WHAT YOUR ENTRY ALLOWS

****EACH TURNOUT ENTERED WILL ALLOW 3 PEOPLE TO HAVE PASSES TO THAT SHOW. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE SHOW DATE****

- If a show is fully entered then this will be advertised on the BSTD social media (Facebook) and a waiting list formed if necessary.

****ENTRIES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED AND WILL NOT BE HELD OR TRANSFERRED FOR A FUTURE EVENT IF A COMPETITOR IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SHOW THEY HAVE ENTERED OTHER THAN PROOF OF A LAME PONY (EG A VETERINARY INVOICE/NOTE) ****

HOW TO ENTER

TO EMAIL - YOU MAY EMAIL YOUR NAME, SHOW AND NAME OF TURNOUT TO

scurryandtrialsdriving@outlook.com

PLUS MAKE A BACS TO - LLOYDS BANK. Sort Code 30-90-91. Account No 69562960.

YOU WILL GET A CONFIRMATION EMAIL ONCE YOUR ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND PAID FOR.

TO DOWNLOAD FORMS - ENTRY AND REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE OR THE FACEBOOK PAGE. THEY HAVE PAYMENT DETAILS AND INFORMATION ON THEM.

www.scurryandtrials.co.uk or the BSTD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ScurryandTrialsDriving>

TO POST

FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO POST THEIR REGISTRATION OR ENTRY FORMS. PLEASE POST TO

BSTD. 6 WHITELAND RISE. WESTBURY. WILTSHIRE. BA13 3HP

(CHEQUES - Must be made out to British Scurry & Trials Driving, NOT BSTD)

THE COURSE

- Competitors will have up to 10mins to walk the course before the published running. Where possible the course shall be built the evening before the event and competitors may walk the course then too within guidelines from the show organisers.
- Competitors must wait until the course builder invites them to walk the course. No competitor may enter the arena whilst the course is being built unless invited to do so by the course builder.
- There is no set minimum or maximum distance between obstacles but the design will enable drivers to maintain an even fast pace throughout the majority of the course.
- The fastest overall time wins following any penalty time points to add.
- The course shall include cone 'gates' and obstacles single and multiple which will all include a knockdown/dislodge-able element. The course may be built using other safe materials in its design.
- The whole course shall be timed.
- Only the Course Designer and his staff may alter or work on any part of the Course. Any Competitor, or persons associated with a Competitor, who tampers with any part of the Course will entail Disqualification of that Competitor.
- Single 'gate' width is 170cms but 160cm may be used on the course for a 'joker' gate. Multiple obstacle widths approx 3metres. (Examples of multiple or single obstacles :- zig zag : 'U' Turn or box : Elbow : single cone turns and multiple single cone turns : trials 'type' obstacles : a bridge : water : double 'U' : double 'L' : ramps).

COURSE RULES & PENALTIES

WHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entering the arena without a whip or losing or putting the whip down • Excessive use of the whip (judge's discretion) may result in a warning or elimination. • Excessive use of the whip may result in the competitor being required to stand before the steering committee and organisers where they may be disciplined in other ways. Eg : GL points deducted. • The BSTD may operate a yellow card policy. 	Elim
BELL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting before the bell (at the judge's discretion) • Failing to stop when the bell is rung during a round(if heard)may result in (judge's discretion) 	Elim Elim
TIMING EQUIPMENT	Knocking over the Start/Finish timing equipment at any time	Elim
START/FINISH SIGNS	Failure to pass through the Start/Finish	Elim
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HATS - Failure to wear correct protective headwear. • JUNIORS (16yrs & under) – must wear a body protector when grooming or driving on the carriage. • ADULTS It is a recommendation that competitors wear a body or back protector (Not the air filling models). * WHIP. A whip must be carried whilst competing. Failure to carry a whip - 	Elim Elim Elim
SOUNDNESS	A lame pony in the opinion of the judge, a member of the steering committee and course builder	Disqu
CARRIAGES	Vehicle overturns/tipping up and the driver involuntarily leaves the carriage. (Judge's discretion)	Elim
GROOMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groom(s) dismounting on the course, each occasion • Driver dismounting on the course, each occasion (The clock continues to run) • Groom(s) and Driver may dismount the vehicle a maximum of twice, thereafter • Groom(s) holding reins or using the brake (except in emergency situations or in the case of assisting a junior driver for safety reasons) 	10sec 10sec Elim Elim
COURSE RULES	<p>* The course must be driven in numerical order once the competitor has driven through the start unless the course designer identifies a safety issue before the competitor starts their round.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Obstacles and 'gates' consisting of a single pair of cones or a single cone will constitute a Single Obstacle. • If a ball(s) falls or is dislodged from a single obstacle. • If a ball(s) falls or is dislodged from any subsequent gates or obstacles. • For knocking down any part of a multiple obstacle (each gate fault) <p>• A driver may, in an open obstacle, take any route to drive it, even if to do so he crosses his own path. If he makes an error of course in an open multiple obstacle (e.g. overshoots) he may continue where he made the error or restart the multiple at 'A'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If he drives the open multiple obstacle in the wrong order, knocking down a previously driven obstacle or 'gate' or an obstacle or 'gate' yet to be driven. 	5 secs 5 secs 5 secs Elim
VERY SMALL PONIES	<p>If, in the opinion of the judge and course builder that the course at an event is a long one the very small ponies entered may be given some seconds help handicap.</p> <p>The appropriate and known to competitors seconds will be deducted from their overall time after any course penalties have been added. A very small pony is deemed to be 10.2hh and under.</p>	
ODDITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Competitor is considered to have passed through a gate when the entire front axle has passed between the markers. • Failure to complete the course in the correct numerical order. • If any part of the course becomes, in the judge's view, undriveable or unsafe, the bell will be rung and the clock stopped whilst the element is rebuilt. The bell will be rung and the competitor will be allowed to restart at a fast pace from that point they were halted and their time to be restarted without penalty. • If a judge rings the bell in error the competitor will be allowed to re-run at the end of the drawn order with no penalty. <p style="text-align: center;">Objections – The judge's decision is final</p>	Elim

AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT ALL COMPETITORS MUST SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH THEIR REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE AND A COPY OF THEIR CURRENT PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE.

I have read and understood the British Scurry & Trials Driving Rule Book and will adhere to its rules

Signed	
Date	
PRINT YOUR NAME PLEASE	

For the second householder/carriage driver if relevant.

Signed	
Date	
PRINT YOUR NAME PLEASE	