



Mare Grading (Forest or Stud) **1 April 2023, time to be confirmed but probably 1 pm** **Beaulieu Road**

This venue is suitable for **all mares**, whether handled or unhandled, and either with or without a foal at foot. All mares are trotted loose.

Any registered mare, who is a minimum of four years old, and must be of a suitable condition to be judged.

Mares do not need to have had a foal.

PSSM1 Testing: From June 2018 Mares will only be graded if they test clear for PSSM1. Hair will be taken at the time of inspection. Passport must be produced. Grading will be awarded once a clear test result is received.

Entry Fee: £15 per mare entered, which includes subsidised PSSM1 testing (normally £25).

Entry: Please contact the office, giving the name of the mare you would like to bring. See note below for Forest-run mares. Closing date: **Monday 27 March 2023.**

Judging: Each mare will be assessed individually by three judges, who are on the Society's breed panel.

Scoring

Scoring will be based upon the following: 50% Conformation; 20% Type; 30% Movement

Conformation will be split into the following sub-categories:

Fore Limbs, Hind Limbs, Head, Neck, Shoulder, Topline, Depth, Width, Hind quarters and Bone.

Each sub-section will be scored between 1 – 5 (5 being the maximum).

Type will be a single mark based upon the Society Breed Standard.

Movement will be split 15% on walk & 15% trot.

The pass mark is 70%.

Grading

At this initial grade, the progeny of the mare will not be included.

Grading points enter into the Elite Scheme.

A list of mares graded in 2023 will be published in Volume 65 of the Stud Book.

Grades achieved will be recorded in the passport.

The top two mares will be awarded rosettes.

Notes for Forest Mares Only

A Forest mare is defined as one on which a marking fee has been paid in the year of entering the scheme.

Three progeny will be registered without charge if done by the owner/breeder.

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