



Mare Grading (Forest or Stud)

27th September 2025

Approximate start time: 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. Open to 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: All Mares graded since 2018 have had to test clear of PSSM1, they have either been tested and confirmed clear of PSSM1 or are clear by parentage. Hair will be taken at the time of inspection and passports must be produced. Grading will be awarded to successful mares once a clear test result is received.

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

Entry: Please complete an entry form and submit to the office.

Closing date: 15th September 2025.

Judging: Each mare will be assessed individually by three judges, Mrs D Winship, Miss H Whetren and Mrs F Turner.

Scoring

Scoring will be based upon the following:

50 marks for Conformation; 20 marks Type; 30 marks for Movement

Conformation will be split into the following subcategories:

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 a total of 15 marks for walk & 15 marks for trot. The pass mark is 210.

Grading

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

Grading points are included in the Elite Points Scheme.

A list of mares graded in 2025 will be published in Volume 66 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 progenies of forest mares that Grade, will be registered without charge if done by the owner/breeder.