



# **Exhibitor's Information Equifest 2025**

**Dear Competitor,**

Thank you very much for entering Equifest 2025. We look forward to welcoming you to our second show at Arena UK. We are aware that some competitors will be attending Equifest for the first time and so we have attached some notes that will hopefully make your show stress-free. For competitors who have attended Equifest in the past, we have made some changes to how we will be administering the exhibitor's information / passes / numbers etc – so even if you are regulars at Equifest, please read the following information.

## **PACKING FOR YOUR HORSE**

If you are planning on staying either overnight or for the duration of Equifest, you will need to bring with you mucking out tools, water buckets, feed buckets, hay net, grooming kit and everything you need on a normal day to day basis. Although we have a forage shop on site, we will have very limited amount of horse feed – so make sure that you bring plenty of your normal feed to cover the time that you will be away. You will be able to purchase hay, haylage and shavings on site – or if you prefer, bring enough with you for your stay. **The only bedding permitted at Arena UK is shavings.** Don't forget your saddle, bridle and any tack cleaning equipment you might need. Also bring rugs for all weather conditions....! We hope that we will have 4 days of sunshine – but plan for all circumstances!

## **PACKING FOR YOURSELF**

Make sure that you pack spare jodhpur / breeches, shirts, ties, and clothing for all seasons for yourself and all riders in your party. One day it may be blazing hot and the next could be cold and wet! Pack waterproofs, boots, warm clothing as well as clothes for a heatwave! If it is very hot, we will allow riders to remove their jackets in the ring – but only if you have long sleeves on your show shirts to protect your shoulders and arms. If you are on any medication, make sure that you bring plenty with you. Don't forget any inhalers and epi-pens. We have 24 hour medical cover on site – but they may not carry specific life saving medications that you need. Make sure that the Stable Managers have your emergency contact numbers – and if you have specific medical needs let the Show Office know as well. We will have plenty of catering options on site – but if you are on a specific diet, you may want to bring enough food with you. During the daytime, all riders must ride in a correctly secured hat with 3-point harness. If you are lucky enough to qualify for the Evening Performance, riders that are 18 years old and over may ride in either a Top Hat or Bowler – but only if you have completed the hat disclaimer form first (available from the Equifest Show Office) and then carry the hat disclaimer card in your pocket.

## **ARRIVAL AT EQUIFEST**

Gates will open at **9.00am** on Tuesday 5th August. We aim to get everyone parked in as short a time as possible, so it is important that you follow the signs and enter the showground through the correct gate for your stabling area. The first day of arrivals can be very busy – so leave plenty of time to get parked, stabled and settled. If this is your first time staying at Arena UK, you may want to apply for an **Early Pass** to get in a day early to give yourself time to find where everything is and get your horse / pony settled before your classes begin. Remember, this could also be your horse/pony's first time staying away as well – so they will need time to get settled. If you want to be parked and stabled with friends, please try to arrive at the same time – as we cannot save any spaces for people in your party.

## **STABLES**

Stables in the Blue and Orange areas will be allocated on arrival. Members and Sponsors stables will be pre-allocated. This year we are not sending any passes in the post as so many get lost or just do not arrive in time. **Everyone that has pre-booked stables will be emailed with a colour-coded vehicle pass** that will get you into the correct stabling area. These are needed for every horsebox / trailer that is carrying horses in your party. If you have booked stables for other people that are travelling separately, please email this pass to your friends

in advance so they can print this out. Wherever possible, please print out in colour so it is instantly obvious which area you are in but the stabling areas will be signposted so follow the signs to your area. **A £20 clean stable refund will be charged for every stable booked. This will be refunded after the show providing the stable is left clean and entirely empty. All bedding must be removed on departure so that the stable is ready to be re-allocated. Please note – smoking is not permitted anywhere in the stabling areas or while mounted.**

## **ELECTRIC HOOK UPS & GENERATORS**

Hook ups are only available in the Blue, Members and Sponsors stabling areas. All Hook ups in the Blue stabling areas will be provided by generators. Hook ups in the Members and Sponsors areas will either be permanent hook ups on hard standing or will be provided by generators on grass. Please report to the Stable Manager with your confirmation letter showing the number of hook ups that you have booked. You will then be issued with a Hook Up pass which must be displayed in your vehicle and you will be directed to your hook up. Please make sure that you bring a long electric cable – as some hook ups may be a distance away from where you are parked. Generators are permitted in the stabling / parking areas but in consideration of other exhibitors, please ensure that they are turned off by **11.00pm**.

## **NUMBERS & SHOW PASSES**

Once you have your horse/pony settled in, please make your way to the show office to collect your exhibitor's pack. All passes and your competitor number(s) will be in your pack. If you have booked car / caravan passes you will need to display the passes in the windscreen of your vehicle. Spot checks will be made during the show and anybody not displaying a pass will need to go to the office to purchase the appropriate pass. If you want to get your competitor number laminated to ensure that it survives the week of competition, there will be a laminating service available in the show office at £1.00 per number. **Please ensure that you wear your competitor number at all times while you are mounted.**

## **BARBEQUES**

Ground and coal-based BBQs are NOT allowed on the showground under any circumstance. Gas BBQs are permitted but they must be waist height and preferably stood on a fire-retardant base. Fitted catering equipment in the horsebox is acceptable. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to bring with them a properly serviced fire extinguisher suitable for gas and electrical fires.

## **WATER**

Please note - there are no taps for filling up horsebox water tanks on site so please ensure that your tanks are filled up before arriving at the showground. There will be drinking water provided for horses in all stabling areas. Unfortunately, there are no horse wash areas at Arena UK, so please bring buckets / sponges with you.

## **EVENING DINING**

If you are celebrating a special event / birthday / exam results / anniversary – or just want to enjoy an evening in our Hospitality Suite – why not book Evening Dining – on Friday, Saturday & Sunday evenings. This can be booked either on-line or in the show office, providing there is space available. Price £35 for adults and £17.50 for children 12 years and under.

## **LATE ENTRIES & AMENDMENTS**

We will take entries at the show office between 7am – 4.30pm daily. Entries at the show will be **£32.00** per entry. If you need to amend an entry at the show, amendments will be **£5** per amendment. Late entry cards will be issued which then need to be handed into the Steward at the ring. We will accept either card or cash payments at the show office.

## **SHOW CATALOGUE**

A full catalogue will be available to purchase either as you arrive at Equifest or from the Show Office. This includes the list of all entries received up to the entry closing date, the full timetable with Judges; the plan of the rings; an interview with the Supreme Championship Judge – with tips of what he will be looking for – **and also this year – a page of discount vouchers for late entries and also entry amendments** which can be redeemed at the Show Office. This will make the Show Catalogue a “must have” purchase – so please purchase early as stocks will be limited.

## SUITABLY MOUNTED COMPETITORS

Our Welfare Officers will be at Equifest on all days of the show to ensure that riders are of a suitable size for the equine that they ride and advising on the optimum weight for their horse/pony.

All animals ridden anywhere on the Showground, rings or lorry parks (day or night), must only be ridden by a rider whose size and weight does not compromise the animal's welfare. We are operating under the 20% rider weight guideline where the rider in full riding attire with full tack must be less than 20% of the animal's bodyweight. This is based on a relatively fit, healthy animal, as an overweight animal is also a welfare concern.

## RESTRICTED MOBILITY VISITORS

We regret that we have been unable to find a local company to provide mobility scooters for hire this year. Privately owned scooters are permitted - but they may only be driven by the person who owns the scooter. No person under 18 years may drive a scooter at any time. All scooters must be covered by third party insurance. *Please note - we are not able to charge scooters at the show office so anybody hiring a scooter must make their own arrangements.*

## BIKES & SCOOTERS

In the interest of safety **NO BIKES OR SCOOTERS** (except mobility scooters) are permitted on the showground at any time.

## CATERING & BARS

There will be a variety of mobile caterers open during Equifest as well as the Arena UK Café and Indoor Coffee Shop (Bistro). Opening times are as follows:

**Arena UK Outdoor Café** 10.00am – 4.00pm Wednesday – Saturday

Selling: Jacket Potatoes, Baguettes, Toasties, Paninis, Pastries, Salads. Gluten Free & Vegan options

**Indoor Coffee Shop** 10.00am – 3.00pm Wednesday - Saturday

Selling tea, coffee, refreshments & a selection of cakes.

**Bars** will be open from 1.00pm on all days of the show.

## FODDER SHOP

The fodder shop will have in stock the following products. There is no need to pre-order – please go to the fodder shop when you arrive to purchase.

Shavings	£12 / bale
Small Haylage	£12 / bale
Large Haylage	£80 / bale

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS DURING THE SHOW

### PLEASE DO NOT PHONE BEFORE TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST

<b>Equifest Show Office</b>	07733 079532	
<b>Vet</b>	07791 995713	Suzanne Green
<b>Farrier</b>	07787 178543	Joe Briggs-Price
<b>Security</b>	07572 600719	
<b>Stable Manager</b>	07572 600922	
<b>First Aid - Evenings / Emergencies</b>	07831 937629	