

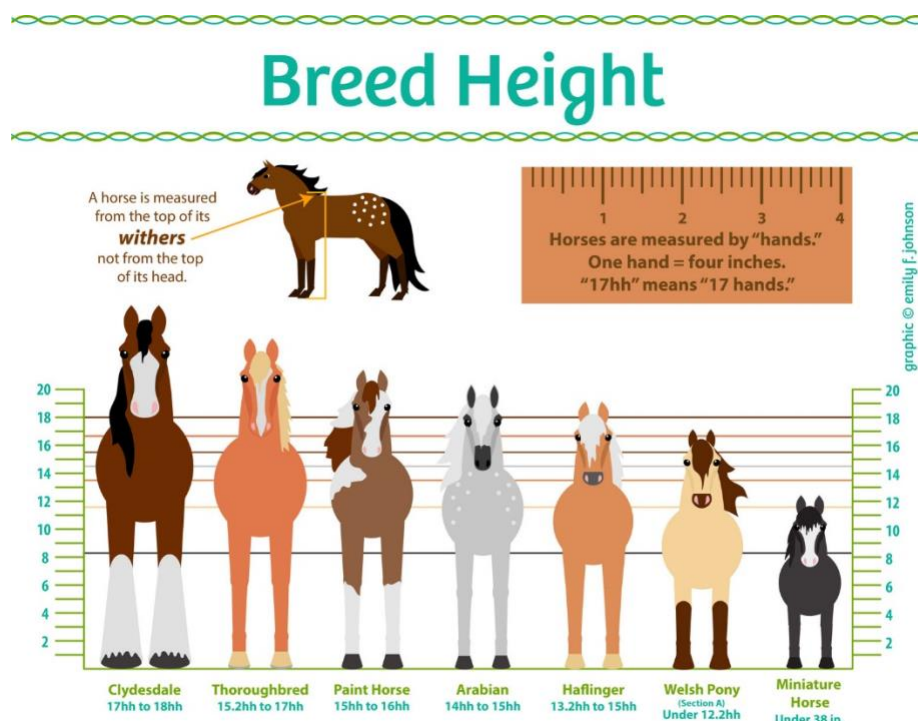
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PONY RACEING

1. RIDERS

- All riders must be aged 7 – 14 years on 1st January in the current year to compete in Pony Race Days.
- All riders must walk the course with the nominated official and must attend the briefing at the start of the race day. Non-attendance will result in not being allowed to ride.
- Each rider he have the right to participate only in one race.

2. PONIES

- All ponies must be aged between 5 and 20 years.
- Open to ponies 110cm & under, 120cm & under and 130cm & under.
- RIDERS can only ride stallions if they have obtained written permission from their Proprietor and in the interests of safety must wear identifying discs on their bridle.
- If there is a discrepancy and the height of a pony is found to exceed the maximum height, the pony will be disqualified.
- All ponies must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza. All vaccination certificates will be checked at declaration, anyone not able to produce a valid certificate will not be allowed to run.
- Stables will not be provided for ponies.
- All ponies entered do so under the condition that they may be routine-tested for prohibited substances.
- No pony may compete in more than one race on the same day.



3. ENTRY

- a) Riders and Pony combination must be still eligible to compete in the race they have entered by the close of entries.
- b) Entries shall close at the time advertised. Failure to submit before the specified date will result in the entry being declined.
- c) Only entries received on the Official Entry Form will be accepted.
- d) All Entry Forms must be signed.
- e) Maximum 15 runners per race—in the event of over-subscription, races may be divided, and a waiting list may be kept.
- f) Should a breach of eligibility be proven, the offender would be disqualified.
- g) The Judges' decision is final.

4. EQUIPMENT

SADDLERY

Whilst not compulsory The EMIRATES EQUESTRAIN CENTRE prefers competitors to use plain saddlery. Any extra detail will be marked down in a tack and turnout competition. New equipment is not expected, but what is worn must be clean, neat and tidy. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure that their tack is in accordance with the rules and that they present themselves for inspection. Any competitor who presents to the mandatory tack check in the wrong Saddlery / Equipment will not be allowed to race until they decide to represent in the correct Saddlery / Equipment. Any competitor who then changes their tack after the Tack Inspection will be disqualified from the race. The Official Steward has absolute discretion to forbid the use of any bit, gadget or spur, which he considers cruel or misused.

Ponies must be turned out with well-fitted and properly maintained Saddlery. Badly fitting or unsafe tack may result in disqualification.

5. DRESS

Whilst not compulsory The EMIRATES EQUESTRAIN CENTRE prefers competitors to wear plain dress. Any extra detail will be marked down in a tack and turnout competition. New equipment is not expected, but what is worn must be clean, neat and tidy. The Competitor is ultimately responsible for complying with all Rules relating to Dress for the particular Discipline they are participating in.

- a) **HATS** It is mandatory for all Members to wear a protective helmet at all times.
- b) **Only racing boots** (with a well-defined cut heel) with racing irons or Jodhpur boots/riding boots with safety irons may be worn.
- c) **BODY PROTECTORS** compulsory.

6. THE RACE

All ponies running shall be saddled in the Pre-Parade Ring and then brought into the Parade Ring at a reasonable time before the signal to mount is given for the race in which they are engaged. (This may be specific to a particular Racecourse).

7. STARTER AND STARTING

- a) Ponies may not be led to the start.
- b) Every pony shall be at the Start ready to start at the appointed time.
- c) All riders who arrive at the Start must immediately place themselves under the control of the Starter where girths will be checked by an Official and tightened as necessary.
- d) The ponies must be started by the Official Starter, or the authorized substitute, and all races shall be started with a Flag.
- e) Following the recall flag Ponies which complete the course shall not be considered as having obeyed the recall flag and shall be withdrawn by the Starter.
- f) Should the Starter declare a false start and the recall flag not be raised, the race shall be void, unless all the Ponies pull up before completing the course.
- g) The Starter's decision is Final.

8. DISQUALIFICATION

The Official Steward or Chief Judge may disqualify a competitor at any stage of the competition

- a) for dangerous riding, or
- b) if, in their opinion, the horse is lame, sick or exhausted, or
- c) for misuse of whip, spur or bit, or ill-treatment of the horse, or
- d) for any breach of the rules, or
- e) for unseemly behavior, including bad language

9. OBJECTIONS

Objections must be made in writing and addressed to the Organizer. They must be accompanied by a deposit of AED 500. Protests or objections must be made not later than half an hour after the published Race Start Time.