

INTERNATIONAL TEAM HORSE SHOEING COMPETITION

Rules (conditions) of the Competition (Amended 19 June 2024)

GENERAL RULES (CONDITIONS) 1 – 24

1. The Executive Committee of the BFBA will draw the order of countries at the Team Competitors meeting held the evening before the first day of competition.

The Competitor Meetings will take place at **730pm on Thursday 26th September 2024 at the host hotel.**

2. Only one open team and one apprentice team per country will be invited to compete. The Association (BFBA) reserves the right to alter the schedule and conditions of the competition at any time.

Entries for the competition will close – **Monday 6th August 2024.**

Once a competitor has competed for their nation (seniors or apprentices), they will not be eligible to compete for a different nation in the future. The only exception to this would be if a competitor relocates to a different country or holds dual nationality. If this happens and the competitor wishes to compete for that country, they must provide proof of residency or a passport for that country before they will be allowed to compete. Team Managers must declare to the organisers if any of their competitors have previously competed for a different nation in any farriery competition.

3. Illustrations of the specimen shoes will be posted on the Forge & Farrier website a minimum of 6 weeks before the competition.
4. Team entries together with the correct entry fees must be received in the BFBA's office by the closing date. Only two Reserves from each country will be accepted (one for Apprentice Team & one for Open Team).
5. Team Managers will remain as declared on the entry form. Only the declared Team Manager/Representative and translator if required may attend the Team Managers Meetings.
6. Apprentice Team Competitors: There are no limits or restrictions regarding age. Home Countries (England/Scotland/Wales/Ireland/British Army) no apprentice to have gained their DipWCF. All other Countries – an apprentice competitor must be a member of their Country's Association. They must not have passed their country's equivalent qualification to the Dip.WCF. They must not have more than 5 years' farriery experience working as a farrier.

7. Substitutions – Team Managers are permitted to substitute their Reserve for a team member providing they declare this at the Team Managers' Meeting. Team selection and management are purely down to the Team Manager and not BFBA or the Chief Steward.

Substitution on the day of the round is not permitted, other than in the case of illness, injury or on compassionate or similar grounds. Team managers must apply to the Chief Steward for permission to make a substitution. If a team member falls ill or becomes injured and the team do not have a reserve, they will be allowed to use a Reserve team member from another country in agreeance with both Team Managers. This team will then continue but will be "non-competitive".

8. A Judge or Steward will stop a competitor at any time during the competitions if, in their opinion, the competitor's work is endangering the horse's welfare. This includes the handling of the equine.

9. The maximum points to be awarded for

- (a) Foot trimming 10 points
- (b) Shoe for the foot 10 points
- (c) Fitting of shoe 10 points
- (d) Nailing and finish 10 points
- (e) Specimen shoes 10 points

10. Scores will be to one decimal place, i.e. 8.4, 9.1, 5.5, etc.

11. If work is not completed it will be judged at point of finish.

12. Start and finish on the bell. No overtime allowed. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

13. The foot may be measured and length of metal cut to size.

14. Pre-cut metal will be provided and may be cut shorter prior to the commencement of the round.

15. All competitors to supply their own aluminium and steel welding flux.

16. The anvils are London pattern and the hardy/ pritchel holes are 31mm square and 12mm round.

17. **Vices** - only one free standing vice allowed and one pair of anvil tongs - this to apply in every class.

18. To enable the competition to run smoothly, competitors will be waiting at their allocated time to start. **FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL CAUSE DISQUALIFICATION.**

19. Only **officials and working competitors** will be allowed in the competition area. **FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THIS RULE WILL CAUSE TEAM DISQUALIFICATION.**

20. Professional courtesy is always expected from the competitors towards their fellow competitors, the organisers and judges of the competition. Individual transgressors will be disqualified at the Chief Steward's discretion.

21. All Judges' decisions will be final. Chief Stewards will have absolute authority over the running of the competition, Safety, Equine welfare concerns, and that the rules are adhered to.
22. At the end of the round all competitors must place their specimen shoes on their anvil. Stewards will cool and tag the shoes. Competitors and fellow competitors must not touch or interfere with the shoes or the shod feet after time has been called.

SAFETY GLASSES MUST BE WORN BY ALL COMPETITORS IN THE SHOEMAKING AREA

23. Results:-

Open Team Competition

The combined results of the Team Gas Forge Shoemaking Competition (Class 1) and the Team Horseshoeing Competitions (Classes 2 & 3) will constitute the winner of the Team Championship.

Apprentice Team Gas Forge Shoemaking Competition

The winning apprentice team will be decided on the results of the Apprentice Team Gas Forge Shoemaking Competition (Class 5).

Apprentice Individual Competition

The combined individual results of the Apprentice Team Gas Forge Shoemaking Competition (Class 5) and the Apprentice Individual Gas Forge Shoemaking Competition (Class 6) will constitute the winner of the Apprentice Individual Gas Forge Shoemaking Championship.

24. **Complaints** - to be received in writing, signed by the Team Manager, to be accompanied by a deposit of £50.00. This deposit will only be refunded if the complaint is upheld.

25. **Prize Giving Dinner** – **ALL TEAM MEMBERS** must attend the prize giving ceremony or risk team being forfeited the non-attendees' points scored throughout the competition. Permission may be given in exceptional circumstances with permission granted by the Chief Steward before the event.

SPECIFIC CLASS RULES (CONDITIONS)

Class 1 – Team Gas Shoemaking (Friday) & **Class 5 - Apprentice Team Gas Shoemaking** (Saturday)

- Time allowed 1½ hours.
- Four team members will take part.
- You will be provided with an anvil and a gas forge.
- A rolling clock format is used in this class, with each team member making one specimen shoe.
- Only two team members allowed in the competition area (pen) at any one time.
- A competitor must leave the area for another to enter.
- Competitors and 1 team representative per team may be in the Holding area outside of the competition area.

- Competitors may only work on their shoe, this includes brushing, but are allowed to move their fellow competitors' shoes into or out of the fire.
- Each team are allowed one free standing vice and one anvil vice/tongs.
- Two shoes will be made for each judge.
- Pre-heating is allowed, and steel may be pre-heated for an oncoming competitor.
- At the end of the round all competitors must leave the floor.
- Team managers or team representative will be permitted to cool and tag shoes only.
- General rules (conditions) also apply.

Class 2 and 3 – Team Horse Shoeing Classes

Class 2 – (Friday) time allowed 2 hours

Class 3 – (Saturday) time allowed 1 ½ hours

- Four team members will take part.
- You will be provided with an anvil, a coke forge and a free-standing vice.
- Same format for both rounds.
- Each class will be split into 2 rounds.
- Two team members per round.
- Each team member will shoe a foot and make a specimen.
- They can only work on their own allocated foot.
- The first round will shoe the near side feet, the second round the off-side feet.
- The competitor will stay on the same foot for the whole competition, i.e. If you shoe the left front in class 2, you will also shoe the left front in class 3.
- Competitors may remove the shoes, brush the feet and measure the foot.
- Rough cutting before the shoeing round will be allowed for continuity for all competitors.
 - Nippers and Toeing knives only.
 - Only excessive hoof wall to be removed.
 - Sole and/or frogs not to be trimmed.

Any one breaking these Rough Cutting rules will be awarded 0.0 for their foot trim.

- The first foot must be dressed within 15 minutes of the start time (it can be a front or a hind foot), the second foot must be dressed within 30 minutes of the start time.
- Each competitor is responsible for indicating to the judge to the foot at the appropriate time.
- General rules (conditions) also apply.
- On completion of each round all team members (except horse handlers) must leave the shoeing floor until both judges have finished marking the nail and finish.
- Team specimens must be cooled and tagged immediately and will be promptly collected by the Shoe Steward. Failure to have shoes ready for collection will result in not being judged.
- Class 2 (Friday) will be a $\frac{3}{4}$ fullered front with toe clip and a $\frac{3}{4}$ fullered hind with quarter clips.
- Class 3 (Saturday) will be a plain stamp front and hind, both with toe clips.
- Clips on feet must be hammer drawn - by swinging a hammer, NOT STRUCK in.

Live Shoeing Judging System

The following system for judging will take place which ensures everyone shoes for one judge and makes a specimen for the second judge.

Class 2

1st Round (Team Members 1, 2, 3, 4):

- TM1 shoeing the front foot for Judge A and making specimen shoe for Judge B.
- TM2 shoeing the hind foot for Judge B and making specimen shoe for Judge A.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ fullered shoes.

2nd Round:

- TM3 shoeing the front foot for Judge A and making specimen shoe for Judge B.
- TM4 shoeing the hind foot for Judge B and making specimen shoe for Judge A.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ fullered shoes.

Class 3

1st Round (Team Members 1, 2, 3, 4):

- TM1 shoeing the front foot for Judge B and making specimen shoe for Judge A.
- TM2 shoeing the hind foot for Judge A and making specimen shoe for Judge B.
- Plain stamp shoes.

2nd Round:

- TM3 shoeing the front foot for Judge B and making specimen shoe for Judge A.
- TM4 shoeing the hind foot for Judge A and making specimen shoe for Judge B.
- Plain stamp shoes.

Class 4 – Reserve Open Team Members Competition

(Friday)

- Time allowed 1 hour.
- One reserve from each country can compete.
- Shoes will be announced at the competitors meeting (Thursday).
- They will be provided with an anvil and a gas forge.
- Each competitor will make 2 shoes from the Team Gas Shoes, one for each judge.
- The competitor must work alone with no assistance.
- General rules (conditions) also apply.

Class 5 - Apprentice Team Gas Shoemaking (Saturday)

- Time allowed 1½ hours.
- Four team members will take part.
- You will be provided with an anvil and a gas forge.
- A rolling clock format is used in this class, with each team member making one specimen shoe.
- Only two team members allowed in the competition area (pen) at any one time.
- A competitor must leave the area for another to enter.
- Competitors and 1 team representative per team may be in the Holding area outside of the competition area.
- Competitors may only work on their shoe, this includes brushing, but are allowed to move their fellow competitors' shoes into or out of the fire.
- Each team are allowed one free standing vice and one anvil vice/tongs.
- Pre-heating is allowed, and steel may be pre-heated for an oncoming competitor.
- At the end of the round all competitors must leave the floor.
- Team managers or team representative will be permitted to cool and tag shoes only.
- General rules (conditions) also apply.

Class 6 – Apprentice Individual Gas Shoemaking Competition

(Saturday)

- Time allowed 45 minutes.
- All team members will take part, including reserve team members.
- Two shoes will be made to the same size and side as per the specimens.
- The competitor must work alone with no assistance.
- Team Managers only in the competition Holding Area.
- General rules (conditions) also apply.

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