

*Aintree International*

# *SIDE SADDLE SHOW*



# SCHEDULE

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Friday 26th – Sunday 28th June 2026

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To be held at Aintree International Equestrian Centre  
Aintree Racecourse, Ormskirk Road, Aintree. Liverpool. L9 5AS

Entries are now open and are **online only** via HorseMonkey.

Entries will close at 12pm on **Monday 11th June 2026**.

Late entries may be accepted until Monday 18th June 2026, with a £10 surcharge.

All competitors must pay a **£5.50 First Aid Fee each day entered**.

*All classes will commence in the Main International Indoor Arena,  
following the RoR Classes (seperate schedule).*

*See you there!*





# Aintree International Side Saddle Show



To be held at: Aintree International Equestrian Centre – Ormskirk Road - Aintree - Liverpool - L9 5AS

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Entries will close Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Late entries may be accepted until Monday 18th June 2026, with a £10 surcharge.

All competitors must pay a **£5.50 First Aid Fee each day entered.**

All classes are open to **SSA Members and Non-Members** and are to be ridden side saddle (with the exception of **Classes 5/13/20**) **Classes 9/10/16/17/28/29/30/31/32** are affiliated to the SSA and will be run under SSA rules as defined in the current Members' Handbook. Adult riders not wearing a safety hat do so at their own risk **and must sign a disclaimer** at the time of collecting their competitors' number **prior to competing.**

Juniors' riders (aged 18yrs and under) **must wear a hard hat** that complies with current British Safety Standard or above at all times. Hard hats to current British Safety Standard or above **must be worn in any Jumping class.**

**Please note: Time will be allowed for competitors to change from their Costume Class to Habits and Vice-Versa**

**All Competitors will receive a 'Roses Side Saddle Show Group' Memento and Rosette!  
Kindly sponsored by Mrs Cath Marchbank and Mrs Janet Senior**

**\*\*\* NEW for 2026 \*\*\***

**The Aintree Roses 2026 - Junior Side Saddle Rider of the Year (Class 33)**

**The Aintree Roses 2026 - Adult Side Saddle Rider of the Year (Class 34)**

**\*\*\* NEW for 2026 \*\*\***

**Exclusive to: 'Riding School Horses/Ponies with Riding School Clients/Pupils' ONLY**

**The Aintree Roses 2026 - Riding School Rider of the Year**

**The Aintree Roses 2026 - Riding School Horse/Pony of the Year**

Points will be awarded from classes 22A/25A/30A as follows:  
1st - 7pts / 2nd - 6pts / 3rd - 5pts / 4th - 4 pts/5th - 3pts / 6th - 2pts / Not placed - 1pts In  
the event of any tied placings, joint awards will be awarded

**\*\*\* Back by Popular demand! \*\*\***

**Closing Ceremony & Presentation, Photoshoot & Showcase Parade of all Winners!**

(Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Immediately following Class 34)

**Kindly sponsored by Mr B. Langley McKim, Mrs J. Childs and Mrs S. P. McKim**  
Thorpeley Irish Draught & Rare Breed Stud

**Please note terms and conditions to receive this award: Winner from class**

1/2/3/4/6a/6b/7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15/16/17/18/19/21/22/22A/23/24/25/25A/26/27/28/29/30/30A/31/32/33/34  
are eligible to receive **the 'Roses International Side Saddle Show' Sash** and **MUST** parade in the International Arena  
**MOUNTED** on their horse/pony and wearing their **FULL SHOW ATTIRE** to qualify.

Only one sash per horse/pony irrespective of number of class wins or number of riders to one equine)

No parade in the arena! No Sash awarded! No exceptions!

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Commencing at approx. 3pm start in the Main International Indoor Arena

### **Class 1. Pick Your Own Dressage Test**

(BD 2024: Intro 1 – Intro 3 - Prelim 4 – Prelim 5 – Novice 4 - Novice 5 - Elem 1 – Elem 5)

#### **Kindly sponsored by Mrs Pam Digby**

Open to Adult and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the **‘Pam Digby Trophy’ Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

To be ridden under BD rules, with the exception of biting. SSA biting rules apply.

### **Class 2. Pick Your Own SSA Equitation Championship Tests** (Test selection must be stated at time of entry)

Pick Your Own Equitation Championship Tests as defined in the current SSA 2026 Members’ Handbook.

#### **Kindly sponsored by The Courtney Family**

Open to Adult and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the **‘Caruso Trophy’ Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

### **Class 3. Dressage Freestyle to Music** (Intro – Prelim – Novice – Elem (Test selection must be stated at time of entry).

Section 3A Open to Lead Rein and Non-Lead Rein Junior riders, 12 years and Under (Members and Non-Members)

Section 3B Open to Riders 13 years and over (Members and Non-Members)

#### **Kindly sponsored by Wonkey Donkey Rosettes & Sashes**

**Judges:** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner of each section will receive the **‘Wonkey Donkey Trophy’ Rosettes to sixth place.**

**Prizes in kind to all competitors.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

To be ridden under BD rules, with the exception of biting. SSA biting rules apply.

*Please note: Time will be allowed for competitors to change from their Costume Class to Habits and Vice-Versa*

***“Time to shine! Be inventive! Be creative! Put on a show and amaze the crowds!”***

### **Class 4. ‘Strictly Prancing’ Themed Costume** (Walk, Trot & Canter)

#### **Kindly sponsored by Signature Dressage and Manor Grange Stud Show Centre**

Section 4A Open to Riders 12 years and under (Members and Non-Members)

Section 4B Open to Riders 13 years and over (Members and Non-Members)

**Judges:** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner of each section will receive the **‘SD and MGS SC Trophy’ Rosettes to sixth place.**

**Prizes in kind to all competitors. Special award to the competitor, who in the opinion of the sponsor presents the ‘Best Costume Wow Factor’.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

A freestyle to music competition. Costume themed to match and enhance your chosen music. To be judged on how much the performance captivates the judges and entertains the crowds. Arena size 20m x 60m. Props optional. **Performance not to exceed 4-5 minutes.** Timed from start salute to final salute. A clearly labelled music tape must be submitted **to the RSSSG Stand at least 1 hour before start of competition.**

*On foot competitions, no horse required!*  
*Commencing at 5.30pm approx. in the Hospitality Area at the ring side*

### ***Class 5. Costume Class with a Side Saddle Influence including Non-British Costumes***

#### ***Kindly sponsored by Roses Side Saddle Show Group***

Open to Adult and Juniors (Members and Non-Members) On foot competition - no horse required!

**Judge:** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire) and Mrs Pam Digby (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the **'RSSSG Trophy' Rosettes and Prizes in kind to all competitors.**

The highest placed Non-British Costume will receive the **'Wilkins Cup'** donated by **Mr M.**

#### ***Wilkins and Mrs B. Wilkins***

Entry Fee: £11.50

Competitors will be asked to show their costumes in a cat-walk style parade before lining up for closer inspection. To be judged on creativity and imagination incorporating a side saddle influence or Non-British Costume! Competitors are required to submit a resumé of their costume with their entry form, which will be referred to by the Judge and Commentator. Resumé must not exceed one A4 size sheet of paper and be clearly marked with the Competitor's name.

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***Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June*** (Start time to be confirmed)

### ***Class 6. Best Turned Out***

#### ***Kindly sponsored by Mrs Fran Penn***

Section 6A Open to Lead Rein and Non-Lead Rein Junior riders, 12 years and under (Members and Non-Members)

Section 6B Open to Adult and Junior Riders 13 years and over (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner of each section will receive the **'Fran Penn Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.**

**Prizes in kind to all competitors.**

Entry Fee: £11.50

*Please note: Time will be allowed for competitors to change from their Costume Class to Habits and Vice-Versa*

### ***Class 7. Historical Side Saddle Class – 1900 to 1952***

#### ***Kindly sponsored by Mr J. Turner and Mrs E. Turner***

Open to Adult and Junior riders (Including Lead Reins) (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire) and Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the **'Copper Caprice Trophy' Rosettes and Prizes in kind to all competitors.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

This class will be judged on horseback at walk. The Judge may then inspect competitors' attire and horse/pony's tack closely, for historical accuracy. Competitors are required to submit a resumé and photograph of their costume with their entry form, to confirm authenticity, which will be referred to by the Judge and Commentator. Resumé and photograph must not exceed one A4 size sheet of paper and be clearly marked with the Competitor's name.

### ***Class 8. Foundation Walk and Trot Freestyle Equitation***

#### ***Kindly sponsored by Alison Henderson-Owen***

Open to riders aged 12 years and under (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the **'Benison Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place. Prizes in kind to all competitors.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

This class is open to Lead Rein and Non-Lead Rein Junior riders who have not attained their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year's show. Competitors will walk only in the go-round. Each competitor will be asked to give a freestyle show **not exceeding 2 minutes**. Cantering is **not permitted** for this class.

### ***Class 9. Junior Side Saddle Concours d' Elegance***

***Kindly sponsored by The Bevan Family***

Open to Junior Riders aged 17 years and under (Members and Non-Members)

***Judge:*** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the ***'Bevan Family' Sash. Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee: £16.50

This class is open to Juniors who have not attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year's show. The sole criteria for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse and rider. Attention may be paid to the rider's personal appearance, but detailed inspection of rider or tack is not required. Fancy dress or period costume is not permitted. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. No individual show is required, but the Judge may ask groups of 3 or 4 riders to give short displays. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest Junior Member of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards.

### ***Class 10. The Conspiracy Theory - Adult Side Saddle Concours d' Elegance***

***Kindly sponsored by Mrs Rosamund Lane and Mrs Sophie Lane-Keery –***

***In memory of dearest Super-Ted*** (Members and Non-Members)

***Judge:*** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the ***'Conspiracy Theory' Sash. Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee: £16.50

The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse and rider. Attention may be paid to the rider's personal appearance, but detailed inspection of rider or tack is not required. Fancy dress or period costume is not permitted. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. No individual show is required, but the Judge may ask groups of 3 or 4 riders to give short displays. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult Member of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards. N.B. Silk hats are permitted to be worn by adults in this class AT ANY TIME OF DAY.

### ***Class 11. The 'Senior' Side Saddle Gracious Ladies 'Horsemanship' Class Kindly sponsored by The Senior Family***

Section 11a Open to Adult Riders aged 40 - 60 years (Members and Non-Members)

Section 11b Open to Adult Riders aged 61 years and over (Members and Non-Members)

***Judge:*** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner of each section will receive the ***'Senior Family Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.***

***Mementos to all competitors. The 'Senior International Side Saddle Award'*** will be presented to all Gracious Ladies aged 70yrs and over. (Please state eligibility on the entry form)

Entry Fee: £16.50

Competitors are required to walk and trot only in the go-round followed by a two-minute freestyle show which may include canter if wished. To be judged on horsemanship skill, gracious style, and performance.

### ***Class 12. Mixed Native Breeds Class Kindly sponsored by Miss K. Ettritch***

Section 12a: Open to Lead Rein and Non-Lead Rein Junior riders, 10 years and under. (Members and Non-Members)

Competitors are required to walk and trot in the go-round followed by a two-minute freestyle show. No cantering allowed.

Section 12b: Open to Adult and Junior Riders 11 years and over. (Members and Non-Members)

Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter in the go-round followed by a two-minute freestyle show.

Please note: Competitors entering section 12a are not allowed to enter section 12b.

***Judge:*** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner of each section will receive the ***'Ettritch Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee: £16.50

This class is open to Mountain and Moorland type horse/ponies, pure and part bred. Exhibits will not be stripped.

### **Class 13. Family Horse or Pony**

#### **Kindly sponsored by Newclose Properties**

Open to Adult and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the '**Newclose Properties Trophy**' Rosettes to sixth place.

Entry Fee: £16.50

Entrants will consist of **one Adult and one Junior rider, at least one of whom will ride side saddle**. The Adults will enter the arena on their horse/pony together for the initial judging which will include walk, trot, and canter in the go-round, after which the Junior will give a **two-minute maximum freestyle show**. The Junior must be of a suitable size and competence to control their horse/pony. Riders may ride more than one horse in this class. Competitors are not required to jump.

### **Class 14. Best Coloured Horse or Pony Kindly sponsored by Mr R. Oultram and Mrs S. Oultram**

Open to Adult and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the '**Oultram Trophy**' Rosettes to sixth place.

Entry Fee: £16.50

This class is open to all coloured horses and ponies. (Appaloosa, Dun, Palomino, Piebald or Skewbald, Roan, Cremello and such like coloured) Exhibits will not be stripped. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter in the go-round followed by a two-minute freestyle show.

*Please note: Time will be allowed for competitors to change from their Costume Class to Habits and Vice-Versa*

### **Class 15. Historical Side Saddle Class - Vintage Habits 1840 to 1899**

#### **Kindly sponsored by Mrs S. Fernside**

Open to Adult and Junior Riders (including Lead Rein) (Members and Non-Members)

**Judges:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire) and Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the '**Othello Trophy**' Rosettes and Prizes in kind to all competitors.

Entry Fee £11.50 This class will be judged on horseback at walk. The Judge may then inspect competitors' attire and horse/pony's tack closely, for historical accuracy. Competitors are required to submit a resumé and photograph of their costume with their entry form, to confirm authenticity, which will be referred to by the Judge and Commentator. Resumé and photograph must not exceed one A 4 size sheet of paper and be clearly marked with the Competitor's name.

### **Class 16. The Side Saddle Association Contemporary Ladies Side Saddle Qualifier**

#### **Kindly sponsored by Dr Karen Milbourne**

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the '**The Out and About Trophy**' Rosettes to sixth place.

Entry Fee: £16.50 Open to SSA Adult and Junior Members and Non-members riding a Native, Part Bred, Heavy or World Breed horse / pony side saddle. **To be judged 25% suitability of horse/pony for rider, 25% manners and way of going for type, 25% rider, and 25% turnout of horse & rider**. Conformation will not be taken into consideration. The Judge will request a short show. Traditional habits must be worn. N.B. Silk hats are permitted to be worn in this class **at any time of the day**. Judges are requested to use the mark sheet provided. The highest placed horse/rider combination qualifies for the Final to be held at the National Side Saddle Show. One special rosette and the qualification card will be given to the qualifying combination at each show, this may not always be the winner; if the winner has already qualified, they may be passed down to fourth place. Qualifiers kindly sponsored by **The Langley Family**. Qualifying combinations are required to become Full Members of the SSA **21 days prior to the**

**National Side Saddle Show** or as soon as possible if qualified after that date to be eligible to compete at the Final. Combinations qualifying between one National Side Saddle Show and the next may carry forward the qualification, for that year only. Please note: You may only enter either the Classical or Contemporary class and only qualify for one of the finals unless you have two horses/ponies of a different type.

### ***Class 17. The Tessa Mitchell Classical Ladies Side Saddle Qualifier***

***Kindly sponsored by Mrs T. Mitchell and Mr L. Mitchell***

***Judge:*** Mrs FranPenn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the '***Mitchell Trophy and Sash***' Rosettes to sixth place.

Entry Fee: £16.50

Open to SSA Adult Members and Non-Members, aged 18 and over on January 1st of the current year, riding side saddle, on horses exceeding 148cm (14.2hh). ***To be judged 25% conformation and action, 25% manners & way of going, 25% rider, and 25% turnout of horse & rider, by a SHBGB, BSHA or SSA Panel Judge.*** Judges may request a short show but will not ride exhibits; horses will not be stripped.

Traditional habits must be worn. Fancy Dress and Period Costumes ***not permitted***. NB Silks Hats are permitted to be worn in this class ***at any time of the day***. Judges must use the mark sheet provided. The highest placed horse/rider combination qualifies for the Final to be held at the National Side Saddle Show. One special rosette and the qualification card will be given to the qualifying combination at each show, this may not always be the winner, if the winner has already qualified they may be passed down to fourth place. In the event of previous qualification, this may be passed down to fourth place. Qualifiers kindly sponsored by Mrs T Mitchell and Mr L Mitchell. Qualifying combinations are required to become Full Members of the SSA ***21 days prior to the National Side Saddle Show*** or as soon as possible if qualified after that date to be eligible to compete at the Final. Combinations qualifying between one National Side Saddle Show and the next may carry forward the qualification, for that year only.

The four highest placed ***Riding Horse, Hack*** (not ex 160cm), ***Cob or Hunter***, Mare or Gelding, 4 years and over, ridden by a SSA Adult Member qualify for the current year's ***BSHA Championship Show Mears Ladies Show Horse Championship*** and if already qualified the ticket will go to the highest placed horse down to 5th place. Combinations qualifying after the current year's BSHA Championship Show may carry forward the qualification, to the following year. ***SSA Members*** who qualify for ***The Mears Ladies Show Horse Championship***, ***will not be required to join the BSHA*** in order to compete in any ***Side Saddle class*** at the ***BSHA National Championship Show***. If the BSHA Championship Show entries have closed at the time of qualification, competitors will not be charged a late entry fee for the ***Championship***.

NB: Competitors may only enter either the Contemporary (Class 16) or Classical (Class 17) class (not both) unless you have two horse/ponies of a different type.

### ***Class 18. Masters 'Prix d' Excellence' Equitation Class*** (This is the first element of a two-part competition)

***Kindly sponsored by Mr S. Marchbank and Mrs C. Marchbank***

Open to Adult and Junior Riders. (Members and Non-Members)

***Judges:*** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire) and Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

Entry fee: £17.50

Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter in the go-round followed by a ***two-minute maximum freestyle show***. To be judged on effective horsemanship. Suppleness, straightness, and position of the rider. Manners of the horse and way of going.

***Masters 'Prix d' Excellence' Jumping*** (This is the second element of a two-part competition)

Choose your own height of course, maximum height: 60cms (2'0") 70cms (2'3") 76cms (2'6"). Heights must be declared at time of entry, on the entry form. To be judged on effective horsemanship, suppleness, straightness and position maintained throughout all elements of each jump, i.e., the approach, take off, flight, landing and get away. The results from Section A and Section B will be collated together and the ***top six riders*** will go forward to the ***Masters 'Prix d' Excellence Ride off***

The winner will receive the '***Marchbank Masters Cup***'-***Prix d'Excellence Rosettes to sixth place. Mementos to all competitors.***

## ***Class 19. Aintree Jumping Challenge***

***Kindly sponsored by AAA Road Rescue (Leyland)***

Open to Adult and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

***Judges:*** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire) and Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the ***'AAA Road Rescue Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee: £17.50

Choose your height of course, maximum heights: 60cms (2'0") 70cms (2'3") 76cms (2'6") 84cms (2'9") 1m (3'3") Heights must be declared at time of entry, on the entry form. The course will consist of ***eight fences.*** Fences 4-8 will be timed against the clock and the fastest clear will determine the winner. In the event of no clear rounds the lowest fault in the fastest time will win.

***On foot competitions, no horse required!***

***Commencing at 4 approx. in the Hospitality Area at the ring side***

## ***Class 20. Vintage Habits with Vintage Accessories (1900 - 1940's)***

***Kindly sponsored by The Vintage Equestrian Stock Co. Presented by Sue Fynney***

Open to Adult and Juniors (Members and Non-Members)

***Judges:*** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire) and Mrs Fran Penn (Warwickshire)

The winner will receive the ***'The Vintage Equestrian Stock Co. Trophy' Rosettes and prizes in kind to all competitors.***

Entry Fee: £11.50

***No costume or replica habits.*** Judging will take place in the hospitality area at the ring side. Competitors will be asked to show their habits in a cat-walk style parade. To be judged on historical correctness and overall appearance. Competitors are required to submit a resumé of their habits with their entry form, which will be referred to by the Judge and Commentator. Resumé must not exceed one A 4 size sheet of paper and be clearly marked with the Competitor's name.

### ***Special Awards Presentation for the:***

Horse/Pony who has travelled the furthest to compete at the Show

Best Dressed Groom (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Presentation to all Overseas Guests and Competitors

The results will be displayed at the secretary's station at 3pm. All winners and overseas guests to present themselves at the ringside by 4.30pm to receive their awards in the arena.



***Party Time 7pm - 9 pm – Meeting Room Becher's Lodge***



***Cath and Janet invite you to join them to raise a glass and enjoy a slice of pizza to celebrate the 'Roses International Side Saddle Show Group's 4th Anniversary'***

***Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June*** (Start time to be confirmed)

## ***Class 21. Foundation Working Hunter Horse or Pony***

***Kindly sponsored by SSA Area 2***

Open to Adults and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

***Judge:*** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the ***'SSA Area 2 Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee £18.50

The course will consist of ***nine fences:*** Minimum height 45cm (1'6") Maximum height 55cm (1'10") Spread 45cm (1'6")

## ***Class 22. Mixed Height Working Hunter Horse or Pony***

### ***Kindly sponsored SSA Area 19***

Open to Adults and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'SSA Area 19 Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £18.50

Choose your preferred height:

A. Minimum height 55cm (1'10") Maximum height 65cm (2'2") Spread 55cm (1'10")

B. Minimum height 65cm (2'2") Maximum height 75cm (2'6") spread 65cm (2'2")

C. Minimum height 75cm (2'6") Maximum height 85cm (2'10") spread 75cm (2'6")

The course will consist of *nine fences*.

## ***Class 22A. Walk & Trot - Riding School Horses/Ponies ridden by Riding School Clients/Pupils***

### ***Kindly sponsored by Roses Side Saddle Show Group***

Open to 'Riding School Horses/Ponies ridden by Riding School Clients/Pupils' ONLY (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'Roses Side Saddle Show Group Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £11.50

Lead rein welcome. Judged on style & performance. Riders entering this class are not allowed to enter class 25A. (Horses/ponies can be shared). Competitors will walk only in the go-round after which each rider will ride a walk and trot freestyle show, not to exceed 2 minutes. Timed from first salute to final salute. Habits optional.

*Please note: Time will be allowed for competitors to change from their Costume Class to Habits and Vice-Versa*

## ***Class 23. Historical Side Saddle Costume Class - Pre 1840***

One competitor to be mounted, and one partner on foot wearing complementary costume.

### ***Kindly sponsored by G Hughs and Son***

Open to Adult and Juniors (including Lead Rein) (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'G Hughs and Son Trophy' Rosettes and Prizes in kind to all competitors.**

Entry Fee £11.50 This class will be judged on horseback at walk. The Judge may then inspect competitors' attire and horse/pony's tack closely, for historical accuracy. Competitors are required to submit a resumé and photograph of their costume with their entry form, to confirm authenticity, which will be referred to by the Judge and Commentator. Resumé and photograph must not exceed one A 4 size sheet of paper and be clearly marked with the Competitor's name.

*Please note: Time will be allowed for competitors to change from their Costume Class to Habits and Vice-Versa*

## ***Class 24. 'Fantasy Costume and Fancy Dress' Competition***

### ***Kindly sponsored by SSA Area 18***

Open to Lead Rein and Non-Lead Rein Junior Riders, 16 years and under (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'SSA Area 18 Trophy' Rosettes and Prizes in kind to all competitors.**

Entry Fee £11.50

Judged for creativity and inventiveness. Competitors are to submit a resumé of their costume with their entry form, which will be referred to by the Judge and Commentator. Resumé must not exceed one A 4 size sheet of paper and be clearly marked with the Competitor's name.

### **Class 25. Aintree Ex-Racehorse 'Picture of Elegance' Side Saddle Horse**

**Kindly sponsored by Miss L. Hanna**

Open to Adult and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'Harp Player Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

To be judged on the picture of elegance and graceful way of going! Riders will be required to walk, trot and canter in the go-round followed by a **2-minute (Max)** freestyle show. Timed from first salute to final salute.

### **Class 25A. Walk, Trot & Canter -Riding School Horses / Ponies ridden by Riding School Clients / Pupils**

**Kindly sponsored by Roses Side Saddle Show Group**

Open to 'Riding School Horses/Ponies ridden by Riding School Clients/Pupils' ONLY (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'Roses Side Saddle Show Group Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £11.50

Judged on style & performance. Riders entering this class are not allowed to enter class 22A. (Horses/ponies can be shared). Competitors will walk only in the go-round after which each rider will ride a walk/trot/canter freestyle show, **not to exceed 2 minutes**. Timed from first salute to final salute. Habits optional.

### **Class 26. The Newcomers Walk and Trot Freestyle Equitation**

**Kindly sponsored by Acrecliffe Equestrian Centre**

Open to Lead Rein and Non-Lead Rein Junior Riders, 16 years and under (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'Acrecliffe Equestrian Centre Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

Competitors will walk in the go-round. Each competitor will be asked to give a freestyle show **not exceeding 2 minutes**. Canter is **not permitted** for this class.

### **Class 27. Veteran Horse or Pony Kindly sponsored by The Side Saddle Sisters 'Elsie and Lola'**

Open to horses and ponies aged 15 years and over. The age of horse/pony must be displayed on the bridle. No galloping allowed. No cantering is permitted except in individual performances.

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'Just Murphy II Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee £16.50

### **Class 28. Side Saddle Riding Club Horse/Pony Kindly sponsored by Miss Carol Swarbrick in memory of Mr David Swarbrick**

Open to Adult and Junior Riders (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'David Swarbrick Memorial Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

Open to horses and ponies 4 years old or over. Riders will be required to walk, trot and canter in the go-round followed by a short show including two small jumps, maximum 61cms (2'). The height may be adjusted during the class at the Judge's discretion. The class shall be judged on the show, the manners of horse/pony and its suitability for the rider. Conformation will not be considered.

*Please note: Time will be allowed for competitors to change from their Costume Class to Habits and Vice-Versa*

### ***Class 29. Junior Side Saddle Costume Concours d' Elegance***

#### ***Kindly sponsored by The Pixton Family***

Open to Riders aged 17 years and under (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the ***'The Pixton Family Trophy' and 'The Hancock Family Sash' Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee: £16.50

This class is open to Juniors who have not attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year's show. The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse/pony and rider, and the way of going of the horse/pony. Safe tack must be used. Detailed inspection of the rider's period costume is not required. Fancy dress is not permitted. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter in the go-round. No individual show is required, but the judge may ask small groups of 3 or 4 riders to give short displays. Competitors are required to submit a resumé with their Entry Form which must not exceed one A4 size sheet of paper and be clearly marked with the Competitor's name.

### ***Class 30. Adult Side Saddle Costume Concours d' Elegance***

#### ***Kindly sponsored by The Hancock Family***

Open to Adult Riders aged 18 years and over (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the ***'Hancock Family Sash and the Moo Moo Memorial Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee: £16.50

Adult Riders must be 18 years and over on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse/pony and rider, and the way of going of the horse/pony. Safe tack must be used. Detailed inspection of the rider's period costume is not required. Fancy dress is not permitted. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter in the go-round. No individual show is required, but the judge may ask small groups of 3 or 4 riders to give short displays. Competitors are required to submit a resumé with their Entry Form which must not exceed one A 4 size sheet of paper and be clearly marked with the Competitor's name.

### ***Class 30A. Side Saddle Equitation - Riding School Horses/Ponies ridden by Riding School Clients/Pupils***

#### ***Kindly sponsored by Roses Side Saddle Show Group***

Open to 'Riding School Horses/Ponies ridden by Riding School Clients/Pupils' ONLY (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the ***'Roses Side Saddle Show Group Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee: £11.50

(Horses/ponies may be shared). Competitors will walk only in the go-round after which each rider will ride an individual freestyle show ***not exceeding 2 minutes***, to include a three looped serpentine and canter a figure of eight with a change of leg through trot. Habits optional.

### ***Class 31. The Side Saddle Association Equitation Championship Junior Qualifying Class and Qualifier for the Lady Guinevere Trophy***

#### ***Kindly sponsored by Aggie V***

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the ***'Aggie V Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.***

Entry Fee: £16.50

Open to SSA Junior Members and Non-Members aged under 18 on 1st January of the current year. Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3rd place and SSA Championship Points. Southernden Farm offers a rosette to the highest placed Member aged under 14 on 1st January of the current year. ***Just So Elegant Side Saddle Hire*** offer a rosette to the Junior Member, judged to be the best turned out.

## **Class 32. The Side Saddle Association Equitation Championships Adult Qualifying Class and Qualifier for the Sir Lancelot Memorial Trophy**

**Kindly sponsored by Julia, Joyce, and Joanna Boardman**

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will receive the **'Boardman Family Trophy' Rosettes to sixth place.**

Entry Fee: £16.50

Open to SSA Adult Members and Non-Members aged 18 or over on 1st January of the current year.

Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3rd place and SSA Championship Points. A rosette sponsored in memory of the late Mr R Philpot is offered to the Adult Member, judged to be the best turned out.

## **Class 33. The 'Aintree Roses' Junior Side Saddle Rider of the Year 2026**

**Kindly sponsored by Back LaneStables –RidingLessonsAstrideand Aside.**

Open to Junior Riders (as defined in the current SSA Handbook 2026) (Members and Non-Members)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will be awarded the title: **The 'Aintree Roses Side Saddle Rider of the Year'** and presented with the **'Aintree Roses Rider of the Year Cup' and Sash. Aintree Roses Cups and Rosettes will be awarded to the top 6 riders.**

Entry Fee £16.50

### **Class Criteria:**

**A.** Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter together in the go-round (25% of marks)

**B.** Competitors will be split into groups of 3/4 riders and ride in 'open order' **for 2 minutes** (25% of mark)

**C.** Competitors will then line up and be asked to perform an individual **2-minute** freestyle show (25% of marks)

**D.** An overview of the side saddle for fit and balance whilst the horse/pony is performing, and the rider's attire and overall appearance will be assessed during section A/B/C for correctness. Close inspection will not be required. (25% of the marks)

**Sections A/B/C will be judged for:** Effective horsemanship skills and harmony between the horse and rider whilst the rider maintains a balanced, straight, and supple position with empathetic independent hands. The horse/ponies' manners, response to the riders' aids, overall performance, acceptance of the contact, and its way of going.

## **Class 34. The 'Aintree Roses' Adult Side Saddle Rider of the Year 2026**

**Kindly sponsored by The Tate Family's Horse Drawn Carriages 'A Day to Remember'**

Open to Adult Riders (as defined in the current SSA Handbook 2026)

**Judge:** Miss Henrietta Barton (Leicestershire)

The winner will be awarded the title: **The 'Aintree Roses Side Saddle Rider of the Year'** and presented with the **'Aintree Roses Rider of the Year Cup' and Sash. Aintree Roses Cups and Rosettes will be awarded to the top 6 riders.**

Entry Fee £16.50

### **Class Criteria:**

**A.** Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter together in the go-round (25% of marks)

**B.** Competitors will be split into groups of 3/4 riders and ride in 'open order' **for 2 minutes** (25% of mark)

**C.** Competitors will then line up and be asked to perform an individual **2-minute** freestyle show (25% of marks)

**D.** An overview of the side saddle for fit and balance whilst the horse/pony is performing, and the rider's attire and overall appearance will be assessed during section A/B/C for correctness. Close inspection will not be required. (25% of the marks)

**Sections A/B/C will be judged for:** Effective horsemanship skills and harmony between the horse and rider whilst the rider maintains a balanced, straight, and supple position with empathetic independent hands. The horse/ponies' manners, response to the riders' aids, overall performance, acceptance of the contact, and its way of going.



**2026 Closing Ceremony**



**Presentation of Awards Photoshoot & Showcase Parade of all winners!**



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