

**The Whitehall Cup is awarded for Open Private Driving Classes. The trophy and overall rosettes are presented at the AGM of BDS Scotland.**

**Whitehall Cup Rules**

**1. Only fully paid up members of the BDS, residing in Scotland on the date of the show are eligible for Whitehall Cup points.**

**2. The points are available for singles and multiple turnouts at qualifying shows.**

**3. Only open classes which are open to all competitors will be qualifying classes for the trophies.**

**Clarification - The qualifying Private Driving Class/Exercise Vehicle class must be open to all competitors. If the show runs separate classes for specific native breeds, multiples, heights or other specialist classes, their Open qualifying classes (Private Driving /Exercise Vehicles) cannot exclude any of these specialist turnouts. Shows that exclude any competitors cannot be used as qualifiers for these trophies.**

**4. If a class is amalgamated on the day points will be awarded as one class.**

**Clarification - Classes could be amalgamated if there are insufficient entries e.g. Open Private Driving and Open Exercise Vehicle classes combined in this case points will be awarded as one class.**

**5. Points will be awarded to each turnout i.e. the same combination of driver/horse(s)**

**Clarification - If a competitor changes horse(s) during the season or the turnout has a change of driver, the new combination will be treated as a new turnout. This rule does not include a change of vehicle/harness mid season.**

**6. Points will be awarded depending on the number of eligible competitors in each class. The placing and points are irrespective to whether or not the competitors placed above or below are members of BDS Scotland.**

**Clarification- The points in qualifying classes will be awarded depending on the number of eligible competitors. ie If three eligible competitors are forward first place will be awarded 3 points, second 2 points and third place 1 point. If the class has non- eligible competitors, points will be awarded for the number of eligible competitors. i.e if there are five competitors in a class with two non-eligible competitors points will only be awarded to the three eligible competitors as below.**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> BDS member</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Non member</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> BDS member</b>	<b>3 points</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Non member</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> BDS member</b>	<b>1 point</b>

**7. All turnouts should be accompanied by a groom or helper.**

**Clarification - Each turnout must have a competent groom or helper in attendance. They do not necessarily have to be in the carriage during the class unless the judge requests this. Competent means being able to manage the turnout if need be.**

**8. Area Commissioners can nominate one unaffiliated show within their area to be a qualifying show . Only BDS affiliated shows or nominated shows can be qualifying shows. To qualify for points in an affiliated or nominated show the judge must be a panel judge.**

**9. Junior Drivers (under 18 ) must be accompanied in the vehicle at all times .**

**Clarification- All junior drivers must be accompanied by a competent person who is 18 years of age or over . A competent person means that they could drive the turnout if necessary and could take full responsibility in the event of an incident.**

**Under Scottish Road Traffic regulations, Junior Drivers under 14 cannot drive on a road. This means that they legally cannot take part in a road drive. They can still compete in the qualifying show class but cannot go out on the road drive. A junior driving with dual reins is still seen as driving .**

**With effect from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2013, Drivers and Grooms who are under the age of 14 years and who are participating in any British Driving Society officially organised event, activity or competition, will be required to wear a hard hat which fits whilst on any horse drawn vehicle. This will include Grooms who have dismounted to assist with the horse.**

**A hard hat requires the same criteria applied to that of a riding hat. . That is a Kite mark to the latest current safety standard with an appropriate chin strap harness attached.**

**The current safety standards on May 2013 are EN1384 (European Safety Standard), BSEN 1384 (British Safety Standard) and PAS 015 (British Safety Standards Institute ) The first two are reviewed every 5 years or following an issue, and PAS 015 is reviewed every two years.**