



The Society of Master Saddlers (UK) Ltd

National Saddlery Competition

**Monday 5th February 2018
Saddlers' Hall, London, EC2V 6BR**

SCHEDULE

Class 3a Trainee Saddle (Rural)

Any type or size of Leather Saddle (must be suitable to meet the specification and marking criteria of C&G Level 2 or 3 Saddle which includes all cutting, stitching, finishing and assembly being done by the entrant) (Should incorporate knee pads, knee rolls and have a flocked panel)

Open to Members' Employees / Apprentices, Registered Trainee Saddler and Student Members and Students undergoing training at The Saddlery Training Centre & Capel Manor College. Entrants must not have commenced training before 1st September 2013 or, in the case of Millennium Apprentices, the apprentice should not have received their completion certificate prior to the competition.

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: Prize vouchers for tools to the value of:

	<i>1st - £200</i>	<i>2nd - £100</i>	<i>3rd - £50</i>
<i>Plus Sponsored Cash Prize</i>	<i>£200</i>	<i>£100</i>	<i>£50</i>

Entries will be judged by the Skills Assessment specification and the quality of craftsmanship.

Class 3b Trainee Saddle (Trade)

**Any style of leather astride Saddle (must be manufactured on a wooden tree).
The saddle entered in this class must be a stock line and readily available to order.**

Open to all employees of trade members who commenced their training after 1st September 2013.

(It is accepted that trade entries may not be the sole of the entrant ie. that the cutting and/or machining may not be the sole work of the entrant.)

No miniatures. Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

*Prizes: There will be one prize of £175 and no placings.
Plus Sponsored Cash Prize £175*

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship, design and commercial viability. (See note 14 re. Commercial viability).

Class 4 Intermediate Bridle

Any design of Leather Girth (any size)

Open to Individual Qualified Saddlers / Harness Makers, Indentured Apprentices, Members' Employees and Registered Trainee Saddler and Student members. (No Master Saddlers) *Must not have commenced training before 1st September 2011.*

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £175 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

Entries will be judged in this order: quality of craftsmanship, suitability for purpose and innovative design.

Class 5 **Special Open Class**

A Saddle Safety Handle (Monkey / Grab strap) (to specification on SMS web site or available from office)

Open to all members and employees thereof. Not to have won a 1st prize in any class in the last five years (* See note 3 re. guests)

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £150 2nd - £75 3rd - £50

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship only.

Class 6 **Small Business Saddle Makers**

Any design of English astride leather saddle (ie. GP, Dressage, Jumping or Endurance saddle made on conventional wooden tree.)

Open to members and employees thereof who manufacture **no more than 10 saddles a year.**

Must be the SOLE work of the entrant, including webbing the tree, building, blocking and seaming the seat, all cutting and machining.

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship, stylish design and suitability for purpose.

Class 7 **Trade / Company Saddle**

Any design of leather English Astride Saddle

(Made on a conventional wooden or synthetic tree and with panel filling of your choice i.e. flock, foam, felt or a combination of materials). **The saddle entered in this class must be an existing stock line and readily available to order, ie with no competition embellishments.**

Open to all Master Saddler Trade members (all entries will be from the company, not individuals - no more than one entry per company). It is accepted that trade entries will be the work of more than one individual, ie. webbing the tree, building and blocking seat, cutting and machining will not be the work of one person.

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: *There will be one prize of £250 and no placings.*
(The prize will be awarded to the company)

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship, design and commercial viability. (See note 14 re. Commercial viability)

In addition the Neil McCarraher Trophy will be presented. (See Trophies)

Class 8 **Open Harness**

Any Driving or Working harness pad / saddle (No tugs or other attachments. Any size or design)

Open to all members and employees thereof. Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £175 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

Entries will be judged in this order: quality of craftsmanship, suitability for purpose and innovative design

(Note: The best trainee or apprentice entry in this class will be eligible for the Tony Byrne Memorial Trophy and the best overall entry for the Tony Russell Memorial Trophy.

Class 9 **Open Bridle**

A Plain Hunter Style Double Bridle suitable for showing, complete with bit

Open to all members and employees thereof
Must be the sole work of the entrant

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged in this order: quality of craftsmanship and suitability for purpose.

Class 10 **Open Saddle**

Any design of leather Show Saddle (made on a conventional wooden or synthetic tree.)

Open to ALL members and employees thereof.

Must be the SOLE work of the individual saddle maker, including webbing the tree, building and blocking seat, cutting and machining. The declaration on the entry form to this effect must be signed by the entrant.

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: 1st - £225 2nd - £150 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on stylish design, innovative design and quality of craftsmanship.

Class 11 **A Side Saddle made on a new tree or completely refurbished old tree, to include the stirrup leather (no iron)**

If an old tree is used photographic evidence of this will be required and all work and other materials must be new. Must be all leather with a serge panel or Wickham pad.

Open to all members and employees thereof.
Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £225 2nd - £150 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and suitability for purpose.

Class 12 **Open Class Prizes kindly sponsored by Tandy Leather**

Any Iberian, Baroque, Ceremonial or re-enactment Riding Bridle. To include reins and complete with bit.

Open to all members and employees thereof.
Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and innovative design.

Class 13 **The President's Choice**

'Boys Toys' Any leather Toy for a Boy of any age.
Open to all members and employees thereof.
Must be the sole work of the entrant

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and innovative design.

**THIS CLASS WILL BE PART JUDGED AT BETA INTERNATIONAL SO ALL ITEMS MUST BE SENT TO THE SOCIETY OFFICE BY 18th JANUARY 2018 AT THE LATEST.
NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS CLASS AFTER BETA INTERNATIONAL.**

NOTE – NO MINIATURES TO BE ENTERED IN ANY SADDLERY CLASS

TOTAL PRIZE FUND £6225

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Notes:

1. **All Entry Forms must be sent to the SMS no later than Friday 26th January or by 12th January for class 13.** Early paper entry is requested to assist in distribution of tickets for the evening reception.
2. All items entered in the competition, except class 13, to be sent to Saddlers' Hall, 40 Gutter Lane, London, EC2V 6BR, to arrive no later than 30th January. Entries arriving after this date will not be entered into the competition. Under no circumstances may entries be delivered in person on the morning of judging, or on competition day. **Entries for class 13 (President's Choice) must arrive at the SMS office by Thursday 18th January** at the latest and will be transported to BETA International.
3. Only members who enter the competition **and whose entry is submitted for judging** are entitled to attend the evening reception and prize giving. Entry is by named ticket only. Entrants may bring a guest whose name must be registered with the Society. (*Those who only enter class 5 are not entitled to bring a guest. Class 5 entrants may only do so if they also enter another class and the entry is submitted.)
4. All entrants, apart from those entering classes 2 or 3, must be members in their own right or properly employed and on the payroll of the member's business. In the event of a company entry the entrant must be employed and on the payroll. In the event of any fraudulent entry, membership will be suspended for one year. In any dispute the Judges' decision is final.
5. Those who started college training after 1st September 2015 will normally be expected to enter class 2a but may elect to enter 2b instead if they so wish.
6. Prize winners will be offered the opportunity to sell their item to The Worshipful Company of Saddlers for presentation as prizes at the equestrian events which they support.
7. Items of work from previous competitions may not be re-entered and entries must have been manufactured within the last two years.
8. A note may be included with an entry to explain any particularly innovative design but must not include anything which may identify the entrant.
9. Entrants may not enter more than one item in any class. (Except in the case of a Master with more than one apprentice, Class 1).
10. It is at the discretion of the judges to award an additional fourth prize if appropriate or not to award prizes or trophies if a satisfactory standard or number of entries in a class has not been reached.
11. The 'Conditions of Entry' and Schedule specifications will be strictly adhered to. Those entering trainee classes must make themselves fully aware of all specifications and marking criteria relating to their class.
12. All individual items to be clearly labelled with the entrant's name and the class to be entered. A list of items entered should be included in the box. Notification of entries not completed must be sent to Saddlers' Hall or the SMS office prior to the competition.

13. No photographs of entries or canvassing for votes at BETA International may be published on social media prior to the competition. Non-compliance will result in the entrant being disqualified.

14. Commercial viability – a saddle expected to retail in the middle price range.

Full conditions of entry and entry forms are available on the Society's web site via a link from the 'Home' page.

They are also available on request from the SMS office.

COMPETITION TROPHIES:

1. **The Bruce Emtage Memorial Plate** will be awarded to the best overall entry of the competition. This will be held for one year and engraved with the winner's name and year.
2. **The Neil McCarraher Trophy** will be awarded to the Company in Class 7, which, in the opinion of a panel of judges made up of retail members, has produced the most attractive and commercially viable saddle. To be held for one year and engraved with the winner's name.
3. **The Les Coker Millennium Trophy** will be awarded for the best work by a Millennium Apprentice in any class whether or not it has received a prize in its original Class. To be held for one year and engraved with the winner's name.
4. **The Side Saddle Association Trophy** will be awarded for the best Side Saddle entry (or related item). To be held for one year and engraved with the winner's name.
5. **The Tony Byrne Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the best overall entry of harness work in the competition, produced by an apprentice, trainee or student. To be held for one year and engraved with the winner's name.
6. **The Tony Russell Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the best harness entry. This will be held for one year and engraved with the winner's name.
7. **The Ken Lyndon Dykes Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the winner of the President's Choice class. To be held for one year and engraved with the winner's name.
8. **The Alf Batchelor Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the best entry of bridework. This will be held for one year and engraved with the winner's name.
9. **Premium Awards** are presented by the Worshipful Company of Saddlers on behalf of The Society of Master Saddlers. They will be awarded to any individual item which is deemed to be of a high standard by the judges. The gaining of Premium Awards is an important consideration for those applying for Master status. Every entry in the competition will be considered for these awards.