

The Society of Master Saddlers (UK) Ltd
National Saddlery Competition, Monday 5th February 2018

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – ALL ENTRANTS MUST READ

1. All entrants must be a member in their own right or properly employed and on the payroll of a member's business or be a saddlery student (see 2). In the event of a company entry, the entrants 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.
2. Students undergoing training at Capel Manor College and students at The Saddlery Training Centre who are not employed by a member or are not a member in their own right in the Registered Trainee Saddler or Student Member categories are eligible to enter Classes 2 and 3 only. With regard to class 2 this will be split between students in years 1 & 2 and years 3 & 4. Entrants in class 2a must not have commenced training before 1st September 2015. Entrants in class 2b must not have commenced training before 1st September 2013, or in the case of Millennium Apprentices should still be in training on 31st January 2018. It is therefore essential that the date on which training started is accurately recorded on the entry form. Those who started college training after 1st September 2015 will normally be expected to enter class 2a but may elect to enter 2b if they so wish. However, entrants may not enter both classes 2a and 2b.
3. Entrants in all saddle classes must ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by the manufacturer's name, plate, stamp or saddle nail.
4. Entries in Class 7 for the trade saddle will be required to make a declaration with regard to whether their entry is from an individual or a company.
5. Entries in all classes, apart from class 3b and 7, must be the unaided work of the individual entrant.
6. Items of work from previous competitions may not be re-entered and must have been manufactured in the last two years.
7. Entrants may not enter more than one item in any class. (Except in the case of Class 1 for a Master with more than one apprentice).
8. Entries must conform to the specification and / or description of each class. Entries which do not comply with the specifications will be disqualified. Specifications / measurements / marking criteria for Classes 2 and 3 are available on request from the Society's office or by visiting the SMS web site / training / qualifications / handbooks. www.mastersaddlers.co.uk
9. **Finished entries in class 13 (President's Choice – 'Boys Toys')** must be sent to the **SMS office, Green Lane Farm, Stonham, Stowmarket, IP14 5DS** by **Thursday 18th January at the latest** as they will be part judged at BETA International. Please label your item with your name and company. No entries for this class will be accepted during or after BETA International.
10. Entries must be notified on the official entry form and it is essential that every form is endorsed by the Master / Employer / Tutor as applicable. Additional Entry Forms may be obtained from the Society office. Photocopies will be accepted. **Due to organisational requirements, entry forms MUST be returned to the Chief Executive by Monday 8th January for Class 13 and Friday 26th January 2018 for all other entries.** The form should **not** be included with the item sent to Saddlers' Hall. Early return of the entry form is required to enable time to send out entry tickets. Admittance to the evening reception is strictly by ticket only. Late entrants may still enter items in the competition but will not be able to attend the evening reception.

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11. All entrants who return their entry form by the closing date may attend the evening reception with a guest who must be named on the entry form. **In respect of class 5 entrants may only bring a guest if they enter a second class and both entries are submitted.** If an entry is not submitted for judging the entrant does not qualify for attendance of the evening reception.
12. Finished entries for all other classes should be delivered to: Patrick Burns, Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London, EC2V 6BR to arrive no later than **Wednesday 31st January**. You must use the full name and address to ensure your parcel is delivered. Entries which have not arrived by then will not be included in the judging, which will begin on the Friday. Under no circumstances will entries be accepted which arrive after the closing date.
13. **A label must be securely attached to each item giving name of entrant, firm and class entered.** Please also clearly and firmly label any bags and packaging which you wish to re-claim.
14. If more than one class is entered **please include a list of items** contained within the package in the top of the box. Please also inform either Hazel or Patrick if an entry indicated on the entry form has not been completed and so has not been sent.
15. Please email Patrick Burns at Saddlers' Hall if you wish to receive confirmation that your item has arrived. Patrick will reply when your entry has been delivered. email: tc@saddlersco.co.uk
16. **Competitors should arrange to remove their items of saddlery from Saddlers' Hall after the presentation of prizes on Monday 5th February. If you or a friend cannot collect your item please provide a return label and stamps (not a pre-paid label) to the value of the postage and make arrangements for a parcel service or courier to collect from Saddlers' Hall and advise Patrick Burns of your arrangements. (see email address above). Tel: 0207 776 8901.**