

**The Society of Master Saddlers (UK) Ltd**  
**National Saddlery Competition, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**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 the bridle classes in 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. Entrants in class 2b and 2c must not have commenced training before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014, or in the case of Millennium Apprentices should not have received their completion certificate prior to the competition. 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 2014 will normally be expected to enter class 2a but may elect to enter 2b instead if they so wish. However, entrants may not enter both classes 2a and 2b. Entrants may enter class 2a and 2c or 2b and 2c.
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 will be from the company, not individuals - no more than one entry per company. The saddle must be an existing stock line and readily available to order with no competition embellishments.
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](http://www.mastersaddlers.co.uk). Specifications for other classes will be included on the web site.
9. A note may be included with an entry to explain any particularly innovative design but must not include anything which may identify the entrant.
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 are available from the Society office. Photocopies will be accepted. **Due to organisational requirements, entry forms MUST be returned to the Chief Executive by Friday 11th January for Class 13 and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 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 may 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 in class 13 (President's Choice – An item of Box Work)** must be sent to **Patrick Burns, Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, London, EC2V 6BR** by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at the latest** as they will be displayed and part judged at BETA International. Please label your item with your name and company. **These items must be packaged in a container which allows safe transport both to AND from BETA International.** No entries for this class will be accepted after BETA International.
13. 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 30<sup>th</sup> January**. You must use the full name and address to ensure your parcel is delivered.
14. 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.
15. **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.
16. 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.
17. 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
18. **Competitors should arrange to remove their items of saddlery from Saddlers' Hall after the presentation of prizes on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**