



The Society of Master Saddlers (UK) Ltd

National Saddlery Competition

**Monday 20th September 2021
Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane,
London, EC2V 6BR**

SCHEDULE

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Class 1 Master and Apprentice

A matching set of Reins for a Double Bridle.

This class is open to Master Saddlers and their **Millennium** Apprentices only. The Bradoon Rein is to be 5/8" wide, of any style and made by the Apprentice. The Curb Rein is to be 1/2" wide, plain and made by the Master. Materials, Fittings and stitch size to match.

Marks will be weighted towards the apprentice at 2/3 to 1/3. Points for each item will be added together and the Master and Apprentice with most points will win. There will only be a winner and no placings.

To be eligible for this class - the apprentice should not have received their completion certificate prior to the competition.

*Prize: Master: A bottle of Champagne
 Apprentice: A tools and materials voucher to the value of £100*

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

Class 2a, 2b & 2c Trainee Bridlework and Trainee Harness

Prizes kindly sponsored by Abbey England & The Worshipful Company of Coach and Coach Harness Makers

- a) **Snaffle Bridle** conforming to Level 2 City & Guilds Skills Assessment specification.
- b) **In-Hand Stallion Show Bridle** conforming to Level 3 City and Guilds Skills Assessment specification.
- c) **A Driving Bridle Nose-band** conforming to Level 3 City and Guilds Skills Assessment specification.

Open to Members' Employees / Apprentices, Trainee Saddler and Student Members and Students undergoing training at The Saddlery Training Centre & Capel Manor College.

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Class a - Entrants must not have commenced training before 1st September 2018.

Class b & c - Entrants must not have commenced training before 1st September 2016 or, in the case of Millennium Apprentices, the apprentice should not have received their completion certificate prior to the competition.

Please note: Entrants may not enter classes 2a and 2b. You may enter 2a and 2c, or 2b and 2c.

Prizes:

*Class 2a: **Abbey England** vouchers for tools or materials to the value of:*

1st - £150 2nd - £100 3rd - £75

Class 2b: Vouchers for tools or materials to the value of:

1st - £150 2nd - £100 3rd - £75

*Class 2c: Sponsored by **The Worshipful Company of Coach and Coach Harness Makers***

Vouchers for tools or material to the value of:

1st - £150 2nd - £100 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged by the C&G specification and quality of craftsmanship.

Class 3a **Trainee Saddle (Rural)** 2nd prize kindly sponsored by **H Webber in conjunction with Osborne Tools**

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, 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 2016 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: Osborne Saddlery voucher for tools (2nd Prize) and prize vouchers for tools or materials to the value of:

1st - £175 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

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).

Open to all employees of trade members who commenced their training after 1st September 2016. (It is accepted that trade entries might not be the sole work of the entrant ie. that the cutting and/or machining might 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: 1st - £175 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship.

Class 4 **Intermediate Bridle**

Any type of leather Headcollar or Halter for Horse or Livestock

Open to Individual Qualified Saddlers / Harness Makers, Indentured Apprentices, Members' Employees and Trainee Saddler and Student members. (No Master Saddlers)

Must not have commenced training before 1st September 2013.

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 design.

Class 5 **Special Open Class**

A Pair of traditional Laced Reins.

Minimum of 54" made up length. Width 5/8" with hook studs.

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

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £100 2nd - £50 3rd - £30

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

Class 6 **Small Business Saddle Makers**

Any design of English Astride leather 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 English Astride leather 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 readily available to order.**

Open to all Master Saddler Trade members (**all entries will be from the company, not individuals - no more than one entry per company**).

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 and suitability for purpose. In addition the Neil McCarragher Trophy will be presented.

Class 8 **Trade / Company Saddlery Accessory**

Any Leather Girth or Stud Guard

Must be a stock item 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**).

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

Prizes: There will be one prize of £100 and no placings.
(The prize will be awarded to the company)

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

Class 9 **Open Harness** *Prizes kindly sponsored by Cribbs Carriage Masters and Funeral Directors*

A Private Show Driving Bridle with bit.

Any size in black or brown. No embellishments except on browband. Bit guard optional. Thread colour to match leather.

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, suitability for purpose.

Class 10 **Open Bridle**

A Bridle suitable for Cross Country, including bit(s)

No beading, jewels or chains but may have clinchers. No flash nosebands.

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, design and suitability for purpose.

Class 11 **Open Saddle**

Any design of Cross Country / Show Jumping Saddle (made on a conventional wooden or synthetic tree.)

Open to ALL members and employees thereof.

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 12 **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 13 **Open Class**

Any leather accoutrement used in connection with Birds of Prey

Open to all members and employees thereof.

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: *1st - £150 2nd - £100 3rd - £50*

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

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THE FOLLOWING TWO CLASSES WILL BE DISPLAYED AND PART JUDGED AT BETA INTERNATIONAL WHICH RUNS 9TH – 11TH SEPTEMBER SO ALL ITEMS MUST ARRIVE AT THE SOCIETY HEAD OFFICE BY TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT THE LATEST. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THESE CLASSES AFTER BETA INTERNATIONAL

Class 14 Miniature

A Miniature Piece of Leather Riding, Driving or Schooling Equipment

The entry should be no larger than half size and not intended for actual use, by miniature breeds for example.

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

Prizes: 1st - £150 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

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

Class 15 The President's Choice

“For the Love of Dogs”

Can be a decorative, ornamental or practical item for dogs or dog lovers. Let your imagination run wild! Must be made of leather using traditional saddlery skills.

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.

NO MINIATURES TO BE ENTERED IN ANY CLASS EXCEPT CLASS 14.

Only members who enter the competition and whose item is submitted are entitled to attend the evening reception and prize giving (with one guest * see note 3)

All queries regarding the schedule should be directed to the chair of the Craft Committee, Mark Romain, at The Saddlery Training Centre: 01722 341144 saddlerytraining@btconnect.com

Notes: (See also Conditions of Entry)

- 1. All Entry Forms must be sent to the SMS no later than Thursday 9th September or by 2nd September 2021 for classes 14 & 15.** Early paper entry is requested to assist in distribution of tickets for the evening reception.
- 2. All items entered in the competition, except classes 14 & 15, to be sent to Patrick Burns, Saddlers' Hall, 40 Gutter Lane, London, EC2V 6BR, to arrive no later than 15th September 2021.** Under no circumstances may entries be delivered in person on the morning of judging which takes place on 17th & 18th September. **Entries for classes 14 & 15 (Miniature & President's Choice) must arrive at the SMS office by Tuesday 7th September at the latest and will be transported to BETA International on 8th.** These items must be packaged to allow safe transport both to AND from BETA International. Address to: Hazel Morley, SMS, Green Lane Farm, Stonham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 5DS

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 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 2018 will normally be expected to enter class 2a but may elect to enter 2b instead if they so wish.
6. Prize winners may 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. Entrants must make themselves fully aware of all specifications and marking criteria relating to their class.

12. **PACKAGING – VERY IMPORTANT**

- **Every individual item to be clearly and securely labelled with the entrant's name and the class to be entered and your** It is not sufficient to only include your name on your parcel or on a compliment slip within it. If items are not labelled we cannot guarantee they will not become separated from your parcel and they may not be entered in the competition.
 - Your name and class should be noted on the outside of your parcel to aid unpacking.
 - A list of items entered should be included in the parcel.
 - All bridles must be assembled to avoid loss of parts in unpacking.
 - 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.

Full conditions of entry and entry forms will be available on the Society's web site via a link from the 'Home' page at a later date.