

Notice 1 - Ground Rules and Code of Conduct

1. **The following will not be tolerated in any area under the control of the Show:**
 - a. Violence, public drunkenness or urination;
 - b. Use of foul, abusive or racist language;
 - c. Abuse of people, animals or property;
 - d. Openly carrying or consuming alcohol except in licensed premises or other permitted areas.
2. **Entry to the Show will not be permitted to anyone who is or appears to be:**
 - a. Drunk or under the influence of drink or drugs;
 - b. Part of a large group such as a 'stag' or 'hen' party;
 - c. In possession of articles such as unauthorised flyers or articles for sale, glass bottles or items thought to be dangerous to public safety such as weapons, fireworks or flares.
3. **Persons entering the Showground do so on the understanding that they may be required to:**
 - a. Submit to a search to, for example, prevent prohibited items being brought in to the Show ground; or
 - b. Prove their age in relation to any age-governed activity such as entry to the Show or consumption of alcohol.
4. **Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a person aged 18 or over, unless they are wearing an authorised exhibitor's or competitor's wristband.**
5. **Dogs are permitted in the Showground on the understanding that:**
 - a. They will be kept on a short lead and under control;
 - b. Owners will clean up after them;
 - c. With the exception of assistance-dogs, they are not permitted in areas densely populated by people, used for catering or in which animals are contained, including but not limited to: standing galleries, seating decks, grandstands, exhibition halls, marquees, tents or buildings.
6. **Consumption of alcohol is not permitted out with licensed or designated areas.**
7. **Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes and vapour machines is not permitted in buildings, marquees, tents, standing galleries, seating decks or in grandstands.**
8. **Except for registered media or photographers holding official passes issued by the Show, no photography, video filming or sound recording is permitted where intended for commercial gain.**
9. **Warning. Filming and/or photography will be taking place during the Show. The film and/or photographs may be used for promotional, educational, marketing and communications purposes and may also be published on our websites, social media and other digital platforms. If you do not wish to appear in such images, please inform the photographer.**
10. **CCTV is in operation for the purposes of detecting crime, ensuring the safety of the public and monitoring congestion and footfall and may be shared with partner agencies, including the police**
11. **Only persons specifically authorised by the Show are permitted to:**
 - a. Offer for sale, or give away, newspapers, periodicals, foodstuffs, souvenirs or any other article;
 - b. Make collection for, advertise or promote any charitable, religious, philosophical or similar organisation or viewpoint.
12. **Written permission for the use of solid fuel burning appliances, including barbecues, within the Show ground must be obtained from the Royal Highland Show. See separate conditions for caravan parks.**
13. **Animals must not be left in hot or unventilated vehicles, the SSPCA may be on site and carrying out inspections to enforce this condition.**
14. **Vehicles must not be left overnight in car parks and there is no overnight camping or caravanning allowed in car parks.**
15. **A tow-away scheme is in operation and a charge may be made for release of a vehicle.**
16. **The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland accepts no liability for any loss or damage to personal possessions in any area under the control of the Royal Highland Show.**



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Additional Considerations for Caravan Parks

17. Suitability of Accommodation:

- a. Only caravans, trailer tents, tents or camper vans will be permitted access; a vehicle or construction that is not in the 'spirit' of camping or caravanning will be denied access;
- b. Any caravans, trailer tents, tents or camper vans displaying offensive images or words will be denied access or required to leave;
- c. Vehicle passes must be displayed – without them vehicles will not be permitted entry to or be permitted to remain within, the caravan parks;
- d. Overnight sleeping is only permitted in a caravan, trailer tent, tent or camper van.

18. Pitches:

- a. A numbered pitch will be allocated and the name of the person who booked a pitch recorded against that numbered pitch;
- b. Caravans and tents may only be set up in the numbered pitch – and not in any other area – these are strict fire regulations rules;
- c. Towing vehicles must be parked wholly within the allocated pitch, except in the East Caravan Park where towing vehicles are not permitted to remain but may be parked in the East Car Park.

19. Services:

- a. There are no electrical hook ups; generators may be used although not between 2300hrs and 0600hrs;
- b. Generators may only be used strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, particularly with respect to proximity to caravans and open windows etc.
- c. Generators should not be chained to a caravan or vehicle.

20. Safety and Behaviour:

- a. Owners / occupants are required to take adequate precautions for preventing and dealing with outbreaks of fire, and must provide suitable firefighting or prevention equipment in their accommodation;
- b. Campfires and fireworks are prohibited;
- c. BBQs may be used, strictly in accordance with manufacturers guidelines, and must not be left unattended after being lit;
- d. Disposable BBQs may be used, strictly in accordance with manufacturers guidelines;
- e. Hot items must not be disposed of in waste skips or bins;
- f. Waste must be placed in the skip provided and pitches kept in clean and tidy condition at all times;
- g. Noise must be kept to a minimum between 2300hrs and 0600hrs;
- h. Any intentional damaging of a caravan, trailer tent, tent or camper van or other property or equipment, even where such is caused by the owner of the property or person who booked the plot or their friends or associates, will be reported to the authorities by the Royal Highland Show as a suspected case of malicious damage or breach of the peace.
- i. Any caravan, trailer tent, tent or camper van left after the Show will be disposed of 10 days after the Show with costs being borne by the applicant.



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