



SPORTS PONY STUDBOOK SOCIETY

Youngstock Evaluations 2026



In 2026, the SPSS is offering Youngstock Evaluations to SPSS registered (ie SPSS passported or overstamped) foals to 3 year olds alongside our Mare & Stallion Grading events. SPSS Premiums can also be awarded to SPSS registered youngstock based on their score at a Futurity event (including Virtual Futurity). To be eligible for an SPSS premium and go forward to the SPSS end of year awards, the youngster must be entered using the attached form. **Note that entry to the Futurity must be done through their system independently of this entry.**

**For dates & venues please see the list on the SPSS website -
www.sportpony.org.uk/grading**

Mares can also be SPSS graded at all venues.

Virtual Futurity Entrants are also able to enter the SPSS Youngstock Evaluations

Open to SPSS members and non-members with ponies or small horses as follows:

POTENTIAL COMPETITION PONIES

For youngstock not expected to exceed 148 cm at maturity.

POTENTIAL SMALL COMPETITION HORSES

For youngstock expected to mature above 148 cm but not exceed 158 cm at maturity unless they have a SPSS passport when there is no upper height limit.

Filly, colt or gelding foals, yearlings, 2 & 3 year olds ~ Foals may be shown with or without their dam

Entries (for SPSS only events) close two weeks before each event; see Futurity website for their closing dates.

Entry Fee (per pony/horse) - Note that this is in addition to Futurity entry fees for those also doing Futurity:

- £10 for SPSS passported or overstamped youngstock (at all venues including Futurity)
- £35 others (includes SPSS overamping or £25 towards SPSS foal passport).

Note that:

- Foals at foot of a mare being graded will be SPSS evaluated for **free** at the same time as the mare is being graded.
- 2 and 3 year old mares entered for grading (without a foal at foot) will also be SPSS evaluated for **free** at the same time as being graded.

Early entry is advised as spaces will be allocated in order of receipt of entries and once capacity is reached at each venue further entries will be placed on a waiting list. **Late entry supplement £5 per pony.**

Each class entrant will be assessed individually by the judges and scored. A Premium Rosette will be awarded to all entrants receiving a sufficiently high average score (of 7.0 to 7.99) and a Gold Premium Rosette will be awarded to those achieving an average score of 8.0 or above. For SPSS only evaluations, a copy of the score sheet will be sent to the owner after the end of year results have been announced at the AGM (date to be confirmed).

RULES OF ENTRY Note that Futurity Rules must also be adhered to at joint venues.

1 Eligibility. These classes are open to youngstock not expected to mature above 158cms (unless they have a SPSS passport in which case there is no upper height limit). Entries expected to mature on or below 148cm will be assessed as potential competition ponies; entries expected to mature above 148cm will be assessed as potential small competition horses. **All entries that do not hold a SPSS passport must be accompanied by a photocopy of the pony/horse's papers (or a copy of the dam's papers and a copy of the covering certificate in the case of foals that do not have their own passport). Passports should accompany the ponies/horses to the show and be available for the judge to inspect if required.**

2 Foals. Foals should be shown in a head collar and with a plaited mane if the mane is long enough. Foals will be shown in walk (normally in-hand) then loose. Weaned foals may attend without their dam. Orphaned foals may attend with an equine companion.

3 Youngstock. Yearlings, 2 and 3 year olds will be judged one at a time, in-hand then loose. They should be shown plaited if possible (unless pure Mountain & Moorland). Snaffle bridles are **allowed** for all and **compulsory** for 2 year old colts and all 3 year olds.

4 Handlers. Handlers should be dressed neatly but comfortably and running shoes are acceptable. Whips may be carried. Protective hats are required. Bag whips are not allowed at any time. Handlers' assistants are advisable in the ring to encourage horses to go forward so that their paces can be properly seen.

5 Lunging. Lunging is not permitted in the collecting ring.

6 Dangerous behaviour of exhibits. If any animal taking part is deemed by the organisers, judges or stewards to be **at any time** behaving in such a way as to endanger the safety of any person, animal or property or any part of the venue where the show is being held, the Organisers reserve the right to disqualify the animal from competition and require the exhibitor, or their representatives, to remove the animal from the venue immediately. In the event of such disqualification, any entry fees, charges, premiums and awards will be forfeited.

7 Stabling. Please contact the venue directly to enquire about stabling

8 Incivility & Infringement of rules of conduct. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to any judge, steward or other official on the part of the owner, groom, rider, trainer or agent of any animal will at the discretion of the Organisers render that animal eligible for disqualification, in which case any entry fees, charges, premiums and awards will be forfeited. Infringements of rules of conduct must be reported to the relevant steward in the first instance for action by the Organisers

9 Fire precautions. Exhibitors are asked to read carefully and observe any notices and regulations posted at the venue and comply with any relevant rules.

10 Health & safety (including COVID). Exhibitors must adhere to all relevant COVID and Health & Safety legislation, policies and guidelines for the venue at all times

and not put themselves or anyone else at risk. Children must be supervised by parents/guardians at all times.

11 Insurance. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third persons caused by themselves, their employees/agents or their horses. It is highly recommended that they have in force current third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation at this show.

12 Declining of entries. The Organisers may, at their absolute discretion, decline any entry, or exclude or remove any person or animal from any event without being required to assign any reason or being liable for any compensation.

13 Data Protection. As a studbook we are fully committed to compliance with data protection legislation (GDPR) and we take both data protection and confidentiality of information seriously. Please be assured that we only contact members/owners as necessary and we only share personal information with third parties where we are legally required to do so. If you have any queries or concerns regarding our use of data please email sportsponies@gmail.com. The SPSS Data Release Policy can be found on the website "Information & FAQ" page

14 Rule changes. The Organisers reserve the right to change any of the rules and regulations without notice should circumstances warrant.

15 Withdrawals. There will be no refund of entry fee for withdrawals but another pony can be substituted or the entry can be carried forward to another date/venue.

16 Equine Influenza Vaccinations. Up to date and complete vaccinations for Equine Influenza may be required for by the venue for all mares & youngstock (apart from foals) attending "in person" (and any equines travelling with them). Please check with the venue/Futurity for their specific requirements and to find out if passports need be presented to the venue before unloading.

17 General. Neither the Organisers nor the Venue nor any of their agents/officials/employees accept responsibility for any loss or injury to horses, riders, spectators' vehicles or property during the show, or consequent to attending the show howsoever incurred. Each owner will be considered responsible for the consequences of any infringement of these rules and regulations by the attendants in charge of his/her animals and for any other employees or agents.



SPSS In-Hand Youngstock Premium Evaluation 2026 ENTRY FORM



Open to SPSS Members and non-members with SPSS registered and unregistered ponies or small horses

Please complete this page of the entry form for each pony (or small horse) entered

Entries close 1 week before the event (for SPSS Only events); see Futurity website for their closing dates

Please tick selected type of event and enter date/venue

(full list on SPSS website - www.sportpony.org.uk/grading)

SPSS Only event (please enter the chosen venue & date):

Date: _____ Venue: _____

Virtual Futurity (this video based assessment replaces the need to attend an “in person” event)

Futurity “in-person” event (please enter the chosen venue & date):

Date: _____ Venue: _____

Name of pony:

UELN: (from passport)

Sire & Dam:
(for foals without a passport)

Colour: Date of Birth:.....

Please tick as appropriate:

Sex:

Colt Gelding Filly/Mare

Section:

Foal (born 2026) Yearling (born 2025) 2 year old (born 2024) 3 year old (born 2023)

Expected mature height (cms):

On or under 148cm Above 148cm but no more than 158cm Above 158cm
(SPSS passported horses only)

Note that the height limit for evaluation is an expected mature height of 158cm UNLESS the horse has a SPSS passport in which case there is no height limit)

2 and 3 year olds only: Do you want to loose jump your youngster? Note this may not be available at all venues – please contact Studbook Office to check.

Yes No N/A

Note ponies/horses not loose jumping will not be disadvantaged

Contact Number for day of evaluation:.....
(This should be the mobile number of someone who is accompanying the entrant at the evaluation)

A photocopy/scan of key pages of the pony/horse’s passport (or those pages in the dam’s passport and the covering certificate in the case of foals that do not have their own passport) **MUST** be enclosed with the entry form unless the pony/horse is already passported/registered with the SPSS. The pages copied must include the pony/horse’s name, UELN, date of birth, pedigree & ID Diagram. Post evaluation, the passport must be sent to the SPSS Studbook Office to complete the evaluation & over stamping (if necessary) process.

OWNER'S DECLARATION

I/we confirm that to the best of our knowledge the details given above are accurate. I /we also agree to abide by the Rules of Entry and accept that the judges' decision is final. We accept that neither the SPSS, nor any of its officers, officials or judges are liable in any way for any claims for damages, real or imagined from any event, action or decision taken by them leading up to, during or after this event.

Owner's signature(s): Date

Owner's name(s): SPSS Member? YES/NO*
* delete as applicable

Address:

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Telephone/Mobile no:

E-mail address:

Total number of ponies/horses entered: Total payment enclosed/transferred:

Entry Fee:

- £10 for SPSS passported or overstamped youngstock (at all venues including Futurity)
- £35 others (includes SPSS overamping or £25 towards SPSS foal passport).

Note that a foal at foot of a grading mare will be SPSS evaluated **FREE** as will any 2 or 3 year old mares (without a foal at foot) entered for the mare grading.

Cheques should be made payable to Sports Pony Studbook Society or SPSS. If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please transfer the total amount due (if possible use your pony's name as reference) **before** posting/emailing this form and complete the section below:

Bank: Barclays Account Holder: The Sports Pony Studbook Society
Sort Code: 20-98-74 Account Number: 20439428

Amount transferred: Date of transfer:

Account Holder: Reference used:

Postal Entries: Please return entry form(s) to:

SPSS Entries, New Barn Farm, Capel Road, Rusper, West Sussex RH12 4PZ

And don't forget to include a copy of the relevant pages from the pony's passport (If not already SPSS registered)

Email Entries: Please scan/photograph this form and email with copies of the required pages from the pony's passport to sportsponies@gmail.com and pay by bank transfer.

Please contact us on 07703 566066 or email sportsponies@gmail.com if you have any questions