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SEIB Search for a Star and Your Horse Live Qualifiers

to be held at

Onley Grounds Farm, Willoughby, Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 8AJ

ENTRIES via email to TGCAheadoffice@gmail.com with payment via Paypal to the same email address

*****ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT 15th July 2026***
(Competition numbers will be available for collection at the Show Office)**

ENTRIES will then be RE- OPENED on the show day at an additional fee of £20 per class

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON A SURFACE

ENTRY FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES without a veterinary or medical certificate provided by no later than 15th July

Stabling can be arranged by contacting Onley Grounds direct

THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL

First Aid will be in attendance. The organisers of the show have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the HEALTH & SAFETY of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring, and they must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards. No responsibility will be accepted by the organisers for any loss, damage, illness or injury sustained by the exhibitors, riders, or their animals and entries are accepted on this basis. Anyone on a horse must wear a hard hat with a chin strap to an approved standard. **Grooms must wear a hat when in the ring.**

ENTRY FEES

SEIB SFAS HOYS £60 PER CLASS

SEIB YHL £35 PER CLASS

EMERGENCY COVER £5 PER RIDER

SEIB HOYS & YOUR HORSE LIVE CLASSES

SEIB SEARCH FOR A STAR QUALIFYING SERIES

REGULATIONS:

A current valid Equine Identity Document (passport) or certificate of ownership (accompanied by the Equine Identity Document.) must be held for the Horse that is entered for the Competition in classes 52,53,54,55,58,59,60 and must bear the same name as the Horse that is entered for the Competition and same name(s) and address of the Owner(s) named on the Entry Form. Every Entrant must be able to produce the original (or official duplicate) passport for their Horse to the Organiser at any time on request of the Organiser. Foreign passports can often be updated by the British Equestrian. Please visit:

www.britishequestrian.org.uk/equine/passports/national-passports

Immediately following qualification at the Competition, a Qualified Rider must take their Horse's original passport to the secretary of the Organiser to be checked. The passport must be correct and in the name of the horse and owner on the Search for a Star entry form. Failure to comply with this ruling will mean disqualification.

PLEASE NOTE RIDERS IN THESE CLASSES MUST WEAR A HAT WITH A CHIN STRAP.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE STRIPPED APART FROM THE LEADING REIN CLASS.

SEIB Search for A Star Competition ("SFAS") is open to amateur riders only except the Still a Star Open Ridden Veteran Class that qualifies for Your Horse Live. Eligible riders for HOYS include those who have not ridden, exhibited or owned a horse that has competed in a showing class at Horse of the Year Show since and including 2021, who do not produce, ride or train horses or riders for the show ring for remuneration or live with someone who does, and are not judges registered with any association or society. Horses and ponies cannot ever have been exhibited at HOYS in any class; **You must read the rule book to ensure eligibility. Competitors may compete in the YHL amateur qualifiers if they have been to HOYS in SFAS but not in any other class since and including 2021.**

SFAS is open to horses and ponies who have not qualified for Horse of the Year Show ("HOYS") before 1 March 2026. They may have qualified for Royal International Horse Show ("RIHS") before this date but may not have been placed up to 8th in any class including Amateurs, except UKPH amateur class. The horse or pony must never have been exhibited by a professional show rider or producer before competing at HOYS or Your Horse Live including in-hand. There is no requirement to register with any showing society to compete.

The onus is on the exhibitor, rider and owner to ensure that they meet the criteria of the SEIB Search for a Star competition.

Entries WILL NOT BE REFUNDED if you enter and subsequently find you are NOT eligible. READ the RULES when entering.

SEIB Search for a Star **Horse of the Year Show Qualifiers**

The following class is a qualifier for the SEIB Search for a Star Horse of the Year Show Finals to be held at the Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th – 11th October 2026. A Qualifying Horse and Rider may be invited to compete at HOYS. Qualifying in a class in the Competition does not automatically entitle a Horse and Rider to an invitation to compete at HOYS. An invitation to compete at HOYS will be issued only if the judges consider the Qualifying Horse and Rider are suitable to appear at HOYS. For the avoidance of doubt, no Horse or Rider who might have been placed first, second or third but for the presence of the Qualified Horse or Rider, will be entitled to compete at HOYS unless invited to do so. At the absolute discretion of the organisers a Horse and Rider who have been placed second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the Competition may qualify to compete at HOYS if the Qualifying Horse and Rider are not eligible.

Wednesday 29th July : 2pm Large Outdoor Arena

JUDGES: Ms Lesley Stewart and Ms Theresa Dibblee

Class SF1: The SEIB HOYS Traditional Gypsy Cobs (All Colours) Horses 5 years or over. No stallions. Open to horses and ponies registered as a traditional gypsy cob of any colour within the TGCA stud book. Part-Breds not eligible. Riders 12 years and over on the day of the HOYS championship. Any queries about horse registration contact TGCAheadoffice@gmail.com. Owners and riders do not have to be a member of the TGCA but horses have to be registered in the TGCA traditional gypsy cob stud book. Traditionals will not be ridden by the judge or the judge's representative but will give a show. The traditional gypsy cob should be a strong, sturdy and powerful cob coupled with an abundance of luxuriant flowing mane, forelock, tail, and leg hair known as feather. 1st will qualify at judge's discretion. Placed down to 6th. Read the rulebook for eligibility.

SEIB Search for a Star Horse **Your Horse Live Qualifiers**

The following classes are qualifiers for the SEIB Search for a Star YOUR HORSE LIVE Finals to be held Your Horse Live 6th – 8th November. Qualifying in a class in the Competition does not automatically entitle a Horse and Rider to an invitation to compete at Your Horse Live. An invitation to compete at YHL will be issued only if the judges consider the Qualifying Horse or Rider are suitable to appear at YHL. For the avoidance of doubt, no Horse or Rider who might have been placed first, second or third but for the presence of the Qualified Horse or Rider, will be entitled to compete at YHL unless invited to do so. At the absolute discretion of the Organisers a Horse and Rider who have been placed second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the Competition may qualify to compete at YHL if the Qualifying Horse and Rider are not eligible.

Class SF2: The SEIB YHL Amateur In-hand Traditional Gypsy Cob & Part Bred TGCA Handlers 10 years of age or over on the date of the YHL championship. Horses / ponies 3 years of age or over of any colour. Open to horses and ponies registered as a traditional gypsy cob or part bred within the TGCA stud book. Horses / ponies must be shown in a bridle with a bit. 1st placed horse or pony to qualify. Class will be split in the ring between Pure Bred Traditionals & Part Breds. Part-breds of any colour all sections included Drum, Sport, Native, Show cob, Pony. Two sets of Rosettes to be awarded 1-6th for Pure Breds & 1st to 6th for Part Breds. 1st placed Traditional & 1st Placed Part Bred will qualify for Your Horse Live. If there are no part bred forward then only one Pure Bred Traditional will go forward

Thursday 30th July – Indoor Ring 2 **immediately following Junior Classes**

JUDGE: Ms Lesley Stewart

Class SF3: The SEIB YHL Amateur Lead Rein Riders aged 10 and under but 5 or over on the date of the YHL Championship. Riders, ponies, owners and handlers must meet the SFAS amateur criteria. Pony of ANY type but must be 128cms or under and meet the Search for a Star Amateur criteria. Snaffle bridles only. Pony must be over 4 years old. No spurs allowed. Lead rein must be attached to the noseband and not the bit and the child should be able to rise to the trot. Judged on conformation, way of going and temperament to be suitable for a young child, pony will not be stripped but will give a set show. Handlers of the lead rein pony should be suitably dressed with a hat and suitable footwear, ponies to be plaited unless they are registered mountain and moorland, traditional or native types. Ponies that have been placed in the Pretty Polly Championships at RIHS are eligible to compete in the Search for a Star Lead Rein classes. There will be a set show. 1st placed to qualify for Your Horse Live., Placed down to 6th Read the rulebook for eligibility

Class SF4: The SEIB YHL Amateur First Ridden Riders aged 11 (special for TOYS & Pony club champs) and under but 6 or over on the date of the YHL Championship. Riders, ponies and owners must meet the SFAS amateur criteria. Pony of ANY type but must be 138cms or under and meet the Search for a Star Amateur criteria. Pony must be over 4 years old. No spurs allowed. Must be ridden independently but will not be asked to canter as a class. Snaffle bridles only. Will be asked to give a set show, ponies will be stripped for conformation. Ponies to be plaited unless they are registered mountain and moorland, native or traditional types. Ponies that have been placed in the Pretty Polly Championships at RIHS are eligible to compete in the Search for a Star First Ridden classes. There will be a set show. 1st to qualify for Your Horse Live., Placed down to 6th. Read the rulebook for eligibility

Class SF5: The SEIB YHL Amateur Pony Club Type Pony Ponies 148cms or under Riders aged 11 years – 25 years on the date of the YHL Championship. Riders and owners must meet the SFAS amateur criteria. Open to ponies that meet the Search for a Star Amateur criteria. Horse or pony must be over 4 years old not exceeding 148cms. No spurs allowed. Will be asked to give a show, will be stripped for conformation. Ponies to be plaited unless they are registered mountain and moorland, native or traditional types. The animal should be an athletic type capable of doing all round Pony Club activities. The class will be judged on conformation, way of going and temperament. The pony will not be ridden by the judge but the competitor will be asked to give a

set show. Open to any type of pony that is athletic enough to be an all-rounder but correct enough to be a show animal. Ponies that have been placed in the Pretty Polly Championships at RIHS are eligible to compete in the Search for a Star Pony Club type classes. There will be a set show. 1st to qualify for Your Horse Live. Placed down to 6th.

Saturday 1st August – International Arena – Start 8.30AM

The following classes are qualifiers for the SEIB Search for a Star Horse of the Year Show Finals to be held at the Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th – 11th October 2026. A Qualifying Horse and Rider may be invited to compete at HOYS. Qualifying in a class in the Competition does not automatically entitle a Horse and Rider to an invitation to compete at HOYS. An invitation to compete at HOYS will be issued only if the judges consider the Qualifying Horse and Rider are suitable to appear at HOYS. For the avoidance of doubt, no Horse or Rider who might have been placed first, second or third but for the presence of the Qualified Horse or Rider, will be entitled to compete at HOYS unless invited to do so. At the absolute discretion of the organisers a Horse and Rider who have been placed second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the Competition may qualify to compete at HOYS if the Qualifying Horse and Rider are not eligible.

JUDGES: Mr Richard Ramsey (C) Ms Sam De Caprio (R)

Class SF6: The SEIB HOYS Show Hunters 153cms and over. 5 years and over. Riders 15 years or over on the day of the HOYS championship. Class will not be divided into different weights. Best of type will win. Tweed jacket. 1st qualifies at judge's discretion placed to 6th. Will be ridden by the judge. Read the rulebook for eligibility.

SEIB RACEHORSE to RIDING HORSE Horse of the Year Show Qualifier

REGULATIONS: This Competition is only for thoroughbred Horses that have previously run in a race under the rules of an approved racing authority recognised as such by the British Horse racing Authority.

For the purposes of determining that a Horse is a Thoroughbred: if the Horse was foaled in Great Britain, Ireland or the Channel Islands, it must be registered in the register of the breeding of thoroughbred horses maintained by the Stud Book Authority of Great Britain and Ireland (known as "Weatherby's General Stud Book"); and if the Horse is foaled in a country other than Great Britain, Ireland or the Channel Islands, the Entrant must be able to produce a certificate from the Horse's country of origin which demonstrates that the Horse is a Thoroughbred.

The following Horses are not eligible to be exhibited at the Competition:

- any stallion or entire.
- any Horse that has been placed 1st in any previous Racehorse to Riding Horse Show Championship at Horse of the Year Show ("HOYS").

- any Horse that has not run in any race (including point to point, national hunt or on the flat) under the rules of a Recognised Racing Authority.
- any Horse under 148cm tall.
- any Horse under 4 years old; or
- any Horse that is not a Thoroughbred

The first horse will go forward to Horse of the Year Show; if the first horse has already qualified, at the organiser's discretion, horses down the line will be eligible to compete at the HOYS Championship.

JUDGES: Mr Richard Ramsey (C) Ms Sam De Caprio (R)

Class SF8: The SEIB HOYS Racehorse to Riding Horse Horses must be over 4 years old and 148cms or over, riders must be 15 years old and over.

JUDGES: Mr Valentine Sheehan (C) Ms Nikki Taylor (R)

Class SF9: The SEIB HOYS Show Cobs & Maxi Cobs Exceeding 148cm Show & maxi cobs, best of type will win. Maxi cobs should be true to type and all cobs should be hogged. Riders 15 years or over on the date of the HOYS championship and horses 5 years or over. Tweed jacket. 1st qualifies at judge's discretion. Placed down to 6th. Will be ridden by the judge. Read the rulebook for eligibility

JUDGES: Mr Richard Ramsey (C) Ms Nikki Taylor (R)

Class SF10: The SEIB HOYS Riding Horse/Hack Hacks exceeding 148cms not exceeding 160cms, riding horse exceeding 148cms, 5 years or over. Riders 15 years or over on the date of the HOYS championship. Riding horse - tweed jacket. Hack - show jacket. The best of type will win. 1st qualifies at judges discretion irrespective of type placed to 6th. Will be ridden by the judge.

SEIB Search for a Star Horse **Your Horse Live Qualifiers**

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JUDGE: Mr Valentine Sheehan & Ms Lorraine Hiron

Class SF11: The SEIB YHL Still a Star Open Ridden Veteran Horse & Pony There are no amateur restrictions in this class. Open to any horse Or pony 16 years of age or over with any rider including show horse producers 10 years of age or over. Horses and ponies will compete together and will be expected to canter together as a class, they will be asked to extend. No lead reins. Riders 10 years of age or over on the date of the YHL championship. No restrictions other than age of horse, pony or rider. Will be asked to extend and must be able to canter together as one class. The horse or pony will not be ridden by the judge and the competitor will be expected to give a show. Horses may be ridden side saddle. 1st placed will qualify at judges discretion.

Class SF12: The SEIB YHL Amateur In-hand Plaited Horse (including Hogged Show Cob) Horses over 15hh,handlers 14 years of age or over on the date of the YHL championship. Horses 3 years of age or over. Any type of plaited show horse or hogged show cob is eligible, best of type on the day will win. Horses must be shown in a bridle with a bit. 1st placed horse to qualify

JUDGE: Ms Lesley Stewart

Class SF13: The SEIB YHL Amateur In-hand Plaited Pony Ponies 15hh or under, handlers 10 years of age or over on the date of the YHL championship. Ponies 3 years of age or over. Any type of plaited pony, best of type on the day will win. Ponies must be shown in a bridle with a bit. 1st placed pony to qualify.

Class SF14: The SEIB YHL Amateur In-hand Veteran Horse or Pony Horse or pony must be 16 years of age or over on the date of the YHL championship. Handlers 10 years of age or over on the date of the YHL championship. Any type of veteran horse or pony is eligible but horse or pony, owner and handler must fit the amateur. SEIB Search for a Star rules, best of type on the day will win. Handler and horse may have competed at HOYS but ONLY in the Search for a Star series, the rest of the amateur rules stand. Horses or ponies that have been placed in the SSADL Championship at RIHS are eligible to compete in the Veteran in-hand Search for a Star class. Horses must be shown in a bridle with a bit. 1st placed horse or pony to qualify.

Class SF15: The SEIB YHL Amateur Riding Club Type Horse Horses, Riders and owners must meet the SFAS amateur criteria. Horses and ponies may have been to HOYS but only in the SFAS competition. Horse exceeding 148cms, over 4 years old. Riders must be 12 years old or over on the date of the YHL Championship and capable of cantering with the rest of the class. Competitors may compete side saddle. No jumping. Snaffles, pelhams and simple double bridles are acceptable, SFAS rider weight restrictions apply. Will be asked to give a short show and will not be ridden by the judge, will be stripped for conformation. Horses and ponies to be plaited unless they are registered mountain and moorland, native or traditional types. The animal should be an athletic type capable of doing all round Riding Club activities. The class will be judged on conformation, way of going and temperament. The horse or pony will not be ridden by the judge but the competitor will be asked to give a show. Open to any type of horse or pony that is athletic enough to be an all-rounder but correct enough to be a show horse. 1st to qualify for Your Horse Live. Placed down to 6th.

Saturday 1st August – Indoor Ring 1 (to follow TGCA Ridden Classes)

JUDGE: Mrs Rosemary Keeling

Class SF16: The SEIB YHL Amateur Ridden Mountain & Moorland Ponies must meet the breed standard, be registered in the relevant stud book and be 4 years of age or over. Riders must be 8 years of age or over on the date of the YHL championship. 1st placed will qualify at judges discretion.

Class SF17: The SEIB YHL Amateur In-hand Mountain & Moorland Ponies must meet the breed standard, be registered in the relevant stud book All breed standards that are expected in the ridden class stand. Handlers 10 years of age or over on the date of the YHL championship. Horses/ponies 3 years of age or over. Animals should not be plaited. Ponies must be shown in a bridle with a bit. 1st placed pony to qualify

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