

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR ALL SEVEN COUNTY CARNIVALS & MIDSOMER NORTON CARNIVAL (Please note by submitting an entry form you are agreeing to all the conditions below)

1. All mounted entries entering any of the County carnivals are required by law to hold a valid and current Vehicle Special Order (VSO) licence issued by the Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) and be taxed and insured for use on the public highway.
2. The seven County Carnivals consists of Bridgwater, Burnham on Sea; Weston Super Mare; North Petherton; Shepton Mallet; Wells & Glastonbury. Midsomer Norton are an Associate Member.
3. Age restrictions - Please note that all entrants in the carnival should be 5 years or over. All ground crew must be 18 years of age or older. Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone or suitable adult.
4. All mounted & walking entries must comply with the following maximum measurements: Height: 5 metres; Width: 3.5 metres; Length; 30.5 metres.
5. All mounted/mechanised entries must have an accessible towing eye & pin at the front of the towing vehicle, to enable a second vehicle to be attached if necessary.
6. Competitive entries only will be accepted in classes 1 – 15. Trade and other entries are accepted in Classes 16-18. Entries can only enter one class.
7. On submitting your entry you confirm that you have obtained all necessary licences and your entry will not infringe any copyright, racial, discriminatory, or decency issues, you accept that any infringement of the aforementioned is the responsibility of the entrant and not the carnival you are entering and that the carnival committee will not accept any responsibility for any action taken for infringement by your entry.
8. Any entry which is of an inappropriate or objectionable nature and likely to cause controversy will be refused.
9. We reserve the right to refuse entry to any entry which constitutes a Health & Safety risk, any special effects (Firework/Flame/ gas propelled effects) should be cleared by the relevant committee and be accompanied by a Risk Assessment.
10. All entries take part in the procession at their own risk and responsibility. Each entry needs to ensure they have adequate insurance cover in place to protect their personnel as well as the public should a claim arise. All vehicles should be insured for carnival use and for mounted entries a minimum five million public liability cover is required.
11. No live animals or pushchairs will be permitted into the procession as any part of the entry or with Ground Crew, excluding assistance Dogs.
12. No counter marching or static displays are allowed.
13. Two scrutineers identified by a different colour tabard will be positioned on the procession route at each carnival to check. The recommended number of road crew minimum age 18 years old in classes 1 – 6 are: for a 1 part entry between 5 – 7; for a 2 part entry between 7 – 9 and for a 3 part entry between 9 – 13.
14. The closing date for all carnivals is the 1st September each year.