

**JUDGING 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 above 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 – Minimum age to take part in the carnival is 5 years and over on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. Entries in classes 6, must be 17 years and under and classes 8, and 12 must be 16 years or under on the 1st November of the carnival year. All ground crew must be 18 years of age or older.
4. Competitive entries only will be accepted in classes 1 – 15. Trade entries will not be accepted in any of these classes. Entries can only enter one class with exception of classes 14 & 15.
5. Definition of Tableau. A motionless representation of a scene or event. No deliberate visible movements (or illusion of movement) are permitted.
6. In classes 7 – 13 for judging purposes and for compliance all entries that are encased in a prop it will be considered as both a costume and a prop.
7. A rest area (at the committee's discretion) will be clearly identified. There will be no judging in this area. Entries are allowed to break from their routines without affecting their judging points. All entries must maintain travel through a rest area to avoid causing hold ups.
8. No advertising is allowed on any part of your entry that you wish to be judged, i.e. between your entry numbers front and back.
9. The committee can disqualify or deduct points if an entry is found in breach of the rules subject to the current "disputes procedure" being followed.
10. If the procession halts for more than two minutes entries shall be permitted to relax until the procession restarts. During the "relax time" no judging will take place. It is advised that clubs reduce the volume of their music during this time.
11. All entries must complete the whole route to qualify for prize/appearance monies and county points unless cleared with the committee prior.
12. The committees are not responsible if you enter in the wrong class, if you enter online you should check your entry is correct after you press submit, details of what you have entered will then appear on the screen which you can print off as a receipt your entry has been received. No change of class allowed after the 1st October.
13. All judging will take place on the route between the start and finishing points specified in your assembly instructions. Classes 1 to 6 will be judged on the content of their entry between the front and the rear procession numbers which should be on the nearside front and back. It is your responsibility to ensure that your numbers are positioned to show what you want to be judged. This does not affect judging for the Best Dressed Towing Vehicle Driver.
14. All results announced on the night are provisional and subject to a final check.
15. To qualify for prize/appearance money standards of entry must meet the judging requirements.

16. All cups & trophies awarded are the property of the relevant committee and should be returned as instructed. Any damage or loss to the aforementioned should be reported immediately.

17. The county and some carnivals award a trophy for the "Best third unit"; to qualify for these awards your entry must be a train of three.

18. Any proposed imposition of penalties and any disputes resulting from the imposition of penalties will be enacted in accordance with the current SCGFCA recommended disputes procedure, copy available online.

19. Two scrutineers identified by a different colour tabard will be positioned on the procession route at each carnival to check class rules are being adhered. 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 should you (subject to your club's risk assessment) choose to exceed these numbers please be aware that this may affect the ability for the judges to fully and fairly judge your entry.

20. The closing date for all carnivals is the 1st September each year.

21. If further information is required, please contact the Entries Secretary for the carnival town in question.