

Preparing the Horse or Pony for Measurement - a guide for Owners and Handlers

In accordance with the Rule Book of The Joint Measurement Board, (Preparation and Venue for Measurement, 34.2) *“It is the responsibility of the Owner, and in his interests, to ensure that the animal is well handled, accustomed to the measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.”*

This guide aims to assist Owners and Handlers to achieve an accurate measurement, based on the careful education and preparation of the Horse or Pony (hereinafter ‘the animal’)

- You are advised to study the current JMB Rule Book available on the JMB website thejmbonline.co.uk, in particular, items 33, 34 & 35 which refer to the Measurement procedure.
- As it is necessary to travel to the approved Measuring Pad, give the animal traveling practice, so that it will arrive calmly at the destination.
- As a matter of course, the animal should already be trained to stand still and squarely, wearing a head collar and lead rope only, with the minimum of fidgeting.
- For the purpose of accurate measurement, the animal should be further trained to place its front feet in line, and its hind feet no more than 15cm. (6 inches) out of line with each other.
- It must learn to relax and to lower its head to a natural position, approximately level with and not lower than its withers.
- Furthermore, it must learn to remain in this position for many minutes and it must learn to allow a stranger to move quietly around it, with the minimum of fuss.
- The animal must be presented in good condition, not far from the condition it is in when shown, show-jumped or raced, with no signs of distress or dehydration. The Official Measurer or Referees may offer the animal water to drink before or after the measurement takes place.
- During the measuring process, the handler will be positioned in front of the animal and will stand calmly and quietly.
- It is not recommended to feed the animal titbits or to fuss it; experience has shown this makes the animal more fidgety and is counterproductive to achieving a still, calm persona.
- In addition to traveling practice, it is wise to have accustomed the animal to strange surroundings (i.e. indoor premises other than its own familiar stable).
- Finally, you are advised to leave plenty of time for the journey, so that both you and your animal arrive calmly!

The Fee is £75.00 (Official Measurer £50.00 including VAT, JMB £25.00), for an Annual or Full Certificate. Owners may be charged a half fee for broken appointments unless 24 hours’ notice is given and a full fee if, for any reason, except the fault of the Official Measurer, a microchip, where required, cannot be inserted at the time of measurement. Return of documents by Royal Mail Special Delivery: £10.00. (Otherwise all documents will be sent by first class post).