

## Notes for Judges – Reversible Ploughing

### **Opening**

Well cut out scratches, neat and uniform throughout its' length. Straightness. Opening may be shallow or deep.

### **Start**

The start if the first eight or nine furrows – ie eight for 2 furrow ploughs; nine for 3 furrow ploughs. All furrows to be uniform and matching. Straightness. First furrows should be up to where the disc cut out the opening furrow.

### **Seed Bed**

Weed control and soil made available. Grass or stubble should be well buried – skimmers used. Furrow should be turned far enough to leave no holes and sealed up for good weed control and leave enough soil for a good seed bed.

Furrows should not stand on their end to leave them open – this is bad weed control. Nor too flat to leave no soil available.

### **Firmness**

Firm, well packed furrows, no holes.

All furrows must be closely packed with no holes between the furrows. The firmer the furrows, the better it carries your weight.

### **Uniformity**

Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness; no pairing. The furrows should be of equal size and shape throughout their length. Straightness.

Judges should be looking throughout the length of furrows when assessing straightness.

### **Finish**

The finish is the last nineteen or twenty furrows – ie from butts to finish. Uniform, shallow finish; all furrows level; straightness.

### **Accuracy of final furrow**

No unploughed or re-ploughed land. The disc should cut where the disc cut the opening throughout the length; straightness.

Land left unploughed is a bigger fault than re-ploughed land.

### **Ins & Outs**

Neat, accurate and regular. These should be accurate throughout the width of plot. If rolled with tractor or turned back – should be judged as they had been ploughed.

### **General Appearance**

Workmanship and general appearance of whole plot; good work, attention to detail; regular, clean, firm furrows that are uniform and straight.

All round workmanship on the plot – good points for all aspects.

Good general appearance – well turned, firm, accurate furrows with good ins and outs.