



THEYDON BOIS
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

2026 SHOW SCHEDULE

Tortoise Race

Rules

1. Entry will be restricted to tortoises under weight of 5kg. (Sorry, no fully-grown Galapagos, Aldabaran or Giant African Tortoises will be allowed!)
2. If the number of entries permit, races will be arranged by tortoise weight, flyweight (up to 1.0kg), middleweight (1.0 to 2.5kg) and heavyweight (over 2.5kg).
3. The race will be run in lanes, 30cm wide, between boards over a distance of approximately 3.5m.
4. Once the race has started the owner may not touch their tortoise other than to stop their animal if it tries to climb out of its lane.
5. Any animal climbing out of its lane will be given a 20cm penalty.
6. Owners can place whatever enticements, bribes or incentives they want along their lane to encourage racing.
7. The referee’s decision is final.
8. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Owners should bring their tortoises to the event in a secure box, a cat carrier is ideal, with plenty of padding and ventilation to prevent injury and escape.

Get training!

Tortoise Race Entry Form - To be sent to the Show Secretary by Friday 24th July.

Advance notice of an intention to enter by email (theydonshow@gmail.com) or phone (07703 205951) would be much appreciated by the organiser.

Owner’s name

Tel..... email

Tortoise Name

Breed (If known)

Age (if known) Weight.....kg