

# **BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY**

## **SHOWING RULES – TAM O'SHANTER QUALIFIERS**

- 1 No Connemara pony may be shown after the age of 6 months unless it is registered in a recognised Connemara Stud Book.
2. No entire male may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or registered Mountain & Moorland ponies after the 1<sup>st</sup> June in the year in which he attains the age of three years unless he is registered as a Stallion in Classes 1 or 2 of the BCPS Stud Book or the Stud Book of a recognised Society.
3. No brood mare may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or registered Mountain & Moorland ponies after the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year in which it attains the age of four years unless it has been registered as an adult pony in Classes 1 or 2 of the BCPS Stud Book or the Stud Book of a recognised Society.
- 4 No Connemara exceeding 148cms may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or registered Mountain & Moorland ponies within the jurisdiction of the BCPS. Where it is reported to the Society that this may have occurred then the Society may require the animal to be measured or re-measured in accordance with the Rules of the Joint Measurement Scheme. The penalty for the contravention of Rule i) (a) above may be cancellation of the registration of the animal concerned.

## **TRIMMING RULES – TAM O'SHANTER QUALIFIERS**

Connemara ponies should be shown in as natural a state as possible and the following rules should be observed.

1. MANES - ponies should be shown unplaited. However, very thick manes may be discreetly thinned but should look as natural as possible.
2. TAILS - should look natural and should not be pulled but may be squared off at the bottom.
3. HEAD - Ears may be trimmed flat (no trimming inside of the ears). Light trimming of long hairs in jawline is permitted. Whiskers should not be trimmed.
4. LEGS - No trimming of feather on legs or trimming into heels.
5. No false hair, artificial colouring or make-up should be used.
6. Under no circumstances should foals, youngstock or brood mares be clipped.
7. The Society does not object to ponies being freeze branded. This should not be detrimental to animals in the show ring and should be encouraged.