

BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

PREMIUMS TO STALLIONS AND MARES

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PREMIUMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 31st AUGUST FOR THE PREMIUM TO BE AWARDED IN THE CURRENT YEAR

*It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide proof of placing at shows
and especially the numbers forward in the relevant class*

A. RULES APPLYING TO ALL STALLION AND MARE PREMIUMS FROM 1ST MARCH 2012
TO OBTAIN AN IN HAND OR RIDDEN PREMIUM , A STALLION OR MARE MUST GAIN
20 PREMIUM POINTS FROM THE CATEGORIES SET OUT IN THESE RULES.

A. GENERAL

1. Stallions and mares must be registered in the appropriate section of the BCPS Stud Book, alive and living within the Jurisdiction of the BCPS, (as defined in the Rules of the Society) at the time of the qualification, and application, for the Premium. Stallions and Mares foaled in 2005 or after must be registered as Class 1.
2. Stallions and mares must have been Blood/DNA tested at the time of the application for the Premium.
3. The qualifying progeny, stallions, mares and geldings, must be registered as Adult ponies in the BCPS Stud Book, and in the case of stallions and mares, foaled in 2005 or after, must be registered as Class 1. The only exception to this are BEC's in Class 2. which can earn points for In Hand and Ridden Premiums, provided they have achieved the standard for a Class 1 on inspection. All qualifying progeny must be living, or have lived, within the jurisdiction of the BCPS at the time of their qualification for its sire or dam's Premium.
4. Stallions, mares and all qualifying progeny should measure not more than 148cm or less than 128cm in height.

B. RULES APPLYING TO ALL IN HAND PREMIUMS

1. (i) The following shows will be deemed to be "starred" shows. (*Foal classes do not count*).

a) BCPS Society Shows, namely:-

- BCPS In Hand Show
- BCPS Northern Show (Osbaldeston)

b) BCPS Area Shows, namely:-

- *Chiltern & Thames Valley
- *Eastern Counties Area
- *Lincoln & East Midlands Area
- *North East Area Show
- *Scottish Connemara Show.
- *South East Area Show
- *South West Area Show
- *Wales & Borders Show

c) Other Shows

- South of England Show
- The Royal Show
- The Royal Bath & West Show
- National Pony Show (Malvern)
- East Anglian Native Pony Show
- The Scottish Connemara Championships Show
- *Hexham Native Pony Show
- *Equifest

NOTE. Although some of the Shows in c) above have been discontinued they have been left in the list as points can be claimed in the years they were still running.

(ii) **a) Society Shows**

3 points will be awarded for a first place at the BCPS In Hand & Northern Show. At these Shows, provided that there are more than 5 ponies forward in the class, 2 points may be claimed for 2nd place and 1 point claimed for 3rd place.

(b) BCPS Area Shows

2 Points will be awarded for first place at Area Shows where there are four or more ponies forward and where the results have been returned to the Society including the numbers forward in each class.

(c) Other starred Shows

2 points will be awarded for first place in a Connemara In Hand class at one of these shows.

At all the above starred Shows, 2 points may be claimed for a Breed Championship, and 1 point for a Reserve Championship.

NB. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to provide proof of placings and the number of ponies forward in the class.

(iii) (a) To qualify for an In Hand premium, a stallion must have a minimum of 5 progeny out of a minimum of 2 different mares gaining points in the In Hand Scheme.

(b) To qualify for an In Hand premium, a mare must have a minimum of 2 progeny gaining points in the In Hand Scheme.

(iv) An In Hand Premium will be awarded when a stallion or mare has gained **20** premium points from the categories set out below:-

a) A stallion or mare may gain a maximum of 8 points him/herself from winning at "starred" shows.

(b) Each progeny may gain a maximum of 8 points for his/her sire or dam by winning at "starred" shows.

(c) A stallion or mare may be awarded 7 points for each offspring passed as a Class 1 stallion and entered as such in the BCPS Stud Book.

(d) A Stallion or mare may be awarded 3 points for any female offspring passed as a Class 1 mare when she is awarded 220 marks or more by the Inspectors, or 2 points when she is awarded between 200 & 219 marks

(e) A stallion or mare may gain 7 points for each offspring awarded a BCPS In Hand Premium.

(f) A mare may gain three additional bonus points for having qualifying progeny by more than one Sire.

No pony may contribute more than a total of 9 points towards an In Hand premium.

C. RULES APPLYING TO ALL RIDDEN PREMIUMS

1. The stallion, mare or the qualifying progeny must be four years old or over.
2. Where points are gained in the BCPS Performance Award Scheme the following rules apply to provide proof of such points.
 - (i) Publication of the gaining of such points in the official results of the Performance Award Scheme competition for the appropriate competition year.
 - (ii) Forwarding the relevant Points Card (or a true copy thereof) to the Secretary of the BCPS if the application is made during the current Performance Award Scheme competition year but prior to the end of the competition and publication of the results.
 - (iii) Providing documentary proof that the pony would have gained the number of points stipulated in the relevant rule, had it taken part in the Performance Award Scheme competition, according to the rules in force in the relevant year. -
3. A mare may gain three additional bonus points for having qualifying progeny by more than one sire.
4. A stallion must have a minimum of five progeny gaining points, out of a minimum of two different mares, and a mare must have a minimum of two progeny gaining points in 5 (ii), (vii) to (x) .
5. A stallion or mare must gain 20 premium points from the following categories.
 - (i) Him/herself gaining points in the BCPS Performance Award Scheme in anyone year.
 - For each 200 points up to 1000 points 1 Point
 - For each subsequent 500 points up to 3000 points 1 Point
 - (ii) For each offspring gaining points in the BCPS Performance Award Scheme in anyone year.
 - For each 200 points up to 1000 points 1 Point
 - For each subsequent 500 points up to 3000 points 1 point
 - (iii) For him/herself qualifying for the M & M Ridden Championships at Olympia 5 Points
 - (iv) For him/herself qualifying for the M & M Ridden Championships at HOYS 5 Points
 - (v) For Him/herself qualifying for the M & M WHP Championships at HOYS 5 Points
 - (vi) For Him/Herself qualifying for the M & M WHP Championships at Royal International 5 Points
 - (vii) For each offspring qualifying for the M & M Ridden Championships at Olympia 5 Points
 - (viii) For each offspring qualifying for the M & M Ridden Championships at HOYS. 5 Points
 - (ix) For each offspring qualifying for the M & M WHP Championships at HOYS 5 Points
 - (x) For each offspring qualifying for the M & M WHP Championships at the Royal International 5 Points

No pony may contribute more than a total of 9 points towards a Ridden Premium.

NB. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE PROOF OF THE PLACINGS AND THE NUMBER OF PONIES FORWARD IN THE CLASS WHEN THIS IS REQUIRED.

D. RULES APPLYING TO ALL SUPER PREMIUMS

1. Stallions and mares will be awarded a Super Premium when they have been awarded both In Hand and Ridden Premiums. However for the award of a Super Premium the following special conditions apply:-
 - (i) The animal must have gained a minimum of 3 points for being shown In Hand him/herself
 - (ii) The animal must have gained 5 points for being ridden him/herself .
 - (iii) 1000 of the Performance Award Scheme points gained by him/herself *or* his /her progeny must have been gained in Performance Award Scheme categories where the pony was required to jump.

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