

RULES OF
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There shall be two categories of rules: Category A and Category B.

Category A Rules may from time to time be amended at an Extraordinary General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting of the Society by Resolution, passed by a simple majority of the Members present and voting on the Resolution, subject always to Articles 8.1 and 8.2 of the Articles of Association of the Society which state that "8.1 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present. 8.2 A quorum is twelve Members present at the General Meeting and entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the Meeting."

Category B Rules may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Council.

1. GENERAL – applicable to Category A and Category B Rules

1.1. POWERS

Any power or discretion given by these Rules may be exercised by the Council, but the Society must at all times be compliant with current legislation, and the Council can in certain circumstances dictated by a change in legislation make necessary changes to Category A Rules and notify the Membership to that effect at the earliest possible opportunity.

1.2. PROVISOS

When in these Rules the context so admits:

- (i) Words importing one gender include all other genders and words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- (ii) Where for the time being rights and obligations are shared by two or more persons then obligations expressed, implied and made or to be made by or with that party are made by or with those persons jointly and severally.

1.3. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Members must abide by all current legislation relating to any aspect of the Society's Rules. In cases of dispute, legislation will take precedence over these Rules.

1.4. BREACHES OF RULES

If any Member of the Society commits any breach of these Rules, or is guilty of conduct tending to bring the Society or the Stud Book into disrepute, the Council may, after giving him the opportunity of being heard, suspend his right to show any animal or class of animal in classes restricted to registered Mountain and Moorland ponies for such a period as the Council may think fit, and/or terminate his membership and/or impose a monetary penalty.

1.5. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules: -

Approved Society means a Connemara Pony Society which is approved by the CPBS as the Parent Organisation.

BCPS Disciplinary Procedure means measures to be taken when the letter or spirit of the Society's Articles or Rules is deemed by the Council to have been infringed or prejudiced.

Breeder of an animal means the person/ persons who was/ were the registered owner(s) of the dam at the time the animal was born, except when the dam has been

leased or lent to another person by the time of birth, and when the Secretary has been so notified in writing, in which case the other person is the breeder.

Council, Member and Secretary, unless the context otherwise requires means respectively the Council, a Member and the Secretary of the Society.

CPS means a Connemara Pony Society.

CPBS means the Connemara Pony Breeders' Society. The Connemara Pony Breeders' Society (CPBS), as the Parent Organisation, will define the standards specific to the Connemara breed and is recognised as the stud book of the origin of the breed.

DNA Profile means a DNA profile obtained from either a hair sample, (which must include the hair root) or a blood sample.

HWSD means Hoof Wall Separation Disease

ICCPS means International Committee of Connemara Pony Societies.

Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee means a committee constituted by the Council to enquire into appeals made against decisions reached by the Judges Enquiry Committee.

Judges Enquiry Committee means a committee constituted by the Society to enquire into breaches of the Rules or complaints by Members.

Judges Panel means a panel of Members who have fulfilled the necessary criteria laid down by the Society to judge Connemara classes at Society-approved shows.

The **Jurisdiction** of the Society shall be the United Kingdom (excluding Northern Ireland), the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

NPS means the National Pony Society.

Prohibited Substance means any substance that appears on the FEI prohibited substances database.

Registration Authority means a passport issuing office authorised to issue passports.

Registration Document means a Temporary Foal Certificate/Identification Certificate, Lifetime Document, Passport or Certificate of Registration issued to an animal.

Show Committee means a committee constituted as a sub-committee by the Council to run shows held under the aegis of the Society.

Show Secretary means a person appointed by the Council to chair the Show Committee.

Society Inspectors means persons approved by the Society to carry out colt and filly inspections, as appropriate, according to the protocols laid down by the Parent Organisation.

The Society means the British Connemara Pony Society Limited.

The Stud Book means the BCPS Stud Book maintained by the Society in accordance with these Rules.

WHP means Working Hunter Pony

Veterinary Inspection means a veterinary inspection laid down by the ICCPS

1.6. FEES AND AWARDS

Such fees may be charged, and such awards made to Members as the Council from time to time decides.

2. CATEGORY A RULES

2.1. DESCRIPTION OF THE CONNEMARA PONY

2.1.1. PARTICULARS

Height: 128cm. to 148 cm. at maturity.

Colours: Grey, black, bay, brown, dun with occasional roan, chestnut, palomino, dark and blue-eyed cream.

Type: Compact, well balanced riding type with depth, substance and good heart room. Standing on short legs covering a lot of ground.

2.1.2. DESCRIPTION

Head: Well-balanced pony head of medium length with good width between large kindly eyes. Pony ears, well-defined cheekbone, jaw relatively deep but not coarse.

Front: Head well set on to neck. Crest should not be over-developed. Neck not set on too low. Well laid-back shoulder giving a good length of rein.

Body: Body should be deep, with strong back, some length permissible but should be well ribbed up and with strong loins.

Limbs: Good length and strength in forearm, well-defined knees and short cannons with flat bone measuring 18-21 cm. Elbows should be free. Pasterns of medium length, feet well shaped, of medium size, hard and level.

Hindquarters: Strong and muscular with some length, well-developed second thighs (gaskins) and strong low-set hocks.

Movement: free, easy and true, without undue knee action but active and covering the ground.

2.1.3. CHARACTERISTICS

Good temperament, hardiness and staying power, intelligence, soundness, sure-footedness, jumping ability, suitable for child or adult.

2.2. THE STUD BOOK

All entries in the Stud Book maintained by the Society, and made prior to the commencement of these rules, in accordance with the rules in force at the time the entry was made, remain valid.

2.3. REGISTRATION RULES FOR ALL SECTIONS

The Society will continue to maintain the Stud Book which will consist of records of ponies from the Parent Organisation and Approved Societies, and will cater for foals, stallions, mares and geldings meeting entry requirements as set out in these Rules.

i) The registration of an animal includes registration of the name of the owner for the time being, and the Council may refuse to recognise any living animal as registered if the name of its current owner is not included in the entry in the Stud Book.

ii) If, when an application is made to register an animal, there is any doubt as to the true parentage of that animal, it is at the discretion of the Council to insist on the DNA profiling of all relevant animals, by a laboratory approved by the Society, to establish the true parentage or identity. Unless such DNA profiling is carried out registration may be refused.

iii) All DNA samples whether blood or hair submitted to the Society for any purpose, remain the property of the Society, with the proviso that the person who submitted the sample will have unreserved access to its test result/certificate.

iv) The Council reserves the right to require a DNA profile of any animal at any time.

v) When the breeder of an animal is under the age of eighteen years the Application Form must be counter-signed by an adult to verify that the information given on that form is correct.

vi) An application to register an animal may be refused:

a) If the Council is not satisfied with the accuracy or sufficiency of the information supplied or

b) If the Member applying is in arrears with the payment of his subscription or other fees due to the Society or if any other applicant (not being a Member) fails to pay a fee or fees due the Society or at the time of his application owes any other money to the Society.

vii) The registration of an animal may be deleted or amended where ancestry information is subsequently proved to be incorrect.

viii) Inspection procedure: To be eligible for entry into the adult section of the Stud Book, the pony must be inspected by at least two Society Inspectors at filly inspections, and at least three Society Inspectors at colt inspections. The inspection team must have a satisfactory knowledge of the breeding objectives of the Parent Organisation in relation to conformation and type. Geldings do not have to be presented for inspection by the Society Inspectors.

STUD BOOK CLASSIFICATION

The Stud Book is comprised of: Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 (which includes foals).

2.4. FOALS .

All foals when registered are entered in Class 3. In order to move to a higher class ponies must be presented for inspection, at a minimum of two years of age for fillies and three years of age for colts, subject to both parents having been presented for inspection and both parents having passed a Veterinary Inspection as laid down by the ICCPS. Ponies that are not presented for inspection will remain in Class 3 as will their progeny. Lifetime Documents are issued to foals, and ponies remain in this section until all the procedures relating to their inspection and registrations as adult ponies are completed as set out in these Rules.

To be eligible for registration in Class 3

- (i) The sire and dam of the animal are registered in the Adult Section of the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society OR if either (or both) the sire or dam of the foal is (are) not entered in the Adult Section of the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society when the foal is registered, the foal certificate number will contain the suffix "F3" denoting that on inspection, the pony will only be eligible for Class 3 registration as an adult. Should both parents be registered in the Adult Section of the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society subsequent to the foal's F3 registration, the foal will then be eligible for Class 1 or 2 registration as an adult at inspection.
- (ii) An application for registration must be made by the breeder and submitted to the Society no later than six months after the date of birth of the foal or before the 30th November in the year of birth, whichever is the sooner, on a registration application form issued by the Society. The breeder will be deemed responsible for checking that all the details on the form are correct before submission to the Society.
- (iii) Sketch markings for identification must be completed by a veterinary surgeon on the Society's form. The identification must be done before weaning and within six months of the date of birth of the foal or before 30th November in the year of birth, whichever is sooner. All foals born after July 2005 must be parentage tested by DNA profiling, and microchipped. From 1st October 2018, all ponies, irrespective of their date of birth, must be microchipped.
- (iv) Late application for registration may be allowed. Acceptance of the application will be at the absolute discretion of the Council.

2.5. ADULT PONIES

2.5.1. AGE FOR REGISTRATION

The minimum age for registration in the adult sections of the Stud Book is two years old for fillies and geldings and three years old for colts. All animals must have a document of identification certifying their entry as a foal in the Stud Book or stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society.

2.5.2. GELDINGS

In the case of geldings, the Society must have received a certificate of castration. Geldings are classified according to their height only and require no visual inspection from Inspectors. Those measuring between 128cm. and 148 cm. are classified as Class 1; ponies under or over the height limits are classified as Class 2, provided that in both cases the height has been verified by a veterinary surgeon.

2.5.3. STALLIONS AND MARES

CLASS 1 and CLASS 2

For entry into one of these Sections of the Stud Book: -

- (i) The animal must pass a Veterinary Inspection.
- (ii) The sire of the animal must be registered as a Stallion in the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society and must have been presented for inspection at an inspection conducted by such a Society. Stallions registered after 1st March 2007 must be registered in Class 1 or Class 2 of the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or of an Approved Society.
- (iii) The sire of the animal must have passed a Veterinary Inspection.
- (iv) The dam of the animal must be registered in the Adult Section of the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society, and must have been presented for inspection at an inspection conducted by such a Society. Mares registered in the Adult Section of the Stud Book before 1st March 1992 are not required to have been presented for inspection. Mares registered after 1st March 2007 must be registered in Class 1 or Class 2 of the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society.
- (v) If the dam of the animal was registered after 1st March 2007, it must have passed a Veterinary Inspection.

IN ADDITION, for entry into Class 1:

- i) The pony must have passed a visual inspection by a panel of Society Inspectors.
- ii) The pony must measure 128cm. to 148cm.

Otherwise, the pony will be placed into Class 2 or Class 3 according to the marks awarded by the Society Inspectors. Any pony which fails the Veterinary Inspection will be placed in Class 3.

CLASS 3

The progeny of those animals that remain in Class 3 are not eligible for registration in Class 1 and 2.

Those animals that remain in Class 3 are: -

- i) Ponies, both male and female, which fail the Society's Veterinary Inspection.
- ii) Ponies that are not presented for inspection by the Society or the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society.
- iii) Ponies which do not meet the minimum marking standard for Class 1 or Class 2 at inspection.
- iv) Ponies registered as F3 (see above) unless the parent(s), not registered in the Adult Section of the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society subsequently become(s) so registered.

FOR CLASSES 1, 2 & 3:

If an animal, male or female, fails the visual inspection by the Society Inspectors, the Council will, on appeal, arrange a further inspection during the current year. The owner(s) will be liable for the full cost of such an inspection.

If an animal male or female fails to obtain the veterinary certificate, an owner is entitled to request a referee's Veterinary Inspection to be arranged by the Council during the current year.

2.6. HOOF WALL SEPARATION DISEASE (HWSD)

- (i) All foals born after 1st January 2016 must be tested for HWSD before registration, using the hair sample provided by the veterinary surgeon for DNA profiling, unless both the sire and dam have both been tested negative (N/N) for HWSD by a Society-approved test, in which case the foal will be accepted as N/N by parentage. The HWSD result will be stamped in the foal's passport.
- (ii) All ponies born before 1st January 2016 which have been tested for HWSD, and the results accepted by the Society, will be eligible to have their passports stamped with the result.

2.7. MOVEMENT OF PONIES BETWEEN SOCIETIES

The Society will enter into the Stud Book, animals of the same breed, that are eligible for entry under the Society's breed criteria, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.

- (i) A pony registered in the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society shall be entered in the Class of the appropriate stud book whose criteria it meets within the timescale specified by current legislation. Ponies imported into the jurisdiction of the Society will be entered in the appropriate part of the International Section.
- (ii) In cases where a pony at an inspection has not been passed for entry into Class 1 or 2 of the Stud Book, the pony should not be presented at an inspection outside the jurisdiction of the original inspecting Society within the same calendar year. i.e. until the commencement of the next breeding season.
- (iii) LEASING OF PONIES: prior to the movement of a pony to the stud book of the Parent Organisation or another Approved Society, the pony's documentation must be presented to the Secretary who will transfer the documents to the Parent Organisation or Approved Society in the country of destination for recording purposes. On termination of the lease, the same procedure must be followed in reverse. When an animal is lent or leased to another person for breeding or any other purposes within the jurisdiction of the Society, the Secretary must be so notified in writing.

2.8. ERRORS

When there is any doubt about the parentage of an animal as stated in the registration document issued by the Society or the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society, the Society may insist that the animal be DNA profiled at the owner's expense to confirm its parentage. Rule 2.3.vii) applies if an error is discovered.

2.9. NAMING OF PONIES

In general the name assigned to a pony by the Society within the jurisdiction of which it was originally registered ("the original Registration Authority") may not be changed subsequently except in the following circumstances.

- i) Where the name assigned has a derogatory meaning in another language, and/or where the name or prefix assigned conflicts with an existing name, the new name must be assigned by the original Registration Authority.
- ii) The name "Connemara" may not be used. Common Irish place names should not be used without checking with the ICCPS.

2.10. PREFIXES

A Member shall be entitled to register with the Society a distinctive prefix for life, which cannot be used by another person except a person taking over a herd from its previous owner who has given his written permission to the Secretary for the prefix to be transferred. The prefix is for the exclusive use of the breeder and must be added to the name of all animals which he breeds.

- i) Every prefix must be registered with the Society after approval by the Central Prefix Registry. All applications to register a prefix must be made on the appropriate form, which is obtainable from the Secretary, and which must be

- accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- ii) A prefix registered by a breeder with the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society must not be used by a breeder with another Society except when such duplication occurs prior to affiliation.
- iii) Where a prefix is duplicated prior to affiliation then the International Suffix Code of the country of origin of its breeder must be added. Following affiliation, the Approved Society shall assign a prefix subject to the approval of the ICCPS.

2.11. REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS TO BE SURRENDERED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

A Member holding a Registration Document of an animal in the Stud Book shall send it to the Secretary within one month of the occurrence of any of the following: -

- a) a change of ownership of the animal
- b) the implantation of a new/ replacement microchip
- c) export of the animal
- d) death of the animal
- e) castration of the animal in possession of an adult passport.
- f) cancellation or alteration of an entry in the Stud Book relating to that animal
- g) inspection and classification
- h) at the request of the Council

2.12. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

Any owner who transfers the ownership of an animal registered in the Stud Book must give notice thereof to the Secretary, by sending to the Secretary the new owner's name and address and the appropriate fee. The Registration Document (passport) must be handed to the new owner, who must then send the said document to the Secretary to be amended and endorsed. The progeny of such an animal will not be registered unless the animal is registered in the name of the new owner.

2.13. DUPLICATE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT

A Duplicate Registration Document may only be issued in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Council and on such terms and after such enquiries, inspections, and declarations as the Council shall decide, and according to any current legislation. This rule only applies to a Registration Document issued by the Society.

2.14. MEMBERS TO ASSIST THE SOCIETY

Every Member having knowledge relating to any animal with which the Society is concerned, its ancestors and its progeny shall give to the Society all possible assistance, in his power, required for the purpose of establishing the true facts about the animal's ancestry and/or progeny.

2.15. CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF ENTRIES IN THE STUD BOOK

If the Council finds that false information was given to the Society in connection with an application for the registration of any animal in the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society, or if an error is discovered in connection with an existing registration, the Council may cancel or alter the entries in the Stud Book relating to that animal or its progeny. Where such a pony has been imported, this may only be done after consultation with the society of the pony's country of origin. If the person who is alleged to have supplied false information to the Society is a Member at the time when the cancellation or alteration is contemplated, he and any other person, who to the knowledge of the Society might be prejudiced by the alteration or cancellation, shall first be given an opportunity of being heard.

2.16. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

- i) Artificial Insemination (AI) is permitted in the Connemara Pony Breed.
- ii) To be eligible for registration in Class 3 - Foal Section of the Stud Book, the progeny of a mating by Artificial Insemination must fulfil the same registration qualifications as a foal conceived by natural service.
- iii) The collection of semen and the insemination of mares must be carried out by a recognised official (or officials).
- iv) The collection of semen from stallions should be carried out in accordance with the Animal Health and Veterinary Regulations that apply in the jurisdiction of the Society and the movement of semen between countries must be in accordance with the regulations that apply in those countries.
- v) The Rules governing the movement of ponies (see 2.7) apply to Artificial Insemination and the movement of semen.

2.17. EMBRYO TRANSFER

- i) Embryo Transfer is permitted in the Connemara Pony Breed.
- ii) To be eligible for registration in Class 3 - Foal Section of the Stud Book, the progeny of an embryonic transfer must fulfil the same registration qualifications as a foal conceived by natural service..
- iii) The embryonic transfer must be carried out by a recognised authority/official and must comply with current legislation. This authority/official must send a written certificate confirming the microchip numbers, details and sketch markings of the donor and recipient mare(s) and the date(s) of the transfers.
- iv) The transfer of the embryo from one mare to another must be in accordance with the Animal Health Regulations current in the chosen jurisdiction at the time of the transfer, and the movement of embryos between jurisdictions must be in accordance with regulations which apply in both those jurisdictions.
- v) A certificate of embryonic transfer and DNA samples from the donor and recipient mare(s) must accompany the foal birth notification for the progeny of the embryo transfer.
- vi) The Rules governing the movement of ponies (see 2.7) apply to embryo transfer and the movement of embryos.

3. CATEGORY B RULES

3.1. SHOWING RULES

General Rules

3.1.1. Unless entered in a class specifically for over-height Connemara ponies, no Connemara pony exceeding 148 cm. or less than 128 cm. may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or Registered Mountain & Moorland Ponies within the jurisdiction of the Society. Where it is reported to the Society that this may have occurred then the Council or such sub-committee or individual representative as the Council may delegate authority to from time to time, may require the animal to be measured or re-measured in accordance with the Rules of the Joint Measurement Board Ltd. The penalty for the contravention may be cancellation of the registration of the animal concerned.

3.1.2. No entire male may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or registered Mountain & Moorland ponies after the 1st January in the year in which he attains the age of three years unless he is registered as a stallion in the adult section of the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society. Stallions registered after 1st March 2007 must be registered in Class 1 or Class 2.

3.1.3. No female or gelding may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or registered Mountain & Moorland ponies after the 1st January in the year in which it attains the age of four years unless it has been registered as an adult pony in the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society. Mares and geldings registered after the 1st March 2007 must be registered in Class 1 or Class 2, with the exception of geldings registered as adults in the Stud Book in 2007 and 2008.

3.1.4. No Connemara pony may be shown over the age of six months unless it is registered in the Stud Book or the stud book of the Parent Organisation or an Approved Society.

3.1.5. Where shows are affiliated to the NPS, their rules for showing apply in their qualifying classes.

3.1.6. Entry fees may be refundable in certain circumstances at Society events.

3.1.7. All equines must be kept within the designated areas and handlers must obey the instructions of the stewards to conform to the current health and safety rules. Stallions/colts may not be lead or ridden by a junior who has not attained his fourteenth birthday on the day of the show.

3.1.8. All ponies must be kept under control at all times. Any pony deemed not to be under control may be required to leave the ring and/or showground by any member of the Council or Show Committee.

3.1.9. The judge's decision is final.

3.1.10. Any pony arriving late for a class may only compete in that class with the judge's permission.

3.1.11. Exhibitors may not remove their ponies from the ring during judging, without the judge's permission.

3.1.12. No stallion or colt may tease and/or serve a mare on the showground or on the show premises.

3.1.13. An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony that the judge (and/or any of the judge's immediate family, employer, employee or anyone with whom the judge resides) has a financial interest in, or that such persons have bred, sold, leased, produced, broken, ridden or trained or that any such person has a financial interest or gain in. Stud fees are exempt from this clause. Exhibitors are required to withdraw from a class if their participation in it is in conflict with any of the above.

3.1.14. An exhibitor may not show under a judge for whom he has produced an equine since 1st October the previous year.

3.1.15. No invited judge is permitted to exhibit a pony at the same show.

3.1.16. The Show Committee reserves the right to alter the programme as and when necessary. The decision of the Show Committee in all matters is final.

3.1.17. Anyone wishing to lodge a protest shall do so in writing to the Show Secretary's office and at the same time lodge a deposit of fifty pounds. All protests shall be delivered within one hour of the incident.

3.1.18. No Member shall conduct himself in a manner or be guilty of a behaviour which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Society and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) no Member shall behave in an offensive, abusive or unpleasant manner to any person in the ring/collecting ring during any class.

3.1.19. Members are responsible for the actions of any non-members employed by them or assisting or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf and any action or misconduct of such non-member which would be a breach of the Rules shall constitute a breach of the Rules by the Member responsible for them.

3.1.20. Failure to observe any of the Rules may result in suspension of the Member concerned and disciplinary proceedings by the Council and/or the Society against the person breaking the Rules in accordance with the BCPS Disciplinary Procedure and may be dealt with by the Judges Enquiry Committee.

In-hand classes

3.1.21. Brood mares must be four years old or over.

3.1.22. Foals must be over four weeks old on the day of the show and must accompany the mare into the ring.

3.1.23. Stallions, and colts two years old and over, must be shown in a bridle with a suitable bit.

Ridden classes

3.1.24. Mares which have given birth to a live foal in the current season are not eligible to compete in ridden classes.

3.1.25. No ridden pony may be shown on a lead rein, except in lead-rein classes.

3.1.26. All ponies in novice classes must be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle.

3.1.27. Whips or canes must not exceed 30" (75cm.) except in dressage classes. Excessive use of the whip will be penalised and may result in disqualification.

3.1.28. A correctly secured current British standard skull cap/riding hat must be worn (including side saddle classes). A competitor whose hat comes off, or chin strap comes undone whilst competing must, on penalty of elimination, replace it or fasten it before continuing. He may dismount without penalty to recover the hat or have it passed up from the ground or may stop without penalty to fasten the chinstrap.

3.1.29. A fall of pony or rider in any class will result in disqualification. The rider must not remount in the ring.

3.1.30. Spurs are only allowed in dressage classes.

3.1.31. Ponies will not be penalised for wearing mesh nets provided they are not head shaking.

3.1.32. In WHP Classes, no change of rider/saddlery is allowed between phases or during a phase. Black or brown protective boots may be used for forelegs for the jumping and ridden phases only. Bandages or protective pads on ponies are not allowed.

3.1.33. No change of rider/handler will be allowed throughout the class without the judge's permission.

3.1.34. No pure-bred pony 148 cm. and under may be plaited.

3.1.35. A rider may not ride in a class judged by someone for whom he has ridden in a competition since 1st October the previous year.

3.1.36. A rider may not show an equine in a class judged by a member of his immediate family.

3.1.37. No earrings, piercings or visible jewellery should be worn.

3.2. TRIMMING RULES

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

3.2.2. Manes – ponies should be shown unplaited. However, very thick manes may be discreetly thinned but should look as natural as possible.

3.2.3. Tails – should look natural and should not be pulled but may be squared off at the bottom.

3.2.4. Head – ears may be trimmed flat (no trimming inside the ears). Light trimming of long hairs in the jawline is permitted. Whiskers should not be trimmed.

3.2.5. Legs – no trimming of feather on legs or trimming into heels.

3.2.6. No false hair, artificial colouring or make-up should be used.

3.2.7. Ridden ponies ONLY may be clipped in the interest of welfare.

3.2.8. Legs should not be clipped. Under no circumstances should foals be clipped.

3.2.9. 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.

3.3. RULES FOR JUDGES

3.3.1. All judges must be Members and must make themselves fully conversant with the Society's Articles, Rules and recommendations.

3.3.2. Judges are appointed annually. The Council reserves the right in its absolute discretion not to appoint or re-appoint to the Judges Panel.

3.3.3. Judges who fail in the observance of the Articles, Rules or whose conduct in any respect shall, in the opinion of the Council, be detrimental to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Society, may be suspended or removed from the Judges Panel at any time by the Council or such sub-committee to which authority has been delegated.

3.3.4. The Council will review the position of any judge who receives a serious judging complaint and may remove the judge from the Judges Panel.

3.4. JUDGES ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

3.4.1. The Judges Enquiry Committee shall consist of five Members to be appointed by the Council, at least one of whom shall be a Council Member. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Judges Enquiry Committee shall be three, at least one of whom shall be a Council Member. In the event of there being no Council Member available for the transaction of business of the Judges Enquiry Committee (whether because of a conflict of interest or any other reason),

then the Judges Enquiry Committee shall have power to co-opt a Council Member on to the Judges Enquiry Committee to establish the necessary quorum.

3.4.2. Upon receipt of the report of any complaint the Judges Enquiry Committee shall carry out further investigation of the complaint if it considers this to be necessary.

3.4.3. The Judges Enquiry Committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented. The proceedings shall be conducted anonymously in that no member of the Judges Enquiry Committee shall be aware of the identity of any complainant or that of the judge in respect of whom the complaint has been made or that of the show at which the judge was judging and all papers submitted to the Judges Enquiry Committee shall be redacted accordingly by the Secretary.

3.4.4. The Judges Enquiry Committee may, in any case in which in its opinion any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Article, Rule, policy or bye-law of the Society, or has been guilty of conduct which is detrimental to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Society:

- a) admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct;
- b) instruct Council not to re-elect the judge on to the Judges Panel; and/or
- c) suspend such a person as a judge for such period as it shall determine.

3.4.5. The Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall within fourteen days of the decision of the Judges Enquiry Committee notify the parties to the complaint, in writing, of the findings of the Judges Enquiry Committee and of any penalties imposed. Any person upon whom a penalty is imposed by the Judges Enquiry Committee may by notice in writing given to the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council within fourteen days of the decision of the Judges Enquiry Committee require the complaint to be submitted to the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee for consideration PROVIDED that as a condition precedent to the complaint being so submitted such a person shall deposit with the Secretary a sum equal to ten times the then current subscription for an adult Member. If after investigation the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall decide in their absolute discretion that the matter is trivial or frivolous the deposit shall be forfeited to the Society.

3.5. JUDGES ENQUIRY APPEALS COMMITTEE

3.5.1. In any case in which a matter is referred to the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee pursuant to Rule 3.4.5 the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall fix a date for a meeting to consider the complaint.

3.5.2. The Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall consist of three Members to be appointed by the Council at least one of whom shall be a Council Member. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be three at least one of whom shall be a Council Member. No

member of the Judges Enquiry Committee who adjudicated on the decision being referred to the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall serve on the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee in relation to that matter. In the event of there being insufficient persons to serve on the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee for whatever reason then the Council shall have power to co-opt any Member to serve on the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee to establish the necessary quorum.

3.5.3. The Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented. The proceedings shall be conducted anonymously in that no member of the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be aware of the identity of any complainant or that of the judge in respect of whom the complaint has been made or that of the show at which the judge was judging and all papers submitted to the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be redacted accordingly by the Secretary.

3.5.4. The Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall give to the person making the complaint and to the judge against whom the complaint is made at least fourteen days' notice in writing of the date on which the complaint will be considered by the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee. Such notice shall be exclusive of the days upon and for which it is given and shall contain a statement of the complaint to be dealt with.

3.5.5. In any case in which in the opinion of the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Article, Rule, policy or bye-law of the Society or has been guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Society it may:-

- a) admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct,
- b) instruct Council not to re-elect the judge on to the Judges Panel,
- c) suspend such person as a judge for such period as it shall determine and/or
- d) remove such person as a judge from the Judges Panel with immediate effect.

3.5.6. The Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall within seven days of the decision of the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee notify the parties to the complaint in writing of the findings and of any penalties imposed.

3.5.7. The findings of and penalties imposed by the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties in every case.

3.6. DRUG SAMPLING

In common with other similar bodies, the Society takes a very serious view of doping or misuse of drugs whether intentional or unintentional, having particular regard to the safety of children. Members should be aware that proprietary feeds and preparations may contain Prohibited Substances as do many foods such as chocolate. Prohibited substances can be absorbed through the skin and they are also contained in some homeopathic and herbal remedies. It is the responsibility of the person having custody of a pony, particularly in the run-up to a show to ensure that nothing is fed,

administered, or applied to a pony that contains a Prohibited Substance. Sampling will be undertaken in accordance with current NPS rules. Ignorance is not a valid defence.

The Society reserves the right to sample for Prohibited Substances and to take appropriate action in the event of a positive test result.

4. SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET POLICY

4.1. The Society acknowledges the importance of the Internet and social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Linked-in and all other forms of electronic communication and the role which social media plays in the day-to-day lives of Members.

4.2. This policy note is to remind Members that the Rules of the Society apply to all Members when using Social Media and the internet. Failure to adhere to this policy note could lead to disciplinary action being taken against a Member.

Using Social Media

4.3. Members should be aware that the Society may from time to time carry out internet searches to identify postings which include references to the Society and its Members.

4.4. Images pertaining to the Society are the subject of copyright and should not be used on any social media platform or other Internet domain save as provided in the Society's website user terms and conditions.

4.5. Members should ensure that any material that they transmit or post to social media or anywhere else on the Internet is clearly stated to be their personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of the Society.

4.6. Members must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of the Society, its Members, or former Members or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of the Society.

4.7. Members must not post or transmit any material relating to the Society, Members, former Members, their horses/ponies, or which could otherwise be associated with or which could reasonably be attributed as coming from the Society:

a) that is threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory, blasphemous, in breach of confidence, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or

b) which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of the Society's Articles or Rules, or constitutes a criminal offence, or which could give rise to civil liability, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of, or infringe the rights of any third party in the UK or any other country in the world.

4.8. Any breach of this policy may constitute a breach of the Rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against the Member concerned.

Disclosure Under Law or Regulation

4.9. Members should be aware that the Council and the Society will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting or directing the Council or the Society to disclose the identity or locate anyone posting any material in breach of this policy. If the Council or Society are requested by the police or any other regulatory or government authority investigating suspected illegal activities to provide Members' personal information, the Society is entitled to do so to the extent permitted by law.

British Connemara Pony Society

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Privacy Notice

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The British Connemara Pony Society (BCPS) is committed to protecting your personal information and respecting your privacy.
- 1.2. This Privacy Notice sets out the basis on which any personal data that we collect from or about you, or that you provide to us, will be processed by us.
- 1.3. For the purpose of the General Data Protection Regulation [the GDPR], the data controller is The British Connemara Pony Society.
- 1.4. We may update this Privacy Notice from time to time. Please check back regularly to see any updates or changes to this Notice.

2. Data Protection Contact

- 2.1. The contact details for the Secretary for any data protection queries are as follows:
 - 2.1.1. Email: secretary@britishconnemaras.co.uk
 - 2.1.2. Tel: +44 0845 604 9690 (10:00am to 04:00pm, weekdays only)

3. Data Protection Principles

- 3.1. We will comply with data protection law. This says that the personal information we hold about you must be:
 - 3.1.1. Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way
 - 3.1.2. Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes
 - 3.1.3. Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes
 - 3.1.4. Accurate and kept up to date
 - 3.1.5. Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about
 - 3.1.6. Kept securely

4. Particulars of processing

- 4.1. We process personal data about Members, Judges, Ring Stewards and Competitors/Exhibitors at BCPS events. The categories of person about whom we process personal data are described in more detail in the Annex to this Privacy Notice.

5. Your rights as a data subject

- 5.1. The General Data Protection Regulation provides the following rights (subject to some exemptions):
 - 5.1.1. The right to request access to the personal data that we hold about you
 - 5.1.2. The right to request rectification of the personal data that we hold about you
 - 5.1.3. The right to request erasure of the personal data that we hold about you
 - 5.1.4. The right to request restriction of processing about you
 - 5.1.5. The right to object to processing; and
 - 5.1.6. The right to data portability

If you wish to raise a complaint on how the BCPS has handled your personal data, you can contact the Secretary at the details above

If you are not satisfied with the response or believe we are processing your personal data not in accordance with the law, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) full contact details for which can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

6. How we will use information about you

6.1. We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal information in the following circumstances:

6.1.1. Where we need to perform the contract you have entered into with us

6.1.2. Where we need to comply with a legal obligation

6.1.3. Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests

6.2. We may also use your personal information in the following situations, which are likely to be rare:

6.2.1. Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interests)

6.2.2. Where it is needed in the public interest (or for official purposes)

6.3. We will generally process your personal data for contractual necessity in providing membership services and events. We may also use personal information for additional relevant and related purposes where you might reasonably expect us to do so, where the benefits of doing so are not outweighed by your own interests or fundamental rights or freedoms. This may include:

6.3.1. To maintain the records and other administrative purposes, including updating your details and preferences

6.3.2. To assist with queries, complaints and dispute resolution

6.3.3. For communications related to membership and invitations to participate in equine market research or equine health studies

6.3.4. To assist with upholding the Society's constitution and taking action in cases where there may be a breach of the Society's Rules

6.4. We will ask for your direct consent if we intend to use your personal data for marketing purposes. Where the processing of personal data is based on your having given consent, you have the right, as a data subject, to withdraw that consent at any time. If you wish to invoke this right, please notify the Secretary using the contact details set out in Section 2 above.

6.5. You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority. In the United Kingdom, the supervisory authority is the Office of the Information Commissioner, full contact detail for which can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

7. Recipients of Data

7.1. We may use service providers to help us provide you with our services. Personal data may be transferred to such service providers, who act for, or on our behalf, for

further processing in accordance with the purpose(s) for which the data were originally collected or may otherwise be lawfully processed.

7.2. Such third parties have contracted with us as data processors under the requirements in the GDPR. They are contractually bound only to use personal data for the agreed purpose(s).

Relevant persons working for these third parties will have access to your personal data under the terms of the data processor contract, but only to the extent necessary to perform only to use their services for us.

7.3. These data processors agree to implement reasonable contractual and technical protections, to keep your data confidential, not to sell your personal data to third parties and to not disclose your personal data to third parties except as may be required by law, as permitted by us or as stated in this Privacy Policy.

7.4. In appropriate circumstances we may disclose data to authorised bodies as required by law.

8. Visitors to the British Connemara Pony Society website – Cookie Policy

8.1. About cookies:

8.1.1. A cookie is a file containing an identifier (a string of letters and numbers) that is sent by a web server to a web browser and is stored by the browser. The identifier is then sent back to the server each time the browser requests a page from the server

8.1.2. Cookies may be either "persistent" cookies or "session" cookies: a persistent cookie will be stored by a web browser and will remain valid until its set expiry date, unless deleted by the user before the expiry date; a session cookie, on the other hand, will expire at the end of the user session, when the web browser is closed

8.1.3. Cookies do not typically contain any information that personally identifies a user, but personal information that we store about you may be linked to the information stored in and obtained from cookies.

8.2. We use cookies to monitor how people use the BCPS website and for the following reasons:

8.2.1. authentication - we use cookies to identify you when you visit our website and as you navigate our website.

8.2.2. status - we use cookies to help us to determine if you are logged into our website.

8.2.3. advertising - we do not use cookies to help us to display advertisements that will be relevant to you

8.2.4. analysis - we use Google cookies to help us to analyse the use and performance of our website and services. Cookies used for this purpose are specified by Google

8.3. Cookie information is held on your browser and you can amend your browser settings at any time. However, please be aware that blocking or deleting all cookies will affect the usability of the BCPS website.

9. Publicity and Intellectual Property

- 9.1. Competitions may be recorded and videos, photographs and other recordings may be taken where an Entrant may be captured participating in the Competition. The Entrant agrees to the publication of such photographs, videos, recordings and/or likenesses of the Entrant (whether edited, adapted, modified or copied) and their use by the Organiser and those authorised by the Organiser, without prior notice or compensation, in any way which the Organiser may see fit now or in the future including but not limited to film, broadcast, radio, TV, publications, future events and publicity. The Entrant acknowledges that the Organiser has the full right to sell and/or profit from the commercial use of such photographs, motion pictures, recordings and/or likenesses of the Entrant.
- 9.2. Any audio, visual or audio-visual recordings that are made by (or on behalf of) the Entrant of the Competition or any part of it are for personal use and cannot be published or used for any commercial purpose without the prior written consent of the Organiser.
- 9.3. The Entrant accepts and agrees that, if they win, the Organiser may announce their names, age and town of residence on the Organiser's website(s) and may use the same for publicity purposes which may include sharing and/or using the Entrant's details with the press and the Organiser's PR advisers.
- 9.4. The Entrant agrees and acknowledges that nothing in these Rules grants the Entrant any rights in or to any intellectual property owned or controlled by the Organiser.

10. Contact details

- 10.1. Please contact the Secretary if you have any questions or concerns about personal data and privacy matters.
- 10.2. Our office and principal place of business is at:
24 Mount Pleasant Road
Alton Hampshire
GU34 1NN
United Kingdom
- 10.3. You can contact us:
 - 10.3.1. by post, to the postal address given above
 - 10.3.2. using our website contact form
 - 10.3.3. by telephone, on +44 0845 604 9690 (10:00am to 04:00pm, weekdays only) or
 - 10.3.4. by email to secretary@britishconnemaras.co.uk

ANNEX

This Annex sets out the British Connemara Pony Society's processing of personal data relating to Members (including Board Members), Judges and Competitors/Exhibitors at BCPS and BCPS Affiliated events.

What personal data do we process, why do we process them and what is the lawful basis?

Members [List of personal data processed e.g.:]

- Name
- Address
- Email address
- Telephone number/s
- Date of Birth

We process your personal data for the following purposes:

Purpose

- Provision of membership services including administration and transactional communications relating to membership
- Upholding the Society's Rules and Code of Ethics
- Compliance with Horse of the Year Show Rules and Regulations
- Contacting you regarding newsletters, invitations and information about Society events/meetings
- Publication in the Society's Newsletters or on the Society's website
- Contacting you by email to provide related information/marketing and communications (if any)

Lawful basis

Contractual Necessity
Contractual Necessity
Contractual Necessity
Legitimate Interests
Consent
Consent

Judges [List of personal data processed e.g.:]

- Name
- Address
- Email address
- Telephone number/s
- Date of Birth

We process your personal data for the following purposes:

Purpose

- Administration and transactional communications relating to judging appointments
- Upholding the Society's Rules and Code of Ethics
- Compliance with Horse of the Year Show Rules and Regulations (including sharing relevant required information)
- Publication in the Society's Judges' list and for appointments in the Show/Event Show Dates Lists, Schedules, Catalogues

Lawful basis

Contractual Necessity
 Contractual Necessity
 Contractual Necessity
 Legitimate Interests

Exhibitors/Competitors [List of personal data processed e.g.:]

- Name
- Address
- Email address
- Telephone number/s
- Date of Birth
- Pony/Horse information

We process your personal data for the following purposes:

Purpose

- Administration and transactional communications for exhibitors/competitors entering BCPS events
- Provision of services relating to BCPS events
- Upholding the Society's Rules and Code of Ethics
- Compliance with the Horse of the Year Show Rules and Regulations
- Contacting you regarding future events
- Publication of your name, address and pony/horse information in show/event catalogue (subject to the right to object)
- Publication of event results on the BCPS website or any other relevant publications

Lawful basis

Contractual Necessity
 Contractual Necessity
 Contractual Necessity
 Contractual Necessity
 Legitimate Interests
 Legitimate Interests
 Legitimate Interests

We also process personal data for the Society's legitimate interests as we have outlined in the main Privacy Notice. Please be assured that we will always take account of your personal data rights in doing so.

Where do we obtain your personal data from?

Most of the above personal data are received direct from you (the data subject). However, information may be received from third parties (e.g. Producer, Family Member, Friend, Owner).

How long do we hold your personal data for?

Personal data will be retained indefinitely as required by the Society for the legitimate interests of the Society for the purpose of historical records.

Are you obliged to provide us with your personal data?

You are not obliged to provide the personal data in question. However, if you do not provide the personal data, we will be unable to perform any contract you have entered into with the British Connemara Pony Society for the provision of membership services, judging appointments or event services.

Recipients of your personal data

We disclose data to the following outsourced data processors in line with the main Privacy Policy, for the purposes of:

- Grassroots Systems Ltd – who are our software supplier and provide us with offsite data security facilities and backup member support. We have a General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) compliant data processing agreement in place with them to ensure personal data is managed in compliance with GDPR.
- Affiliated Shows (Judges Only) for the purpose of selecting and inviting Judges
- To Associations/Societies for the purpose of checking entries and the results of affiliated classes at BCPS Shows/Events
- Orphans Press Ltd – for the printing of The Chronicle
- Warwick Printing Company Ltd – for printing the AGM and other booklets.
- PayPal for the processing of debit/credit card payments
- Cato Computers Ltd for computer replacement, upgrade and repair.

Do we use your data for any automated decision-making?

No personal data is processed for automated decision-making

Any financial data arising from a transactional process will be held securely by the British Connemara Pony Society in accordance and compliance with all statutory and HMRC requirements.

The objects of the British Connemara Pony Society are

- To preserve and improve the standard of the Connemara pony both pure and part bred by breeding and importing and to further its development in Great Britain and elsewhere;
- To provide or assist in the provision for the public benefit of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation through the use of ponies and horses but confined to facilities provided in the interests of social welfare within the meaning and so as to satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 2011; and
- To prevent cruelty to horses and ponies.