

## Guidance on Probationer Judges and Inspectors

### **Probationer Judges**

Anyone applying to be a Probationer Judge who is not already an NPS judge has to do an Assessment Day. There need to be six people to run an Assessment Day. If they are accepted after the Assessment Day they need to probation at three shows and their progress is reviewed by the Probationer Committee. They may be asked to probation for up to three years.

If they get three good feedbacks in a year and the committee agree, they become “starred” judges. As a starred judge, they can judge at local and regional shows, but not at County level or for Championships. Starred judges cannot accept probationers.

At the end of the year they are sent a form asking them to fill in any judging duties they have carried out and if the committee thinks that they have done enough, they become full judges. It can take two/three years to become a fully-fledged judge.

If they are already an NPS Mixed Mountain and Moorland judge, then they need to do two probations with a BCPS Judge for type.

Probationer Judges should attend In-hand Connemara only Classes. Probationing Ridden Connemara Classes is encouraged for extra experience.

### **Probationer Colt Inspectors**

They do not need to be judges, but they do need to have been a Filly Inspector (with experience). Most are judges or breeders but this is not compulsory. They need to probation on two occasions.

### **Probationer Filly Inspectors**

Filly Inspectors need to do two inspections unless they are already judges on the BCPS panel in which case they only need to probation once. Alternatively they can attend a Probationer Filly Inspectors Assessment Day.