

. 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.