

BCPS MERIT AWARD SCHEME RULES

1. The owner applying for a Merit Award for a pony must be an adult, joint or family member of the British Connemara Pony Society.
2. The pony must have been registered with the BCPS whilst gaining the necessary qualifications for a Merit Award. Ponies over four years of age must be in Class 1 or Class 2.
3. The pony and all qualifying progeny must be within the height limits laid down in the rules of the BCPS i.e. 128cm - 148cm.
4. Part-Breds are not eligible.
5. Posthumous/ retrospective awards are allowed, but only qualifying events in or after the year 2000 will count towards such awards.
6. It is the responsibility of the claimant to provide proof of qualifications.
7. There must be a minimum of three entries in any class.
8. Each award can only be gained once by the same pony at any level in each of the seven disciplines, however qualifications used to gain a lesser award may be used again towards the achievement of a higher award.
9. The Shows referred to are:
 1. Any County Show
 2. BCPS Breed Show (only classes marked with an asterisk in the schedule and catalogue to count).
 3. Royal Windsor
 4. Royal Highland
 5. RIHS
 6. NPS Summer Championship Show
 7. Any NPS Show holding Connemara-only classes.
 8. BCPS Regional Shows - Silver and Bronze only.
10. The decision of the awarding body will be final.