



WELCOME TO THE
BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY
PERFORMANCE AWARD SCHEME COMPETITION
ENCOURAGING RIDERS AND PONIES AT ALL LEVELS & DISCIPLINES

RULES

2025-2026

We know this looks daunting but please don't be overwhelmed.
There is an example of a card filled in correctly on page 11 of this booklet.

If in doubt, please contact Sandra Parkington: pas@britishconnemaras.co.uk



TROPHIES AND AWARDS

With the exception of the Millfields Commodore, Countryside Alliance, Miss Muffet, Sparklette, Irishtown Yerman, Macdunn and rider trophies, all trophies are only open to pure bred registered Connemara ponies not exceeding 148cm.

Mills Trophy - the British-bred pony that has been the best ambassador for the breed during the year

Millfields Commodore Trophy - the registered part-bred or over-height pure bred that has been the best ambassador for the breed during the year

Abbeyleix Lucy Trophy - the non-British-bred pony that has been the best ambassador for the breed during the year

Martlets Trophy - to the breeder of the winner of the Mills Trophy

Scarletts Trophy - to the breeder of the most ponies gaining points in the Scheme

Parry Trophy - will be awarded to the living sire, domiciled in Great Britain, which has at least two progeny out of different mares gaining the most points

Carlingford Trophy - will be awarded to the mare, domiciled in Great Britain, which has at least two progeny gaining the most points

Rinsey Trophy - for the rider gaining most points on a pony bred and owned by themselves or a member of their immediate family

Phyllis Meade Award - for the British-bred dam of the highest placed British-bred pony

Williams Trophy - for the ridden stallion gaining the most points

Lucinda Trophy - for the mare gaining the most points

Easter Kitty Trophy - for the pony 138 cm or under gaining the most points

Chiltern Lara Trophy - for the oldest pony in the competition gaining over 200 points

Finchampstead Rolling Stone Trophy - for the pony gaining the most points in One Day Events

Sheila Inderwick Memorial Trophy - for the pony gaining the most points in dressage competitions (excluding category 6c)

Hellings Trophy - for the pony gaining the most points in show jumping competitions (excluding category 5c)

Frost Trophy - for the pony gaining most points in cross country

Washington First Act Trophy - for the pony gaining the most points in working hunter pony competitions

Miss Muffet Memorial Trophy - for the pony gaining the most points in driving competitions

Sparklette Trophy - for the pony gaining the most points in category 9

Irishtown Yerman Trophy - for the pony gaining the most points in Endurance

Countryside Alliance Cup - for the pony gaining most points for hunting

Macdunn Cup - for the pony gaining points in the most categories

Silver Duke Trophy - for the owner/rider (or part owner/rider) over 21 years who has gained at least 75% of the points gained by his/her pony during the year. (The adult must be the pony's registered owner or one of its registered owners and must not previously have won this trophy)

Pilgrim's Trophy - for the rider over 40 years gaining the most points on one pony

Goosemoor Trophy - for the rider aged over 21 years and under 40 years gaining the most points on one pony

Young Riders' Trophy - for the rider over 16 years and under 21 years who has gained the most points on one pony

Seloc Karisma Trophy - for the rider over 12 years and under 17 years gaining the most points on one pony

Martinside Laurel Trophy - for the rider 12 years and under gaining the most points on one pony

Rosette for all riders 12 years and under

Part-bred/over-height Rosettes will be awarded to the part-bred or over-height horse or pony that gains the most points in each of the following categories:

Horse Trials	Combined Training	Dressage	Ridden Showing
Show Jumping	Cross Country	WHP/Working Hunter	

Sashes will be awarded for the Best in Silver Tier and Best in Bronze Tier

Tiers

Bronze - only to have unaffiliated points. Winner to receive Donadea Shaun Trophy.

Silver - under 4000 points. Some or all points from affiliated competitions, or 4000+ points but under 30% of total from affiliated competitions. Winner to receive Silver Snow Trophy.

Gold - 4000+ points. At least 30% of total points to be won at affiliated competitions.

For this purpose, points from the following competitions will be counted as affiliated: BE (category 1a and Arena Eventing), BS (category 5a), BD (category 6a), RIHS/HOYS open qualifiers (category 7a), BDS, BC/ICD, AIAT, EGB/SERC

THE RULES

THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL IS FINAL

Competition year

1 The Competition will run from 1st October 2025 to 30th September 2026.

Eligibility

2 The Competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings of four years old and over registered in the appropriate section of the British Connemara Pony Stud Book or Part-Bred Register.

3 Trophies may only be awarded to members of the BCPS resident within the jurisdiction of the Society.

4 Where there is an age group award, the age of the rider/driver is taken as at 1st October 2025.

Points cards

5 Points cards can be bought via the [BCPS website](#). Alternatively, please send the entry fee of **£12** (BCPS members) or **£18** (non-members) per horse/pony to Julia Woods, Cockerel Inn Farm, 35 Prickwillow Road, Isleham, Ely, Cambs. CB7 5RH or to Geth Tillin, 24 Mount Pleasant Road, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1NN, with a request for a Points Card together with a stamped addressed A5 envelope. Continuation, Hunt and RDA cards are available at no extra cost but a postal request should be accompanied by an A5 SAE. Cheques should be made payable to BCPS.

6 Points Cards must be returned to Julia Woods, Cockerel Inn Farm, 35 Prickwillow Road, Isleham, Ely, Cambs. CB7 5RH together with a legible photocopy of the complete card, no later than 5th October 2026. Cards arriving after that date will not be eligible for awards although points can be counted for stallion and mare premiums. Competitors are advised to keep a copy of the Points Card. The Points Card is the property of the purchaser. The BCPS Council reserves the right to keep a copy thereof and to disseminate the information on the card at their discretion.

7 (a) Points Cards must be signed by the Show Secretary, Assistant Show Secretary or an appropriate official of the Pony Club/Riding Club involved. All signatures must be on the Points Card, which must have been completed by the competitor before signature. You should obtain a signature EVERY time you claim points including "Extra Points" and "Bonuses", EXCEPT

(b) where results have been published on the internet, a printout attached to the card will be acceptable in place of a signature. *However, please do not send printed internet proof if you already have a valid signature.*

(c) if claiming points for affiliated competitions, you must submit a copy of the animal's competition record from the relevant governing body (BE, BD etc). These results will not need a signature on the card.

Maximum number of competitions

8 Only a maximum of 25 shows/events in Categories 1-13 (see p.6) and Long Distance Riding and Driving (see p.8) are allowed and 4 classes per day. Points may not be claimed for more than one ODE per day. If more shows are attended please cross out shows that are NOT to be counted.

Completion of points cards

9 POINTS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISALLOWED IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT GIVEN ON THE POINTS CARD. As so many cards have been inadequately completed and consequently many points disallowed, please read the following carefully.

First Column - DATE AND NAME OF SHOW OR EVENT and Organiser/ Organising Body eg

12th May 2026

Southwell Show

West Sussex RC

(Please state full name of Riding Club as abbreviations make checking difficult.)

Second Column - Full details of affiliation must be given (even if already stated with the name of the show or event) NB. Please make sure that riding clubs and riding schools are actually affiliated on the date of the competition.

Third Column - The number of the dressage test ridden or driven must be stated. Height of course (in first round if applicable) must be stated for competitions involving jumping.

Sixth Column - No points will be awarded without the Secretary's signature for EVERY class including CHAMPIONSHIPS AND QUALIFIERS (except as in 8 (b), above). These must each be entered on a separate line on the Points Card. If there is no signature, please include printed internet proof.

Affiliated competitions

10 To be eligible for affiliated BS, BD, BE or Endurance GB points, the animal's affiliation number must be entered on the Points Card. Participants in the Ticket Schemes should state this on their Points Card and obtain a signature verifying this fact when claiming points for affiliated competitions.

Combined competitions

- 11 Dressage/Dressage with Jumping (Combined Training)/ODEs/Dressage with Driving and Turn Out
- a Where points are claimed for any of the above, the number of the dressage test ridden or driven MUST always be stated on the Points Card.
 - b Where any of these competitions are held in conjunction and a dressage test is only ridden once or a show jumping round only jumped once, points MAY ONLY BE CLAIMED FOR ONE COMPETITION.

Team and pairs classes

- 12 Team and pairs classes generally and tandem, pairs and team driving
- a General Pairs Classes - eg Ridden Showing, Dressage, Show Jumping and Hunter Trials - half points may be claimed per horse/pony.
 - b Half points for pairs does NOT apply to Trec.
 - c Tandem, Pairs and Team Driving - All driving points must state "single" "pairs" etc, and the points divided by the number of animals driven.
 - d 50 points are awarded for 1st-6th team placings, except at Pony Club/Riding Club national finals (see p9).

13 Virtual competitions

- a Normal rules regarding the affiliation of the organising body will apply.
- b Only competitions which involve sending a video (as opposed to still photos) will qualify for points.
- c Competitors must send online results and proof of what the competition actually was.
- d All virtual competitions will be awarded half points.

Classes not eligible for points

14 The following classes are NOT eligible for points:

- Best Rider
- Condition and Turnout
- Equitation (astride)

Approved Organisations

Points may only be claimed at competitions/events organised by, or listed by one of the following. Particulars of the approved organisations must be clearly shown in the second column of the Points Card. Failure to give correct details of each approved organisation will result in points being disallowed. Please use the correct abbreviation of the relevant approved organisation, which is shown in brackets after the names of the organisations on the following list. The approved organisation **MUST BE ACTIVE** on the day of the competition for which points are claimed.

Agricultural Societies	(AS)	Association of British Riding Schools	(ABRS)
Association Internationale d'Attelage de Tradition	(AIAT)	British Connemara Pony Society (or any other Recognised Connemara Pony Society)	(BCPS)
British Dressage	(BD)	British Driving Society	(BDS)
British Carriagedriving	(BC)	British Eventing	(BE)
British Horse Society	(BHS)	British Horse Society Affiliated Riding Club (including STARS)	(BHSRC)
BHS Approved Riding Establishment	(BHSARE)	*British Hound Sports Association	(BHSA)
British Show Horse Association	(BSHA)	British Show Pony Society	(BSPS)
British Showjumping	(BS)	Cornwall Native Pony Association	(CNPA)
Devon Native Pony Association	(DNPA)	Dressage Anywhere	(DA)
Endurance GB	(EGB)	Equifest	(EF)
Indoor Carriage Driving UK	(ICD)	Isle of Wight M&M Pony Society	(IWMMPS)
Masters of Draghounds & Bloodhounds Association	(MDBA)	National Pony Society	(NPS)
National Schools Equestrian Association	(NSEA)	Native Pony Breed Societies – specify Society	
Northern Counties Ponies Association	(NCPA)	Pony Club (including STARS)	(PC)
**Recognised Competition Centre	(RCC)	Riding for the Disabled Association	(RDA)
Scottish Endurance Riding Club	(SERC)	Side Saddle Association	(SSA)
South West Pony Association	(SWPA)	UK Ponies & Horses Ltd (formerly Ponies UK)	(UKPHL)

*The British Hound Sports Association covers registered forms of hunting, including staghounds, foxhounds, harriers. The hunt must be registered with its governing body i.e. MFHA, MDHA, AMHB.

**A Recognised Competition Centre is a venue which has a regular programme of competitions (ie. at least 12 per year).

- The onus of proof that a centre holds at least 12 competitions per year is on the competitor, who should attach a programme of the centre's events and the centre's web address or telephone number to the Points Card.
- Please write the name of the horse/pony clearly on any papers sent with a Points Card.

SCORING FOR BCPS PERFORMANCE AWARD SCHEME COMPETITION 2025-26

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7 th -10 th
1	Horse Trials (events in which all three phases are marked as one competition)							
a	BE affiliated Horse Trials (including only the first 2 BE80 classes in the PAS year) 100 point bonus for placings at BE100, 200 for Novice (including Pony Trials), pro rata for higher levels	500	460	420	380	340	300	200
b*	Non-BE affiliated Horse Trials, including Pony Club, Riding Club (and BE80 when rider/pony combination placed more than twice in PAS year)	250	230	210	190	170	150	100
2*	Dressage with jumping, both phases marked as one competition (Combined Training and Arena ODE (must include dressage)) Add 100 points for BD Combined Training	150	130	110	90	70	50	
3* a	Show Jumping with Cross Country, both phases marked as one competition/Eventer Trials/Oughterard WHP	150	130	110	90	70	50	
b	Show Jumping with Arena Cross Country/Eventer Challenge/Arena Eventing (no dressage)/Combined Challenge Add 100 points for BE Arena Eventing	100	80	60	40	30	20	
4*	Cross Country, run as a separate competition (Hunter Trials/Jump Cross)	120	100	80	60	40	30	
5 a	BS affiliated Show Jumping (UK mainland only), 90cm or above	300	260	220	180	160	140	
b*	Non-BS affiliated Show Jumping over 60cm and BS affiliated Show Jumping under 90cm and Isle of Man and Channel Islands	100	80	60	40	30	20	
c	All Show Jumping 60cm and under	50	40	30	20	15	10	
6 a	BD affiliated Dressage (including only the first 2 Prelim classes at affiliated competitions in the PAS year) Points can only be claimed with a score of 62% and above. 100 point bonus for placings at Elementary plus another 100 points for each level above Elementary. Excluding BD Quest & My Quest.	200	160	120	80	60	40	
b	Unaffiliated Dressage (and affiliated Prelim when rider/pony combination placed more than twice in PAS year or affiliated at any level scoring under 62%) or BD Quest and My Quest/Riding Clubs riding test. No bonus for higher levels.	100	80	60	40	30	20	
c	All Walk and Trot tests	50	40	30	20	15	10	
7 a	Working Hunter Pony: RIHS and HOYS qualifier classes. All <u>Open</u> WHP classes held at BCPS Ridden Show (not BCPS Area Shows) and championship shows (NPS, BSPS, UKPHL, Equifest, STARS)	200	180	160	140	130	120	
b	All other Working Hunter Pony/UKPHL Style and Performance/BCPS Performance Pony/Style Jumping/Working Show Horse/Sports Pony (with jumping)/ <u>Training Stakes</u> , over 60cm	100	80	60	40	30	20	
c	As 7b, 60cm and under	50	40	30	20	15	10	
8	Ridden Showing/UKPHL Performance Classes/Competition Pony Classes/Side Saddle Classes	60	50	40	30	20	10	
9	Handy Hunter/Family Pony/NPS Versatility/PC and RC Pony Classes/Reining/Versatile Trec Horse/Indoor <u>and Arena</u> Trec	60	50	40	30	20	10	
10	Trec Levels 1 and 2 Plus 100 points for Level 3 and 200 points for Level 4 Working Equitation	150	130	110	90	70	50	
11	All BDS driving classes (except Trec – counted as Category 10)	100	80	60	40	30	20	
12 a	British Carriagedriving (BC)/Indoor Carriage Driving UK One Day Events	200	180	160	140	120	100	
b	BC Two Day Events/AIAT Events	350	320	290	260	230	200	
c	BC Three Day Events	550	460	420	380	340	300	
13	Pony Club mounted games (area and zone competitions, team placings) Team placings at PC Championships – double points	100	80	60	40	30	20	
14	Tetrathlon (for completing XC course)	50 points						
15	Hunting (including autumn hunting) PAS hunt card must be signed by the Master/Secretary to certify that the horse/pony has hunted for at least 2 hours on each day for which points are claimed. Double points can be claimed for Field Mastering.	100 points per day						
16	Riding for the Disabled PAS RDA card must be signed by the local RDA Organiser for each session for which points are claimed	50 points per session						
17	Pony Club Camp/any camp run by one of the organisations listed on p5	100 points for whole Camp						
18	Pleasure or Sponsored Rides, and EGB Social Rides (ie without vetting and timing). Unless run by one of the organisations listed on p5, a copy of the schedule must be provided	50 points						

***Add an extra 100 points if the course (first round if applicable) was 90cm (3ft) or above. Half points if the course (first round if applicable) was 60cm (2ft) or under. Course height must be stated on the card for all competitions involving jumping except BE horse trials.**

Long distance riding and driving

EGB Pleasure Rides (with vetting and timing)/third and subsequent Foundation GERs in the PAS year 75

*Points listed below can only be claimed for the first two Foundation GERs in the PAS year

Foundation*/Novice/Open Graded Endurance Rides

	20-29km	30-39km	40-49km	50-59km	60-65km
	150	200	250	300	400
<u>Advanced Graded Endurance Rides</u>		66-79km			
		450			

Bonus points for grading

	20-29km	30-39km	40-49km	50-59km	60km+
Grade 1	30	40	60	80	120
Grade 2	20	30	50	70	110
Grade 3	10	20	40	60	100
Grade 4	5	10	30	50	90

Bonus points for upgrading

Novice – Open	100
Open – Advanced	200

Endurance Rides

80-119km	120-139km	140km +
500	600	700

Additional points for placing in Endurance Rides

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Up to 80km	120	100	80
80km – 119km	175	150	125
120km+	250	200	180

For Golden Horseshoe, Exmoor Stag, Exmoor Eighty

Completion points as for ER's

Bonus points for awards

Gold Award	Silver Award	Bronze Award
130	110	90

Distance points are awarded for completing the ride; grading/placing bonuses are additional, eg Grade 2 completion of a 40km ride would gain a total of 300 points.

Points may only be gained for Endurance GB or Scottish Endurance Riding Club Long Distance Rides in the above categories. Long Distance Driving events must be run under British Driving Society Long Distance Driving Regulations.

Extra points for gaining points in two or more categories

ie from 1-18 in the Scoring Section and from the Long Distance Riding and Driving (p9).

For scoring points in 2 types of competition (no minimum number of points): 40 points

A further 20 points may be earned for scoring some points in each additional type of competition with no maximum number of categories

Bonuses

All qualifiers and championships and the points claimed must be entered on a separate line of the Points Card and a separate signature obtained for each one. NO qualifiers other than those listed will be eligible for bonuses, but see note below under **Competitions not covered by these Rules**

1	INTERNATIONAL (FEI) COMPETITIONS		
	Officially selected to represent your country		750
	1 st - 10 th placing as an individual at a recognised International Competition		750
2	CHAMPIONSHIPS - Extra points will be awarded for championships where horses/ponies have had to compete against horses/ponies other than those in their class.		
	Champion	50	Reserve 25
3	PONY CLUB (including Dengie) AND RIDING CLUB and NSEA AREA QUALIFIERS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS in: Horse Trials/Show Jumping/Style Jumping/ Dressage/Riding Clubs Riding Test/Combined Training/Eventer Trials/ Endurance/mounted games		
a	AREA COMPETITIONS - For individual placings 1 st -6 th in one of the disciplines listed above at an official Riding Club or Pony Club Competition		
	Individual placing bonus		100
b	NATIONAL FINALS - For individual placings 1 st -10 th in one of the disciplines listed above at the Pony Club and Riding Club National Finals.		
	National final individual placing bonus		300
	National final team member bonus		50
	National final <u>team</u> placing bonus		100
4	BRITISH DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (including BD Combined Training)		
a	Qualifying for National Finals		200
	1 st -6 th placing at Finals		Double Points
	7 th -10 th placing at Finals		75
b	Associated Championships, Quest		
	1 st -10 th placing at Finals		50
5	BS COMPETITIONS - Juniors and Seniors		
	Qualifying for Final		200
	1 st -6 th placing at Finals		Double Points
	7 th -10 th placing at Finals		100
6	BRITISH EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS		
a	Qualifying for Grassroots Championships		200
	1 st -10 th placing at Grassroots Championships		Double points
b	BE Arena Eventing Championships		
	1 st -10 th placing at Championships		100

Bonuses (continued)

7	UNAFFILIATED DRESSAGE/SHOW JUMPING/HORSE TRIALS/CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Plus all other BSPS, UKPHL, NPS, EQUIFEST, TSR RIDDEN or WHP CHAMPIONSHIPS, STARS BDS/BC/CERTIUS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS							
a	CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS (No bonuses for non-championship classes at Championships)							
	1 st -10 th placing at Final (or as many placings as awarded, down to 10 th)				50			
b	ALL NPS M&M WHP/ARENA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS, INDOOR CARRIAGE DRIVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (No bonuses for non-championship classes at Championships)							
	Qualifier				100			
	1 st -6 th placing in Championship				Double points			
When there is an overall Championship in 7a and 7b								
	Champion	150			Reserve	100		
8	HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW/ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW/OLYMPIA QUALIFIERS							
	Qualifying pony (ridden/driven)				150			
	Qualifying WHP/Working Hunter				250			
9	HOYS AND RIHS RIDDEN and WHP FINALS – EACH SECTION							
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th -10 th
	Ridden/driven	400	350	300	250	200	150	100
	WHP	500	450	400	350	300	250	200
10	LONDON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW (formerly OLYMPIA)							
	At finals	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th -10 th
		400	350	300	250	200	150	100

Competitions not covered by these Rules

PLEASE NOTE Points may be awarded for new/other competitions announced after the publication of these rules at the discretion of the Performance Award Scheme Committee.

COMPETITORS SHOULD SUBMIT A LETTER WITH THEIR CARD IF THEY FEEL THEY HAVE ACHIEVED AN OUTSTANDING RESULT WHICH DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR BONUS POINTS UNDER THE PRESENT SCHEME.

Appeals procedure

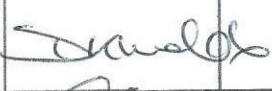
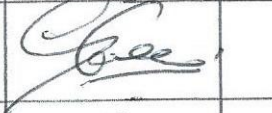
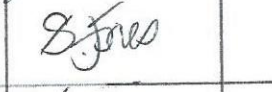

Appeals must be submitted within SEVEN DAYS of the Prizegiving in writing to the Chairman of the Performance Award Scheme Committee. If an appeal is upheld, and it is established to the satisfaction of the Council that an error has occurred, points may be adjusted and additional rosettes awarded but placings may not be altered.

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NOTE TO OWNERS AND COMPETITORS

One of the objects of the BCPS Performance Award Scheme is for the Society to obtain information to assist in the awarding of premiums to stallions and mares for the improvement of the breed. The Society wishes to thank participants for entering the Scheme and request that ALL Points Cards be returned to the Secretary at the end of each competition year so that all the relevant information can be recorded.

Here is an example of a PAS card that has been completed correctly:

Date and Name of show	Particulars of Affiliation	Type of Class or event	Rider (initials)	Place	Points Gained	Signature of Secretary, or Internet proof
KEYSOE ARENA 10TH FEBRUARY 2014	RCC	UNAFFILIATED DRESSAGE PRELIM NO. 13	SW	2ND	80	
ADDINGTON EC 18/03/14	BS	AFFILIATED SJ 80CM	MS	4TH	40	
SOUTHULL RC 21/04/2014	BRC	UNAFFILIATED SJ 90CM	SW	3RD	60	
SOUTHULL RC 21/04/2014	BRC	UNAFFILIATED SJ 90CM BONUS	SW	BONUS	100	

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Eventing	1
Fun Rides	18
Handy Hunter/Handy Pony	9
Horse Trials	1
Hunter Trials	4
Hunting	15
Indoor Trec	9
Jump Cross	4
Mounted Games (Pony Club)	13
One Day Events	1
Oughterard WHP	3a
Performance (UKPHL)	8
Performance Pony (BCPS)	7b
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Style Jumping	7b
Tetrathlon	14
Trec	10
Trec (Indoor)	9
Versatile Trec Horse	9
Versatility (NPS)	9
WHP	7
Working Equitation	10
Working Show Horse	7