

# North East Connemara Pony Show



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Held at

**Pottofields Farm, Black Horse Lane, Potto,  
North Yorkshire, DL6 3EY.**

**Online Entries: <https://horsevents.co.uk/events/?e=52844>**

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**Entries CLOSE – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

*(Late entries accepted on day – cash only)*

**Running in conjunction with Pottofields Show - Unaffiliated Inhand & Ridden  
Schedule available on Horsevents.**

## Qualifications

*The Tam O'Shanter Championship (class 1–3) – the highest three placings of each age group in classes 1–3, Connemara yearlings, two year olds and three year olds, and in class 5, the highest three placings, Connemara Mares only, will qualify for the final which will take place at the annual BCPS Breed Show will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9BL. Qualification cards will be awarded in the ring and must be forwarded with the entry for the Breed Show.*

*NPS Qualifying Round, Breed Show Rules: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Or for British Riding Pony Classes must be registered in the appropriate section of the British Riding Pony Studbook. Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non members at breed shows ponies can qualify for finals even if their owners are not members. Owners of qualified ponies must become adult Qualifying or Life members to enter the final of the competition at the NPS Summer Championship Show at Malvern from 4th – 6th August 2026. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified. NPS/WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship - Riders of Home Produced ponies (see definition in the NPS Rules Book) can wear a white arm band in classes where this is indicated. These ponies, if owned by NPS members, are then eligible to qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show. The Owner's Membership cards **MUST** be produced in the ring when requested or the qualification will be forfeit.*

*NPS Silver Medal Rosette Championships, Breed Show Rules: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. At breed shows Silver Medals may be won by non-members. The owner of the qualified pony must become an Adult Qualifying or Life member to enter the final. If the Champion pony has previously qualified it is still entitled to the Silver Medal Rosette, but the qualification card goes to the Reserve Champion pony. The Silver Medal Rosette and the qualification card can be awarded no lower than first Reserve (third). Fools are not eligible for Silver Medal Championships.*

*"This Show is a qualifier for the NPS Area 4 In Hand Final sponsored by "Gowland Plumbing Services". The Champion and Reserve Champion from the Riding Pony Breeding, Hunter Pony Breeding, Part Bred Welsh In Hand, Part Bred Arab In Hand and Mountain & Moorland In Hand Classes will qualify for the Final to be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 at the NPS Area 4 Summer Show. Qualifiers do not have to be Members of the NPS.*

## ENTRY FEES

Pre Entry;	Inhand	£10
	Ridden	£15
Late Entries Taken On The Day;		
<b>(CASH ONLY)</b>	Inhand	£15
	Ridden	£20

First Aid £3 Per Competitor.

## IN-HAND CLASSES

Classes 1-3 and 5-7 are qualifiers for the NPS/Absorbine M&M In hand National Championships

**9:30am**

**Judge: Julia Woods**

**Class 1 Yearling, Colt, Filly or Gelding** *The highest three placings of each age group will qualify for the Tam O'Shanter Breeding Championship.* Handler any age, except stallions (see NPS Rules).

**Class 2 Two Year Old, Colt, Gelding or Filly,** *The highest three placings of each age group will qualify for the Tam O'Shanter Breeding Championship.* Stallions and colts from the age of two must be bitted. Handler any age, except stallions (see NPS Rules).

**Class 3 Three Year Old, Stallion, Gelding or Filly,** *The highest three placings of each age group will qualify for the Tam O'Shanter Breeding Championship.* Stallions and colts from the age of two must be bitted. Handler any age, except stallions (see NPS Rules).

### **Youngstock Championship**

Open to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizewinners from classes 1–3. *The Champion & Reserve are eligible to compete for the Silver Medal & Supreme Connemara Championship. Sponsored by Barrdene Connemaras.*

**Class 4 Part Bred & Over Height Connemara,** any age excluding foals. The highest placed Part Bred will qualify for *The NPS/Faulconbridge In Hand Part Bred National Championship.* Horse/pony to be registered in the partbred section of one of the M&M studbooks with a minimum of 12.5% of that breed blood. Horses/ponies may be shown plaited or unplaited to suit type. Handler any age except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2) *Sponsored by Alison McEwen.*

**Class 5 Mare or Gelding 4 years and over,** *The highest three placings - Connemara Mares only - will qualify for the Tam O'Shanter Breeding Championship.* Handler any age, except stallions (see NPS Rules). *Sponsored by Pottofields Holiday Cottages.*

**Class 5a Foals, Pure & Part Bred,** foals must be aged 3 weeks or older on the day of the show.

**Class 6 Stallion 4 years and over,** Handler any age, except stallions (see NPS Rules).

**Class 7 Veteran Stallion, Mare or Gelding 15 years and over,** Handler any age, except stallions (see NPS Rules). *In Memory of Tommy.*

### **Connemara Championship**

Open to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Placed Prizewinners from classes 5–7. *The Champion & Reserve are eligible to compete for the Silver Medal & Supreme Connemara Championship. Sponsored by Goldlands Cobs & Connies.*

### **British Bred Championship**

The highest place British bred Connemara pony from classes 1-3 & 5-7 to compete. *The Champion & Reserve are eligible to compete for the Silver Medal & Supreme Connemara Championship. Sponsored by Niart Connemara Ponies.*

### **NPS Silver Medal Championship**

The Champion and Reserve from the Youngstock, Adult and British Bred Championships eligible to compete.

#### *NPS/BLACKERTOR & SHARPTOR STUDS M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship*

*A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony. **The owner of the qualified pony must become an Adult Qualifying or Life member to enter the final** A pony can only attend one M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship final in a season either at NPS Summer Championships at Malvern or at NPS Scotland Championships at Scone Palace. A pony may only take the qualification for the Silver Medal Final once in a season.*

*This Show is a qualifier for the NPS Area 4 In Hand Final sponsored by "Gowland Plumbing Services". The Champion and Reserve Champion Connemara will qualify for the Final to be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 at the NPS Area 4 Summer Show. Qualifiers do not have to be Members of the NPS.*

### **RIDDEN CLASSES**

**Not Before 12pm**

**Judge: Julia Woods**

**Class 8 Nursery Novice**, Open to Pure and Part Bred Connemaras 4yrs old and over. Aimed at ponies in their first year of competing, no cantering together, canter optional in individual show.

**Class 9 The NPS PICTON M&M Novice Ridden Championship**, Rider any age except stallions (see NPS Rules). Open to Registered Connemara Stallions, mares or geldings, four years old or over, 148cms & under. Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. To be run under National Pony Society Rules 2026

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

- i). Won an open affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class.
- ii). Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, LIHS or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes.
- iii). Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden final at the NPS Summer Championship show (N.B. Ponies can compete as novices in this competition for two consecutive years provided they do not submit an entry to the final in the first year).
- iv). If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year show, LIHS or RIHS in its second year it is immediately denoviced and cannot compete in the Picton final.

### **Novice Ridden Championship**

Open to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Placed Prizewinners from classes 8 & 9. ***Sponsored by Leake Connemaras.***

**Class 10 Ridden PART BRED and PURE BRED Connemara Over 148cms**, The highest placed part bred will qualify for *The NPS/Faulconbridge Part Bred Ridden National Championship*. Open to mares & geldings, 4yrs old and over. Part Breds, must be registered in the part bred section of their respective Breed Society Stud Book with a minimum of 12.5% of that breed blood. To be run under National Pony Society Rules 2026. May be shown plaited or unplaited to suit type. Rider any age, except stallions (See NPS Rules).

**Class 11 Ridden Veteran Stallion, Mare or Gelding 15 years and over**, Rider any age, except stallions (see NPS Rules).

**Class 12 *The NPS DARGAVEL-VALGARDE M&M Young Ridden Pony National Championship***, Open to registered Connemara stallions, mares and geldings four, five and six years old. To be shown in any suitable bridle (subject to NPS Rules). Rider any age except stallions. ***Sponsored by Nickery Nook Gift Shop.***

**Class 13 *The NPS PEASEDOWN STUD & JESS TALBOT M&M Intermediate Ridden Pony Championship*** Open to Registered Connemara stallions, mares or geldings NOT exceeding 148cms, five years & over. To be shown in any suitable bridle. Rider any age except stallions. To be run under National Pony Society Rules 2026. A pony is not eligible to compete if it has qualified before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year for:

- i). The M&M Open Ridden Championship final at Horse of the Year Show or
- ii). The M&M Supreme Ridden Championship final at LIHS.
- iii). The M&M Open Ridden Championship Final at Royal International Horse Show.

**Class 14 *The NPS RINGSIDE STUD M&M Open Ridden National Championship***, Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over. To be shown in any suitable

bridle. Rider any age except stallions (see NPS Rules). To be run under National Pony Society Rules 2026.

### **Ridden Championship**

Open to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Placed Prizewinners from classes 10 -13. *Sponsored by Goldspink & Co*

## **Supreme Connemara Championship**

The Champion and Reserve from the Youngstock, Adult, British Bred, Novice Ridden & Ridden Championships eligible to compete.

### **RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. Where shows are affiliated to the NPS their rules for showing apply in their qualifying classes.
2. No entry fees are refundable.
3. Mares with a living foal born in the current season are not eligible to compete in ridden classes.
4. Brood mares must be four years old or over. The age of the pony is calculated from 1st January in the year of its birth.
5. Foals must be at least 4 weeks old on the day of the show, must accompany the mare into the ring and be shown in a halter or leather head collar.
6. No ridden pony may be shown on a lead rein.
7. All ponies in Novice Classes must be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle.
8. 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.
9. A correctly secured current British standard skull cap/riding hat must be worn. 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.
10. A Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats Nos: PAS015 2011,VG1 (BS)EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 and 2023, SNELL E2016 and E2021, AS/NZS 3838 2006, MUST be worn by riders at all times whilst mounted. Hats should have a plain cover either Black, Navy, Blue, Brown, Grey or Green. Velvet covers are

encouraged. It is considered to be the responsibility of the members/guardians to ensure the hat complies with the current standards. Members/guardians are responsible for ensuring the manufacturer's guidelines with regard to fit and replacement are followed.

- 11.** Body Protectors MUST be worn when jumping in any WHP and WH Classes including practice ring at BSPS affiliated shows. Riders must wear a body protector when working in (practice jump) and the jumping phase in all BSPS affiliated events. Body Protectors should be 'BETA' approved and appropriately labelled 'Level 3 body protector' 2018 (Blue and Black). All types of Air jackets are not allowed.
- 12.** A fall of pony or rider in the ridden phase of any class will result in disqualification. The rider must not remount in the ring. A fall of a rider in the in-hand phase may result in elimination at the discretion of the judge.
- 13.** 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.
- 14.** Stallions/colts may not be lead or ridden by a junior who has not attained his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on the day of the show.
- 15.** All equines must be kept under control at all times. Any equine deemed not to be under control may be required to leave the Ring and/or Showground by any authorised person.
- 16.** The Judges decision is final.
- 17.** Any pony arriving late for a class may only compete in that class with the Judge's permission.
- 18.** Exhibitors may not remove their ponies from the Ring during judging, without the Judge's permission.
- 19.** In WHP classes, no change of rider/saddlery is allowed between phases or during a phase. Protective front boots only may be used for the jumping and ridden phases only. Bandages and protective pads on ponies' feet are not allowed. No change or rider/handler will be allowed throughout the class without the judge's permission.
- 20.** No stallion or colt may tease and/or serve a mare on the Showground or on the show premises. All colts 2yrs old or over must be adequately bitted. Ridden Stallions must wear a stallion disc obtainable from the NPS or other showing society, In Hand stallions (2yrs old and over) are advised to display a stallion bridle marker.
- 21.** No pure bred 148cm and under may be plaited.
- 22.** An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony bred, sold leased, produced broken, ridden or trained by the Judge, and/or his/her immediate family or his/her employer/employee or by anyone with whom he/she resides. (N.B: Group teach-ins and demos are exempt).

- 23. a)** A rider/Handler may not compete in a Class judged by someone for whom he/she has exhibited in the show ring within the previous 12 months or judged by his/her immediate family.
- b)** An exhibitor may not show under a judge for whom he or she has produced a pony within the previous 12 months (An exhibitor is the owner, the lessee or the person who produces and/or shows the pony).
- c)** An exhibitor may not show under a Judge where he or she has entered into a financial/commercial undertaking within the previous 12 months. Stud fees are excluded.
- 24.** No invited judge is permitted to exhibit a pony at the same show.
- 25.** The Show Committee reserves the right to alter the times of the classes, rings or the judges if necessary. Timings given on the schedule are 'not before' start times and are given as an approximate guide. Classes will run on where a time is not given. The decision of the Show Committee in all matters is final.
- 26.** All entries must be paid in full when entering. If monies have not been paid before the show date entry to the showground will not be permitted. NO ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED.
- 27.** All dogs must be kept on leads at all times. Please clear up after your dog.
- 28.** No animal can be brought onto the showground unless it is entered in a class.
- 29.** No clearing out of horse boxes is allowed on the showground; anyone found will be fined. Please ensure you take ALL litter HOME WITH YOU.
- 30.** Anyone wishing to lodge a protest shall do so in writing to the Show Secretary's Office and at the same time deposit £50.00. All protests shall be delivered within one hour of the incident.