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Summer Show Affiliation 2017

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A GUIDELINES FOR AFFILIATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a) Please use the **Affiliation Form – Summer 2017** for your application, this will greatly increase the speed at which we can process your affiliation. The form can be found with this affiliation pack or downloaded from **www.nationalponysociety.com – Shows & Qualifiers / Affiliation to NPS**
- b) Please send a **draft schedule to us for approval 6 weeks or more prior to printing**. If schedules are emailed alterations will be made directly on to your electronic copy and emailed back. **If alterations are required to a hard copy a final draft must be submitted prior to printing.**
- c) **All NPS classes must be run under NPS rules**, a copy of the Rules Book will be provided in your show pack. Please ensure that your show's rules do not conflict with the NPS General Rules for Showing. **In Horse of the Year Show qualifying classes where there is a conflict of rules, Horse of the Year Show rules will take preference over NPS rules**
- d) **NPS classes must be judged by judges from the NPS Official List of Judges and their suitability for a particular class must be approved by the NPS and their names must be published in the show schedule.**
- e) Shows must give six rosettes in all classes affiliated to the NPS
- f) **Results must be returned to the NPS office immediately after the show.**
- g) The NPS Summer Championship show **2017** will be held from **1st-3rd August**. The 16/17 Summer Season will end on Sunday 23rd July.
- h) If your show is to be held after the weekend of **23rd July 2017** please indicate in your schedule that qualifiers are for the **2018** NPS Championship Show.
- i) The NPS tries to make its rules compatible with those of other Societies. However it is not always possible to run NPS qualifying rounds in conjunction with other Societies' qualifying rounds.
- j) Show organisers are asked to endeavour to ensure satisfactory ground conditions
- k) Please give our Sponsors the opportunity to display advertising material. Where this involves cost, the Sponsor should be charged, but please consider carrying their advertisements in your schedule / catalogue, and allow them space to display banners by the relevant ring etc.
- l) Shows **must** have adequate public liability insurance cover. Confirm on the affiliation form that your show has cover.
- m) There **must** be qualified first aid cover in attendance at shows.
- n) Foals must be four weeks or older on the day of the show in NPS affiliated classes.
- o) **The NPS reserve the right to refuse affiliation.**
- p) **The NPS reserve the right to send a special showing steward to any NPS affiliated show.**

2. REMINDER FOR 2017

Qualification Cards- The owner's valid, current membership card must be shown in the ring to receive most qualifications. Please continue to send in results to the office so that qualification can be confirmed and verified. These can be sent in any clear format already available. **Once results have been received into the Office, if the Owner of the qualifying pony cannot be verified by the office, or if a pony has already qualified, the NPS reserve the right to pass the qualification down no lower than third place.**

Stallion Discs- All In Hand Stallions **MUST** display a bridle disc when showing in NPS classes. As with ridden stallions, for which it remains compulsory, these may be from any UK society as long as they are easily identified or an NPS Stallion Disc.

Class Changes

The WHP training stakes will now run as a qualifier for a new National Final at the Summer Championships.

The Style and Performance Show Jumping classes will no longer be held.

3. MAJOR QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

- Qualifying Rounds for the **NPS/NAF M&M Working Hunter Pony Championship**, held at The Longines Royal International Horse Show, are allocated by the NPS Competitions Committee. An additional charge per competitor is payable directly to the RIHS for these classes. The RIHS sets this charge and will provide a pro forma invoice.

Show secretaries wishing to apply for a qualifying round for the above competition should apply to the NPS Competitions Committee via the NPS office by 31st August 2017. All applications are considered during the September meeting of the committee.

- The British Isles Area competitions (Ridden and In Hand) can only be held at NPS Area shows, and the NPS Spring Festival.

4. NPS MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- N.B. **Please see section A 8 Special Conditions for Designated Breed Shows for exceptions to these rules.**
- a) Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members, but **only ponies owned by adult Qualifying or Life NPS members are eligible to qualify for the final of the competition.**
 - b) The highest placed pony owned by an NPS member in each class to go forward to the final. If the first placed pony has qualified, the second placed pony owned by an NPS member will qualify, qualification can go no lower than third place. Owner's membership cards must be shown in the ring.
 - c) Silver Medal Rosettes can only be won by ponies owned by **NPS Qualifying or Life Members. (Apart from designated Breed Shows.)**
 - d) For the following competitions NPS Membership is **not** required for qualification:
 - British Isles Area Supreme Ridden Championship
 - British Isles Area In Hand Championship
 - Ottergayle Hack and Riding Horse In Hand Supreme Championship (owners do not have to be members to qualify **or** to enter the final).

5. JUDGES

- a) **At all shows affiliated to the NPS, judges must be on the appropriate NPS Judges Panel as per class rules – either the Riding Pony Breeding Panel, Mixed M&M Panel, M&M Working Hunter Pony Panel, Plaited Working Hunter Panel - or where appropriate, the BSHA or appropriate Breed Society Panel. All NPS qualifying rounds and Silver Medal Rosette Championships must be judged by NPS approved judges.**
- b) For Mixed Mountain and Moorland classes the judge must be on the NPS Mixed M&M Panel, except for classes of a single breed when the rule is as follows:
 - **At shows where there are two or more In Hand classes restricted to a single breed, the judge must be on the current Judges Panel of that breed.**
 - Where there is only one In Hand class restricted to a single breed the judge may be from either the breed panel or from the NPS Mixed M&M Panel
 - Each section of the Welsh Stud Book is treated as one breed.
- c) Judges of qualifiers of the **NPS/NAF Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony Longines Royal International Horse Show Championships must not** have annotation after their names. **Judges who have the annotation cWHP must not judge the jumping section of ANY working hunter qualifiers**
- d) Judges being asked to judge a qualifying round of any NPS competition **must** be informed that it is a qualifying round as there are restrictions on the number of qualifying rounds they can judge in a year.
- e) Silver Medal Rosette Championships **must not** be judged jointly by two Judges. The name of the person judging the Silver Medal Rosette Championship must be printed in the schedule.
- f) The NPS encourages shows to allow probationer judges to accompany the official judges.
- g) Should a judge be unable to fulfill his/her judging obligations, the show should inform the NPS office as soon as possible and submit the name(s) of the substitute judge(s). The NPS keeps a list of emergency judges, please contact the office if required.
- h) Shows are asked to supply expense claim forms for judges. **NPS recommends up to 30p per mile (up to a maximum of £100) or 2nd class rail fare should be paid within 14 days of the show.**

- i) We appreciate that finding stewards is becoming increasingly difficult. Please try to choose stewards who are familiar with NPS rules, and provide them with a copy of the NPS Rule Book. It is essential the WHP mark steward is experienced and familiar with the NPS marking system and a clip-board should be supplied. **If an extra copy of the rule book is required please ask the office.**

6. PONIES – HEIGHTS FOR YOUNGSTOCK

Recommended heights for young stock on the day of the show are as follows:

| Adult Height | Yearling | 2 Year Old | 3 Year Old |
|--------------|----------|------------|------------|
| 122 cm | 117 cm | 120 cm | 121 cm |
| 128 cm | 123 cm | 126 cm | 127 cm |
| 133 cm | 128 cm | 131 cm | 132 cm |
| 138 cm | 133 cm | 136 cm | 137 cm |
| 143 cm | 138 cm | 141 cm | 142 cm |
| 148 cm | 143 cm | 146 cm | 147 cm |
| 153 cm | 148 cm | 151 cm | 152 cm |

7. CONDITIONS FOR NPS SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) Silver Medal Rosettes can only be awarded to ponies owned by **NPS Qualifying or Life members.** (Apart from designated Breed Shows.)
- b) Affiliated shows can select to award a Silver Medal Rosette for the championship in one or more of the following sections:
- Mountain and Moorland In Hand Classes
 - Mountain and Moorland Ridden Classes
 - Show Pony In Hand Classes
 - Show Hunter Pony In Hand Classes
- c) The Silver Medal Rosette Championships must cover all the classes which are eligible for affiliation, are run under NPS Rules and are judged by NPS approved judges. Schedules must identify the classes eligible for the Silver Medal Rosette Championship. It is not always possible to combine a Silver Medal Rosette Championship with other Championships.
- d) Winners of Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony, Leading Rein and First Ridden classes are **not** eligible for Mountain and Moorland Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championships.
- e) Foals are **not** eligible for Silver Medal Rosette Championships.
- f) The Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Champion, if owned by an **NPS Qualifying or Life** member. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS member the Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Reserve if it is owned by an NPS member. Silver Medal Rosette to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS member.
The qualification goes to the Champion if owned by an NPS member and not already qualified for the final. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS Members or has already qualified then the qualification goes to the Reserve Champion, if owned by an NPS member, unless he has already qualified. Qualification to go no lower than first Reserve.
- g) Judges for Silver Medal Rosette Championships must fulfill the following criteria:
- For Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony In Hand classes the judge must be on the NPS Show Pony Breeding Panel.
 - For Mixed Mountain and Moorland classes the judge must be on the NPS Mixed M&M Panel, except for classes of a single breed when the rule is as follows:
 - If there are two or more In Hand classes restricted to a single Mountain & Moorland breed, the judge must be on the current Judges Panel of that breed.
 - If there is only one In Hand class restricted to a single breed the judge may be from the breed panel or from the current NPS Mixed M&M Panel
 - Each section of the Welsh Stud Book is treated as one breed.
- i) The judge of the Championship where a Silver Medal Rosette is awarded must be on the appropriate NPS Panel. The judge's name must be stated in the show schedule. The Championship may not be judged jointly.

8. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR DESIGNATED BREED SHOWS

Special conditions apply to shows designated by the Breed Societies as their Breed Shows. **For Breed Shows some of the standard schedule wording in Section B needs to be altered to ensure that the conditions described below are applied.**

a) NPS Membership Criteria

- Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members and **at Breed Shows ponies can qualify for the final even if their owners are not NPS members.**
- **The owner of a pony qualifying at a Breed Show must become an NPS Qualifying member for the pony to enter the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show.**
- **At Breed Shows ponies can win Silver Medal Rosettes even if their owners are not members of the NPS but they must become NPS Qualifying members to enter the final.**

NPS Qualifying Rounds, Breed Show Rules: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Books. Part bred are not eligible for Mountain & Moorland Classes.

Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members and 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 **1st -3rd August 2017.**

The highest placed pony, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified.

NPS/Rosettes Direct 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 are then eligible to qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show.

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). Foals are not eligible for Silver Medal Championships.

b) Judges

- At Breed Shows, M&M classes and M&M Silver Medal Rosette Championships can be judged by an NPS Panel Judge or by a judge from the Breed Panel concerned.

c) Classes

- At Breed Shows competitions that are normally split into five classes will only have classes appropriate to that Breed. i.e. Four classes at Welsh Breed Shows and one class at other Breed Shows.
- Shows may run mixed breed classes alongside their breed classes but these will be subject to “normal” qualification rules.

B SCHEDULE WORDING

Please note that the following schedule wording can be downloaded from the NPS website and pasted directly into your schedule. www.nationalponysociety.com – Shows & Qualifiers / Affiliation to NPS

Shows affiliated to the NPS **MUST** include the following general wording somewhere in their schedule:

NPS Qualifying Rounds: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Books. Part bred's are not eligible for Mountain & Moorland Classes. To compete in Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony classes ponies must be registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register, Appendix, International or Sports Pony section of the BRPSB, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Books. Part-Breds are not eligible unless entered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register, Appendix, International or Sports Pony section of the BRPSB.

Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members but only ponies owned by adult NPS **Qualifying or Life** members are eligible to qualify for the final of the competition at the NPS Summer Championship Show at Malvern from **1st -3rd August 2017**

The highest placed pony, if owned by an NPS member, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified.

NPS/Rosettes Direct 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.

1. WORDING FOR MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND CLASSES

Please then include in the main part of the schedule the following words specific to the actual qualifying rounds that are being held or "To be run under National Pony Society Rules 2017" under each class:

Open Ridden Classes

The NPS/RINGSIDE STUD M&M Open Ridden National Championship (MM-OR)

Qualifying shows may hold 2 classes – small and large breeds or split into 5 classes

Either:

Class 1 Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A, Welsh B
Class 2 Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C, Welsh D

Or:

Class 1 Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland
Class 2 Welsh A, Welsh B
Class 3 Dales, Fell, Highland
Class 4 New Forest and Connemara
Class 5 Welsh C, Welsh D

Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

The NPS/DARGAVELM&M Young Open Ridden Pony National Championship (MM-4/5/6R)

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| Class 1 | All breeds – 4 years old |
| Class 2 | All breeds – 5 years old |
| Class 3 | All breeds – 6 years old |

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings four, five or six years old
NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

The NPS/PEASEDOWN & JESS TALBOT M&M Intermediate Ridden National Championship
(MM-IR)

| | |
|---------|----------------------------|
| Class 1 | Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland |
| Class 2 | Welsh A, Welsh B |
| Class 3 | New Forest, Connemara |
| Class 4 | Fell, Highland, Dales |
| Class 5 | Welsh C, Welsh D |

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over
A pony is not eligible to compete if it has qualified before 1st January in the current year for:
i) The M&M Ridden Championship final at Horse of the Year Show or
ii) The M&M Supreme Ridden Championship final at Olympia.
iii) The M&M Ridden Championship Final at Longines Royal International Horse Show

The NPS/PICTON STUD M&M Novice Ridden National Championship (MM-NR)

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|---------|----------------------------|
| Class 1 | Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland |
| Class 2 | Welsh A, Welsh B |
| Class 3 | New Forest, Connemara |
| Class 4 | Fell, Highland, Dales |
| Class 5 | Welsh C, Welsh D |

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over.
A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has done any of the following:
i. Won an open NPS affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class
ii. Won a Ridden class at an Olympia, Horse of the Year Show or RIHS qualifying round
iii. Qualified for Horse of the Year Show or RIHS Ridden classes
iv. 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).
v. Qualified for the M&M Ridden Championship final at Olympia in previous years
vi. If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Picton Final.
Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

Junior Classes

The NPS/RYEHOUSE NATIVE SHOW TEAM M&M Junior Ridden National Championship (MM-JR)

- Class 1 Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B mares and geldings four years old and over. Riders must not have attained their 14th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
- Class 2 Open to registered Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Connemara and Welsh Section C mares and geldings four years old and over, not exceeding 138 cm. Riders must not have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- Class 3 Open to registered Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Connemara and Welsh Section D, mares and geldings four years old and over, exceeding 138 cm but not exceeding 148cms (except for Welsh Section D and Dales). Riders must not have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

The NPS/SHOWING CLASSICS M& M First Ridden National Championship (MM-FR)

Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh Section A or B mares and geldings four years old or over not exceeding 128 cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but not reached their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

The NPS M&M Novice First Ridden National Championship (MM-NFR)

Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh Section A or B, mares and geldings four years old or over not exceeding 128 cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but not reached their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

Pony never to have won a first prize **of £5 or more** in First Ridden classes or qualified for the NPS/Showing Classics M&M First Ridden Final before 1st January in current year.

The NPS M&M/SHOWING CLASSICS Leading Rein National Championship (MM-LR)

Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh Section A or B mares and geldings four years old or over not exceeding 122 cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but must not have attained their 9th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. To be shown in a snaffle bit.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

The NPS M&M Novice Leading Rein National Championship, kindly sponsored by THE KING'S HEAD (MM-NLR)

Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor Shetland, New Forest and Welsh Section A or B mares and geldings 4 years old or over not exceeding 122 cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but must not have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Ponies never to have won a first prize **of £5 or more** in Leading Rein classes or qualified for the NPS/Showing Classics M&M Leading Rein final before 1st January in current year. To be shown in a snaffle bit.

Working Hunter Pony Classes

The NPS/NAF M&M Working Hunter Pony Longines Royal International Horse Show Championship

Class 1 Ponies not exceeding 122cm

Class 2 Ponies exceeding 122cm but not exceeding 133cm

Class 3 Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm

Class 4 Ponies exceeding 143cms

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over. **The owner must be a Qualifying or Life member of the NPS for the pony to enter this competition.** Riders may only ride one pony in each class.

The highest placed pony from each class to qualify for the final at Hickstead. Qualification may pass down to third in the event first and second have already qualified.

At the final **riders must also be NPS members.**

The NPS/TOPSPEC M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship (MM-WHP)

Class 1 – Ponies not exceeding 122cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 4 – Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148cms (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction).

Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over.

The NPS/AREA 5 M&M Intermediate Working Hunter Pony National Championship (MM-IWHP)

Class 1 – Ponies not exceeding 122cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 4 – Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148cms (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction).

Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over. Ponies never to have qualified for the NPS M&M Working Hunter Pony (Horse of the Year Show/RIHS) finals before 1st January in the current year. Riders may only ride one pony in each class.

The NPS/AREA 25 M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship (MM-NWHP)

Class 1 – Ponies not exceeding 122cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 4 – Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148cms (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction).

Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, four years old or over. Riders may only ride one pony in each class. Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

- i) Won an open NPS affiliated M&M WHP class
- ii) Won a class at an M&M WHP (Horse of the Year Show or RIHS) qualifying round

- iii) Qualified for the NPS M&M Novice or Intermediate WHP final at the NPS Summer Championship show
 - iv) Qualified for an M&M WHP final at Horse of the Year Show or RIHS in previous years or in the current year
- (N.B. Ponies can compete as novices for two consecutive years provided they do not make an entry in the final in the first year)

The NPS/AREA 25 M&M Junior Working Hunter Pony National Championship (MM-JWHP)

- Class 1 Ponies not exceeding 128cm. Riders must not have attained their 14th birthday by 1st January in the current year.
- Class 2 Ponies exceeding 128 cm but not exceeding 138cm. Riders must not have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.
- Class 3 Ponies exceeding 138cm but not exceeding 148cm (except for Dales and Welsh Section D for which there is no height restriction). Riders must not have attained their 18th birthday by the 1st January in the current year.

Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, four years old or over. Riders may only ride one pony in each class.

The NPS/STEVENSON BROTHERS M&M First Ridden Working Hunter Pony National Championship (MM-FRWHP)

Open to registered M&M mares or geldings four years old or over not exceeding 128 cm. Riders must have attained their 5th birthday but must not have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Riders who have qualified for the (Horse of the Year Show/RIHS) M&M Working Hunter Pony Championship before the 1st January in the current year are not eligible. Ponies must not be asked to gallop.

M&M In Hand Classes

The NPS/HIGHBROOK STUD M&M In Hand Summer Championship

(MM-IH)

These classes are open to pure bred registered M&M ponies in the main body of their studbook. Owner's membership cards must be shown in the ring to receive qualifications. Foals are not eligible.

Class split by age and/or breed at discretion of the show. Please be aware shows running sections with two or more classes for an individual breed will require a relevant breed panel judge. This judge does not also have to be on the NPS MM Panel.

The NPS/SARACEN HORSE FEEDS M&M Home Produced In Hand National Championship

(MM-HPIH)

These classes are open to pure bred registered M&M ponies which are either stabled at home or in a DIY yard and which since 1st January in the current year have not been shown by a producer or stabled in a producer's yard other than on a DIY basis or at stud. To be owned/kept, produced, ridden/handled by a person who does not derive their main income from working with horses/ponies. No professional producers are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the horse/pony. Please see NPS 2017 Rule Book, Sec A, 3.6. Please enter this class in the spirit it is intended. Competitors who contravene the above will be disqualified.

Qualifying shows may hold 2 classes or split at their discretion.

Class 1 Small Breeds, stallions, mares and geldings any age
Class 2 Large Breeds, stallions, mares and geldings any age

2. WORDING FOR SHOW PONY AND SHOW HUNTER PONY CLASSES AND HACK AND RIDING HORSE CLASSES

If you are holding NPS Show Pony or Show Hunter Pony classes please include the following wording relating to these classes at an appropriate place in your schedule in addition to the general wording found on page 8.

Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony Ridden Classes

The NPS/KELLYTHORPE STUD Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Gold Medal Open Ridden National Championship (SP-R)

- Class 1 – Show Ponies not exceeding 133 cms
- Class 2 – Show Hunter Ponies not exceeding 133cms
- Class 3 – Show Ponies exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 148cms
- Class 4 – Show Hunter Ponies exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 153cms

If classes are amalgamated the highest placed pony from each height group will qualify. Riders may be any age. Rider to be suitable size for pony. Riders must be 12 years old or over when riding stallions not exceeding 128cm and 14 years old or over when riding stallions exceeding 128cms.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands

NPS/LP PALLET EQUESTRIAN SANDS Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Novice Ridden Championship – (SP-NR)

Pony not to have qualified for RIHS or HOYS. Pony not to won £10 or more in any Affiliated Ridden Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Class (excluding Leading Rein or First Ridden). All ponies in this class must be shown in a snaffle bit.

- Class 1 – Show Ponies not exceeding 133 cms
- Class 2 – Show Hunter Ponies not exceeding 133cms
- Class 3 – Show Ponies exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 148cms
- Class 4 – Show Hunter Ponies exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 153cms

If classes are amalgamated the highest placed pony from each height group will qualify. Riders may be any age. Rider to be suitable size for pony. Riders must be 12 years old or over when riding stallions not exceeding 128cm and 14 years old or over when riding stallions exceeding 128cms.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands

The NPS/SHOWING WORLD MAGAZINE Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony First Ridden National Championship (SP-FR)

Open to registered mares and geldings 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122 cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but must not have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

Ponies must be shown in any suitable snaffle bit.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

NPS Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Novice First Ridden

(SP-NFR)

Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday by 1st January in the current year (see rules in section A 3.2). The pony never to have **won a first prize of £5 or more in any SP/SHP First Ridden classes**. Ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show. Ponies will not be stripped. Ponies may not be ridden side saddle. This is a standalone competition with no final.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

The NPS/SHOWING WORLD MAGAZINE Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Leading Rein National Championship

(SP-LR)

Open to registered mares and geldings 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122 cm. Riders must have attained their 3rd birthday but must not have attained their 8th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

NPS Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Novice Leading Rein

(SP-NLR)

Rider not to have attained their 8th birthday by 1st January in the current year (see rules in section A 3.2). The pony never to have **won a first prize of £5 or more in any SP/SHP Leading rein classes**. Ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show. Ponies will not be stripped. Ponies may not be ridden side saddle. Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. This is a standalone competition with no final.

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

Plaited Working Hunter Classes

The NPS/RIVERVALLEY STUD Open Working Hunter Pony National Championship

(O-WHP)

Open to mares and geldings four years old or over. There are no specific pony registration criteria. Ponies must be plaited. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion. Riders may only ride one pony in each class. Shows may choose classes at their discretion.

Five classes as follows:

- Class 1 - Cradle Stakes, ponies not exceeding 122cms, rider not to have attained their 11th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.
- Class 2 - Nursery Stakes, ponies not exceeding 133cms, rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.
- Class 3 – Ponies not exceeding 133cms, rider not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.
- Class 4 - Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms, rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.
- Class 5 - Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms, rider not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.

If insufficient entries this competition will be run as a mixed height class.

Riders must jump in the correct height section and be the correct age for the animal they ride. Riders may ride more than one pony in an amalgamated class providing the animals are in different height sections.

Show Pony / Show Hunter Pony In Hand Classes

The NPS/AREA 20 Show Pony In Hand Supreme National Championship.

(SP-IH)

Shows should include a minimum of three of the following classes:-

- Class 1 Yearling colt, filly or gelding not to exceed 138cms at maturity.
- Class 2 Yearling colt, filly or gelding to exceed 138cms at maturity.
- Class 3 2 or 3 year old filly or gelding not to exceed 138cms at maturity (*include 2 or 3 year old colts if Class 5 not held*)
- Class 4 2 or 3 year old filly or gelding to exceed 138cms at maturity (*include 2 or 3 year old colts if Class 5 not held*)
- Class 5 2 or 3 year old colt any height
- Class 6 Brood mare 4 years old or over, in foal for the current year or with foal at foot
- Class 7 Stallion, 4 years old or over
- Class 8 Barren mare or gelding 4 years old or over.

Classes may be amalgamated.

The highest placed pony, if owned by an NPS member, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified.

The NPS/THE GRAHAMS Show Hunter Pony In Hand National Championship

(HP-IH)

Shows should include a minimum of two of the following classes:-

- Class 1 Yearling colt, filly or gelding not to exceed 133cms at maturity.
- Class 2 Yearling colt, filly or gelding to exceed 133cms at maturity.
- Class 3 2 or 3 year old filly or gelding not to exceed 133cms at maturity (*include 2 or 3 year old colts if Class 5 not held*)
- Class 4 2 or 3 year old filly or gelding to exceed 133cms at maturity (*include 2 or 3 year old colts if Class 5 not held*)
- Class 5 2 or 3 year old colt any height
- Class 6 Brood mare 4 years old or over, in foal for the current year or with foal at foot
- Class 7 Stallion, 4 years old or over
- Class 8 Barren mare or gelding 4yrs old or over.

Classes may be amalgamated.

The highest placed pony, if owned by an NPS member, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified.

The NPS Show Pony Home Produced In Hand National Championship

(SP-HPIH)

Open to registered Show Ponies not to exceed 148cm at maturity, which are either stabled at home or in a DIY yard and which since 1st January in the current year have not been shown by a producer or stabled in a producer's yard other than on a DIY basis or at stud. Ponies shown in these classes must be produced and shown by the owner/spouse, or his/her Immediate family, who does not derive income from working with ponies or horses. **Please enter this class in the spirit it is intended. Competitors who contravene the above will be disqualified.**

- Class 1 Yearling colt, filly or gelding not to exceed 148cm at maturity.
- Class 2 2 or 3 year old colt, filly or gelding, not to exceed 148cm at maturity.
- Class 3 4 years old or over stallion, mare or gelding, not exceeding 148cm

The highest placed pony, if owned by an NPS member, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified.

Classes (to be defined by the affiliating show) including the following:

- Class 1 Hacks four years old and over, stallions and mares.
- Class 2 Hacks three years old and under, colts fillies and geldings
- Class 3 Riding Horses four years old and over, stallions and mares.
- Class 4 Riding Horses three years and under, colts, fillies and geldings.

The owner does not have to be an NPS member to enter the competition, to qualify or to enter the Final.

The first placed horse in each class will qualify for the final at NPS Summer Championship show. Qualification may go no lower than third place. Foals are excluded from qualifying.

3. WORDING FOR SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

If you are holding any Silver Medal Rosette Championships please include the following general wording relating to Silver Medal Rosette Championships, at an appropriate place in your schedule:

NPS Silver Medal Rosette Championships: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. NPS Silver Medal Rosettes are only awarded when the owner of the champion pony is a **Qualifying or Life** member of the NPS. A valid membership card must be in the rider's/handler's possession on entering the ring and be produced immediately on request by either the judge or the steward. If the owner of the Champion pony is not a member, or the owner's membership card is not immediately produced, the rosette may be awarded to the Reserve Champion provided they have the required membership card. 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, provided the owner of that pony is a member of the NPS. The Silver Medal Rosette and the qualification card can be awarded no lower than first Reserve (third). Foals are not eligible for Silver Medal Championships.

If your Show is on or before the weekend of 23rd July 2017 please include the following:

Qualifiers are entitled to compete in the final of the Silver Medal Rosette Championship to be held at the NPS Summer Championship Show 1st – 3rd August 2017.

If your Show is after the 23rd July 2017 please include the following:

Qualifiers are entitled to compete in the final of the Silver Medal Rosette Championship to be held at the NPS Summer Championship Show in August 2018

Please then include the following words specific to the Silver Medal Rosette Championships being held, at the point in the schedule where each championship is listed.

NPS/KILMANNAN STUD M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship (SM-MMIH)

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an **NPS Qualifying or Life** member in the M&M In Hand section. The Sponsor's Rosette is also awarded to the pony receiving the qualification. Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification.

If the show is in Scotland please include the following:

Qualifiers are entitled to compete in either the NPS / Kilmannan Stud M&M In-Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship to be held at the NPS Summer Championship Show in Malvern, or at the Championship Show in Scotland. **Qualifiers may only compete in one Kilmannan final.**

NPS/THE MINNS FAMILY M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship (SM-MMR)

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an **NPS Qualifying or Life** member in the M&M Ridden section. Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification.

If the show is in Scotland please include the following:

Qualifiers are entitled to compete in either the NPS / The Minns Family M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship to be held at the NPS Summer Championship Show in Malvern, or at the Championship Show in Scotland. **Qualifiers may only compete in one Minns Family final.**

NPS/SARACENS HORSE FEEDS Show Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship (SM-SPIH)

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an **NPS Qualifying or Life** member in the Show Pony In Hand section. Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification.

NPS/LITTON STUD Show Hunter Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship (SM-HPIH)

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an **NPS Qualifying or Life** member in the Show Hunter Pony In Hand section. Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification.

4. WORDING FOR PERFORMANCE AND OTHER CLASSES

NPS/HANOVER DAIRIES LTD M&M and Plaited Amateur Ridden National Championship (O-AM)

Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register, Appendix, International or Sports Pony section of the BRPSB; the GSB; the AHSB; the AASB, or registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Part bred are not eligible unless entered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register, Appendix, International or Sports Pony section of the BRPSB. Rider any age, except stallions

Please see Section K on the NPS rule book for the definition of Amateur Status.

Class 1- M&M Small Breeds

Class 2 – M&M Large Breeds

Class 3 – Plaited Ponies not exceeding 133cms

Class 4 – Plaited ponies exceeding 133 cms but not exceeding 153 cms

NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship – wear white arm bands.

The NPS Senior Plus M&M and Plaited Ridden National Championship (O-VR)

Stallions, mares and geldings Fifteen years old and over registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register, Appendix, International or Sports Pony section of the BRPSB; the GSB; the AHSB; the AASB, or registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Part bred are not eligible unless entered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register, Appendix, International or Sports Pony section of the BRPSB. All horses and ponies must be in a sound and healthy condition.

Classes as follows:

Class 1- M&M Small Breeds

Class 2 – M&M Large Breeds

Class 3 – Plaited Ponies not exceeding 133cms

Class 4 – Plaited ponies exceeding 133 cms but not exceeding 153 cms

Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).

The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS Qualifying or Life members can qualify for the final.

The NPS Senior Plus M&M and Plaited In Hand National Championship (O-VIH)

Competition to be run using the same criteria as the Ridden Championship.

Classes as follows:

Class 1- M&M Small Breeds

Class 2 – M&M Large Breeds

Class 3 – Plaited Ponies not exceeding 133cms

Class 4 – Plaited ponies exceeding 133 cms but not exceeding 153 cms

Handler any age except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)

The NPS/TEAM HARVEY Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes Competition (Open to M&M and Plaited) (MM-TSWHP)

Class 1 – Height of fences 46cms to 53cms

Class 2 – Height of fences 53cms to 69cms

Class 3 – Height of fences 69cms to 84cms

Class 4 – Height of fences 84cms to 99cms

Open to mares, geldings and stallions four year old and over, in possession of an equine passport but no specific registration or breed society criteria. Plaited ponies to a maximum of 153cms. Riders may only ride one pony in each class. Rider any age except stallions (see NPS rules.)

NPS Event Pony (EP)

This competition assesses the potential for a pony to be a competitive eventing pony either currently or in the future.

Open to mares, geldings and stallions four year old and over, in possession of an equine passport but no specific registration or breed society criteria. Ponies' manes may be plaited at competitor discretion. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion. Riders may only ride one pony in each class.

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| Class 1 | Small Pony not exceeding 138cms |
| Class 2 | Large Pony/Intermediate exceeding 138cms but not exceeding 153 cms |
| Section I | Flatwork Test 30 Marks |
| Section II | Jumping 40 Marks |
| Section III | Conformation 20 Marks |
| Section IV | Show 10 Marks |
| | Total 100 Marks |

5. WORDING FOR AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

NPS/FOLLYWOOD SHOW TEAM British Isles Area Supreme Ridden Championship (BI-R)

The winning pony / horse from each of the ridden classes (excluding Leading Rein and First Ridden classes) held at the show is eligible to go forward to this championship. There are no specific registration criteria for ponies.

The owner need not be an NPS member for the pony/horse to enter this competition or to qualify for the final but will have to become a Qualifying member to enter the final.

The Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion ponies at each NPS Area show qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship show. If the Supreme and/or Reserve Supreme have already qualified then the qualification may go to the third place, but no lower.

NPS/ AREA XI British Isles Area In Hand Championship (BI-IH)

The winning pony from each of the in hand classes held at the show is eligible to go forward to this championship. There are no specific registration criteria for ponies.

The owner need not be an NPS member for the pony/horse to enter this competition or to qualify for the final but will have to become a Qualifying member to enter the final.

The Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion ponies at each NPS Area show qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship show. If the Supreme and/or Reserve Supreme have already qualified then the qualification may go to the third place, but no lower.