**NPS Winter Show Affiliation 2017-2018**

**Schedule Wording**

Shows holding NPS Winter Championship Qualifying Rounds must include the following general wording in their schedules:

**NPS Winter Championship Qualifying Rounds**

This show is affiliated to the National Pony Society and the NPS affiliated classes will be run under NPS rules. Classes are open to Members and Non-Members of the NPS, but Non-Members will need to become members to enter the finals at the NPS Spring Festival 2018.

The NPS General Rules for Showing apply (see NPS website for details).

In each class the three highest placed ponies, not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify. Winnings in the 2017/2018 Novice and Pure Novice Winter Championships will not debar ponies from the NPS 2018 Mountain and Moorland Novice Ridden competitions. Qualification cards will be awarded in the ring.

*If a show holds the Open Ridden, Novice Ridden and Pure Novice Ridden qualifiers at least two classes must be held for each qualifier, small and large breeds. If a show holds the In Hand qualifier either two or more classes can be held, either split by age or by breed size. Competitions may be split into more than the suggested number of classes at the discretion of the show.*

***Shows may then include the following wording for each of the competitions they are holding or “To be run under National Pony Society Rules 2018”***

**NPS M&M OPEN RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over which must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Book. Rider any age (except stallions – see NPS Rules).

Class 1 Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B

Class 2 Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & D

**NPS M&M CONFINED NOVICE RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over which must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Book. Pony not to have won a first prize of £10 or more in any open Ridden M&M Class before 1st October 2017. Rider any age (except stallions – see NPS Rules)

Class 1 Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B

Class 2 Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & D

**NPS / HIRSTMUND STUD M&M PURE NOVICE RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over which must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Book.

Pony not to have been placed first in any Ridden Mountain & Moorland Class (excluding Lead Rein or First Ridden) before 1st October 2017 All ponies in this class must be shown in a snaffle bit. Rider any age (except stallions – see NPS Rules).

Class 1 Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B

Class 2 Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & D

**NPS M&M FIRST RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Competition is open to mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Mountain and Moorland Stud Book.

Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest and Welsh Section A & B. Not exceeding 128cms. (Riders must not have attained their 12th birthday by 1st January in the current year).

**NPS/AREA 25 M&M NOVICE FIRST RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Competition is open to mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Mountain and Moorland Stud Book. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest and Welsh Section A & B. Not exceeding 128cms.

Pony not to have won a first prize in any First Ridden class before 1st October 2017. Ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show.

(Riders must not have attained their 12th birthday by 1st January in the current year).

**NPS M&M LEADING REIN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Competition is open to mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Mountain and Moorland Stud Book.

Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest and Welsh Section A & B. Not exceeding 122cms.

To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bit, the leading rein to be attached to the noseband only. The reins must go directly from the bit to the rider’s hands. (Riders must not have attained their 9th birthday by 1st January in the current year).

**NPS/MARION WILLIAMS MEMORIAL M&M NOVICE LEADING REIN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Competition is open to mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Mountain and Moorland Stud Book. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest and Welsh Section A & B. Not exceeding 122cms.

Pony not to have won a first prize in any Leading Rein class before 1st October 2017. To be shown in a snaffle bit, the leading rein must be attached to the noseband only. The reins must go directly from the bit to the rider’s hands. (Riders must not have attained their 9th birthday by 1st January in the current year).

**NPS/LEYHILLS STUD M&M IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Competition is open to Mountain & Moorland ponies registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Books.

At Foal Shows, the first three ponies in each class will qualify for the Yearling Final at the Spring Festival.

There are four classes as follows (may be amalgamated into two classes, either split by age or by breed size large and small):

Class 1 Small Breeds, Yearling, 2 and 3 years old Colt, Filly or Gelding.

Class 2 Small Breeds, 4 years and over, Stallion, Mare or Gelding.

Class 3 Large Breeds, Yearling, 2 and 3 years old Colt, Filly or Gelding.

Class 4 Large Breeds, 4 years and over, Stallion, Mare or Gelding.

Handler any age, except for stallions or colts where the handler must be 14 years of age or over.

**The NPS/TEAM HARVEY Working Hunter Pony Training Stakes Summer National Championship (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/AREA 25 YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Over the winter season the following classes also carry qualification for the Young Rider Championships held at NPS Spring Festival

M&M Open Ridden Winter Championship WMM-OR

M&M Novice Ridden Winter Championship WMM-NR

M&M Pure Novice Ridden Winter Championship WMM-PNR

M&M First Ridden Winter Championship WMM-FR

M&M Novice First Ridden Winter Championship WMM-NFR

No extra wording or work on the show secretary’s part is required for this qualification. Cards will be supplied and may be awarded at the judge’s discretion to any rider in the class, regardless of final placing, under 25, who they deem to have ridden particularly well. It is not compulsory to award this qualification.

**Conditions for NPS SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

a) Silver Medal Rosettes can **only** be awarded to ponies owned by **NPS Qualifying or Life Members.**

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

c) The Silver Medal Rosette Championship **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.

g) The qualification card goes to the Champion if owned by an NPS Qualifying 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 card goes to the Reserve Champion, if owned by an NPS member, unless he has already qualified. Qualification to go no lower than first Reserve. The rosette and the qualification will not always be awarded to the same combination.

h) Judges for Silver Medal Rosette Championships must fulfil the following criteria:

* 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 one In Hand class restricted to a single breed the judge may be from thebreed 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, and the classes leading up to it*,* 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.

***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. The owner’s 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.

**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**

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

***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 2018 NPS Summer Championship Show in Malvern, or at the 2018 Championship Show in Scotland. Qualifiers may only compete in one Kilmannan final.

**NPS/The Minns Family M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship**

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

***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 2018 NPS Summer Championship Show in Malvern, or at the 2018 Championship Show in Scotland. Qualifiers may only compete in one The Minns Family final.