

NPS Winter Show Affiliation 2025-2026

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, 25th April 2026.

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 2025/2026 Novice and Pure Novice Winter Championships will not debar ponies from the NPS 2026 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 2026”

NPS/CE FULLER & SON M&M OPEN RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP WMM-OR

This Competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings five 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/CASTLEFORD STUD M&M CONFINED NOVICE RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP WMM-NR

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 affiliated open Ridden M&M Class before 1st September in the current season. 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/TH ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES M&M PURE NOVICE RIDDEN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP WMM-PNR

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 affiliated Ridden Mountain & Moorland Class (excluding Lead Rein or First Ridden) before 1st September in the current season. 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. 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. Not exceeding 128cms.

Pony not to have won a first prize in any affiliated First Ridden class before 1st September in the current season. 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).

Shows running winter qualifiers in 2025/2026 may run amalgamated open and novice first ridden qualifiers and may award both qualifications within one class.

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. 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. Not exceeding 122cms.

Pony not to have won a first prize in any affiliated Leading Rein class before 1st September in the current season. 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).

Shows running winter qualifiers in 2025/2026 may run amalgamated open and novice first ridden qualifiers and may award both qualifications within one class.

NPS/KILNBROOK 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.

NPS/FIONA CORK SADDLES YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

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 included in your show pack and it is at the judge's discretion to make this award 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 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, 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/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 owned by an NPS Qualifying or Life member in the M&M In Hand section. Qualifiers are entitled to compete in the final of the Silver Medal Rosette Championship to be held at the **2026** NPS Summer Championship Show.

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.

NPS/Nipna Dales Pony Stud 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 **2026** NPS Summer Championship Show.

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.