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HUNTERS

SPONSORED BY CREIGHTONS

Wednesday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Mr Paul Kinane

Judge: Mrs Louise Daly

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £100, Non Member £110

Entries are limited to the first 25 received in each class.

Glenallen Homes have sponsored the Hunter section for the best turned out hunter in each of the classes to the value of £50. Each of the best turned out winners are chosen by the judge.

The Hunter Supreme Championship will take place in the main Arena on Thursday 15 May. Please note that the Champions and Reserve Hunters in S2 - S4 go forward for the Supreme Championship. The Supreme Champion is eligible to go forward to the Balmoral Show Champion of Champions on Saturday 17th May in the main arena.

The Small Hunter Championship [S5] will take place in the Main Arena on Wednesday 14 May.

Horses may be entered in ONE HUNTER CLASS ONLY [Classes 1 - 8] but, where eligible, may be entered in the Ladies Hunter Riding Astride, Side Saddle Balmoral Classic Competition, Horse Working Hunter, Ridden Irish Draught, Performance Irish Draught and 'Balmoral Star of the Future' Performance Horse Championship but not any other class.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

The Supreme Hunter Champion & Reserve and 4 year old Ridden Hunter Champion will qualify for the Showing Ireland Champion of Champions Final in July.

The Traditional Irish Horse Association will provide a rosette for the highest place Traditional Irish Horse in classes 1-8. To be eligible for this special prize horses must have TIH listed on the breeding section of their passport.

For further information on TIH definition please see their website:

<https://www.traditionalirishhorse.com/>

Only Small Hunters in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in classes 7 & 8. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

Prize Money: 1st - £135.00, 2nd - £110.00, 3rd - £90.00, 4th - £80.00, 5th - £70.00, 6th - £60.00

- 1 MARE or GELDING, [Heavyweight] 4 years old, capable of carrying over 14st [89kg]
 - 2 MARE or GELDING, [Heavyweight] 5 years old or over, capable of carrying over 14st [89kg]
 - 3 MARE or GELDING, [Middleweight] 4 years old, capable of carrying 12st 7lb [80kg] and not exceeding 14st [89kg].
 - 4 MARE or GELDING, [Middleweight] 5 years old or over, capable of carrying 12st 7lb [80kg] and not exceeding 14st [89kg]
 - 5 MARE or GELDING, [Lightweight] 4 years old, capable of carrying up to 12st 7lb [80kg].
 - 6 MARE or GELDING, [Lightweight] 5 years old or over, capable of carrying up to 12st 7lb [80kg].
 - 7 MARE or GELDING, [Small] 4 & 5 years old, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.
 - 8 MARE or GELDING, [Small] 6 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.
- S1** CHAMPION PRIZES, £500 and £250- for the Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Hunter. Presented by Creightons. [Classes 1 to 6 are eligible for this Championship]
- S2** CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Heavyweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S3** CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Middleweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S4** CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Lightweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S5** CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Small Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S6** THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the best Hunter. Presented by Miss A D P McCammon, Holywood, in memory of all ranks of the Regiment who fell in the 1939-45 War.
- S7** THE SIR MILNE BARBOUR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the best Hunter 4 years old in classes 1,3 & 5. Presented by Mrs Elizabeth L M Barbour Paton.
- S8** THE PEARL CREIGHTON TROPHY - for the highest placed ridden Hunter horse in classes 1 - 8, bred by exhibitor and continuously owned by the exhibitor up to the day of judging.



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RIDDEN IRISH DRAUGHT

Wednesday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Rachael Cox

Judge: Kerrilee Wilson

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100

Entries will be limited to 15 in each class.

Horses in this section may be entered in the Hunter classes, Performance Irish Draught, Ladies Side Saddle - Balmoral Classic and Working Hunter class.

IDHS Limited has kindly donated a contribution towards the Irish Draught classes.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

The Champion and Reserve Champion in the Ridden Irish Draught classes will qualify for IDHS (GB) Championship Challenge. Further information available from The Irish Draught Horse Society (GB).

The Champion & Reserve Ridden Irish Draught will qualify for the Showing Ireland Champions of Champions Final in July.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

- 9** MARE or GELDING, 4 & 5 years old, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonized Irish Draught studbooks
- 10** MARE or GELDING, 6 years old and over, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonized Irish Draught studbooks.
- S9** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Irish Draught.
- S10** The Tully Trophy - for the Champion Ridden Irish Draught. Presented by Nigel & Charlotte Moore



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Wednesday P&O Arena

Judge: Mrs Rosemary Morris

Judge: Mr Chris Hewlett

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100

Animals in classes 11 to 24 may be entered in one class only

Foals will automatically be entered into their class on the day of the Show. There is no need to fill in a separate entry form.

All foals must be led.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00
Foal Prize money: 1st - £25.00, 2nd - £20.00, 3rd - £15.00

- 11** BROOD MARE, [lightweight], thoroughbred and non thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, certified to foal in 2025 or with foal at foot
- 12** HUNTER BROOD MARE (middleweight to heavyweight) to produce high class hunters, non thoroughbred entered in the Irish horse register and not in the draught section, certified to foal in 2025 or with foal at foot.
- 13** Colt foal. Progeny of mare in Class 11 & 12. [no entry fee].
- 14** Filly foal. Progeny of mare in class 11 & 12. [no entry fee].
- 15** IRISH DRAUGHT MARE - Class 1 and Class 2 mares registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonized Irish Draught studbooks, certified to foal in 2025 or with foal at foot.
- 16** Pure bred colt or filly progeny of mare in class 15. [no entry fee]. This class will be split into colt and filly if there is sufficient entries.
- 17** Half bred colt or filly progeny of mare in class 15. [no entry fee].
- S11** CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50- for the Champion and Reserve Champion non- thoroughbred Brood Mare. Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed.
- S12** THE ANGELIQUE PERPETUAL TROPHY- for the highest placed thoroughbred Brood Mare. Presented by Mrs Patricia Hanson.
- S13** THE EDITH HARRIS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY- for the best non-thoroughbred Brood Mare. Presented by Mr F G Harris, Ballygowan, in memory of his wife.
- S14** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion registered Irish Draught Mare. Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feeds.
- S15** IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY PERPETUAL SILVER CUP- for the best registered Irish Draught Brood Mare. Presented by the Irish Draught Society [NI].

YEARLINGS

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Judge: Mrs Rosemary Morris

Judge: Mr Chris Hewlett

Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90 Non Member £100

Entries are limited to the first 20 received in each class

Important - exact date of birth of exhibit must be given on entry form for all yearlings.

The Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling can compete in the young stock championship for S22- The Sir Milne Barbour Cup if exhibitor bred.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

18 COLT or GELDING, foaled in 2024, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred, entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.

19 FILLY, foaled in 2024, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.

S16 CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE- for the best yearling. Presented by the Bluegrass Horse Feed.

TWO YEAR OLDS

SPONSORED BY BLUEGRASS HORSE FEED

Judge: Mrs Rosemary Morris

Judge: Mr Chris Hewlett

Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90 Non Member £100

Entries are limited to the first 20 received in each class

The Traditional Irish Horse Association will provide a rosette for the highest place Traditional Irish Horse filly in class 21. To be eligible for this special prize horses must have TIH listed on the breeding section of their passport. This filly will also qualify for the Limerick Lady TIH Championship at Limerick Show 2025.

For further information on TIH definition & Limerick Lady Conditions please see their website <https://www.traditionalirishhorse.com/>

The Champion and Reserve Champion Two Year Old can compete in the young stock championship for S22- The Sir Milne Barbour Cup if exhibitor bred.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

- 20** GELDING, foaled in 2023, thoroughbred and non thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.
- 21** FILLY, foaled in 2023, thoroughbred and non thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.
- S17** CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE- for the best two year old. Presented Bluegrass Horse Feed.

THREE YEAR OLDS

SPONSORED BY BLUEGRASS HORSE FEED

Judge: Mrs Rosemary Morris
Judge: Mr Chris Hewlett

Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non Member £100

Entries are limited to the first 20 received in each class

The Champion and Reserve Champion Three Year Old can compete in the young stock championship for S22- The Sir Milne Barbour Cup if exhibitor bred.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

22 GELDING, [lightweight], foaled in 2022, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.

23 GELDING, [middleweight to heavyweight], foaled in 2022, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.

24 FILLY, foaled in 2022 thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.

S18 CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE- for the best three year old. Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed.

YOUNG STOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

S19 CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE- for the best one, two or three year old filly. Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed.

S20 CHAMPION PRIZES, £300 and £150- for the Champion and Reserve Champion young stock animals. Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed. Champions & Reserves from S16 -S18 are eligible to compete.

S21 THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the best one, two or three year old. Presented by Miss AD P McCammon, Holywood, in memory of all ranks of the Regiment who fell in the 1939-45 War.

S22 THE SIR MILNE BARBOUR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the best animal, bred by exhibitor, in Classes 18-24. Presented by the Society.

COLOURED HORSES

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Judge: Ms Denise Colebrooke
Judge: Mr Harry Scanlan

Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100

Horses in class 25 will NOT be eligible to be entered in any other Showing class or Pony class but may be entered in the Horse Working Hunter and Ladies Hunters Riding Astride and Ladies Side Saddle - Balmoral Classic Competition.

Coloured horses must be plaited.

The winner of the Coloured Horse class will qualify for the Showing Ireland Champions of Champions Final in July.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

25 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms, to be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.



PERFORMANCE IRISH DRAUGHT

Thursday Main Arena

Judge: Rachael Cox

Judge: Mr Robert Draper

Judge: Kerrilee Wilson

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100

Entries in the Performance Irish Draught section are for pre qualified combinations only.

See our website for details on qualifier dates and venues

<https://balmoralshow.co.uk/competitions/equine/2025-qualifiers>

A maximum of 3 Stallions will be allowed to compete in each class, providing they have qualified. Riders/Handlers must wear a green sash whilst riding/leading the stallion through the show grounds. (These are available from the veterinary declaration area).

IDHS Limited has kindly donated a contribution towards the Irish Draught classes.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Riders may only ride a maximum of two horses in each class. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all scores for this rider, in this class being considered null & void.

Aim

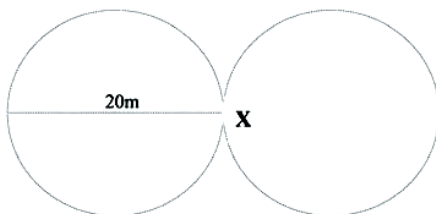
To demonstrate the ability, temperament and suitability of the Irish Draught horse for the amateur riding market. The Irish Draught is the foundation of the Irish sport horse. It should have good movement, rideability, bravery and be capable of participating competently in all equestrian activities. It should be strong, intelligent, willing, sensible and have a kind disposition. A performance element has been included in these classes to demonstrate and showcase the performance potential of the Irish Draught.

Dress & Tack

- Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards must be worn and properly secured at all times.
- The wearing of a body protector is recommended.
- Horses can be shown in any bridle with a bit. The judge will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle.
- Martingales are not permitted.
- Neckstraps and/or breastplates are permitted.
- No saddle cloths, only saddle contoured numnahs are permitted.
- Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowels < 2.5cms facing downwards are permitted.
- Front boots of a plain colour may be worn during the flatwork and jumping phase.
- No hind boots or bandages permitted.

The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the horse.

Flat Work Phase - 20 x 40 arena



Performance Irish Draught Phase 1 Flatwork

| Marker | Movement | Requirements | Marks |
|--------|--|---|-------|
| from X | Approach the Judge in Working Trot. From X 20m Circle Left | 2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement | 10 |
| from X | Working Trot 20m Circle Right | 2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement | 10 |
| at X | Working Canter 20m Circle Left | Smooth transition and correct strike off on left lead. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance | 10 |
| at X | Working Canter 20m Circle Right | Smooth transition and correct strike off on right lead. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance | 10 |
| at X | Working Trot 20m Circle Right | Smooth transition. Well defined trot, maintained contact and balance | 10 |
| at X | 2nd ½ 20m Circle transition to walk. At X Halt | Smooth transition. Well defined walk. Halt straight, square, immobile - for 3 seconds | 10 |
| | General impression of harmony and horsemanship | | 20 |
| | Proceed directly to the first fence on the jumping track | | |
| | | Total | 80 |
| | Score out of 40 | 80 x 0.5 | |

Jumping Phase

4 and 5 Year olds- < 85cm in height

6 Year old and over - < 1m in height

Exhibitors will be required to jump a course of 9 fences including a double, with natural and derby style fences. Exhibitors are encouraged to show extended canter / gallop at the end of their jumping round. Exhibitors are advised to ensure that their entry is presented by a competent rider.

The rhythm and fluency along with jumping technique and the balance and harmony of the rider will be taken into consideration when judging the jumping phase.

Penalties:

- For each fence down - 4 penalties
- 1st refusal - 5 penalties
- 2nd refusal - 10 penalties
- 3rd refusal on course - Elimination
- Fall of horse or rider - Elimination

Conformation Assessment

Once the competitor has completed the jumping phase, he/she will proceed to strip the horse and present in-hand to the conformation judge.

| Phase | Points | Total |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Flat Work | | 40 |
| Jumping: 9 fences @ 10 points each | 90 | |
| Rhythm & Fluency | 10 | |
| Technique | 10 | |
| Balance & Harmony of rider with horse | 10 | |
| Total Jumping Marks | | 120 |
| Conformation Phase | | 40 |
| Total Marks | | 200 |

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest mark for the jumping phase will be the winner. If there is still a tie the horse with the highest conformation mark will be the winner. If there is still a tie the winner will be at the judge's discretion.

Course Designer Adrienne Stuart

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

- 26** IRISH DRAUGHT MARE or GELDING, 4 and 5 years old, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonised Irish Draught studbooks and to STALLION classified as Class 1 and Class 2
- 27** IRISH DRAUGHT MARE or GELDING, 6 years old and over, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonised Irish Draught studbooks and to STALLION classified as Class 1 and Class 2.
- S23** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 - for the Champion and Reserve Champion Performance Irish Draught. Presented by the Society.
- S24** THE WINDMILL STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the Champion Performance Irish Draught. Presented by Eugene and Fiona Carson of Ardboe Cold Store.

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LADIES HUNTERS - RIDING ASTRIDE

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Thursday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Ms Denise Colebrooke

Judge: Mrs Amy Kinane

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100



Entries are limited to the first 25 received in each class

Glenallen Homes have sponsored the Hunter section for the best turned out hunter in each of the classes to the value of £50. Each of the best turned out winners are chosen by the judge.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

- 28** MARE or GELDING, 4 and 5 years old, over 148cms, to be ridden by ladies in hunting costume riding astride.
- 29** MARE or GELDING, 6 years old and over, over 148cms, to be ridden by ladies in hunting costume riding astride.
- S25** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ladies' Hunter (riding astride). Presented by Northdown Marquees.
- S26** THE ELIZABETH BARBOUR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the rider of the champion Ladies' Hunter (riding astride). Presented by Mrs Elizabeth L M Barbour Paton.

RIDING HORSES

SPONSORED BY EVENT TECHNICAL SERVICES

Thursday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Ms Denise Colebrooke

Judge: Mrs Amy Kinane

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100



Entries are limited to the first 25 received in each class

To be judged on ride, manners and conformation. An individual show, if required by the judges, should not exceed 2 minutes and include walk, trot, canter, a simple change at canter, rein back, strike off on required leg, gallop on, halt and stand still. There will be a strong emphasis on manners, ride and training.

Only horses in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in the Small Riding Horse class. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

Horses entered in the Riding Horse classes are not eligible to enter the Ridden Hunter Classes.

The Champion & Reserve Riding Horse will qualify for the Showing Ireland Champions of Champions Final in July.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

- 30** SMALL RIDING HORSE, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, over 148cms but not exceeding 158cms. Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- 31** MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, over 158cms. Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- S27** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Riding Horse. Presented by Event Technical Services.

LADIES SIDE SADDLE - BALMORAL CLASSIC

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Thursday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Ms Denise Colebrooke

Judge: Mrs Amy Kinane

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non Member £100



This class is to encourage a harmonious and elegant impression of the side saddle horse and rider combination whilst promoting effective horsemanship. To be judged 25% conformation & action; 25% manners & way of going; 25% rider; and 25% turnout of horse and rider. After the ride around, the riders will be called forward to do an individual show, showing walk, trot and canter on both reins with a canter extension on one rein. The judge will not ride the exhibits, horses will not be stripped. The judge shall use the mark sheet provided.

Traditional habits must be worn. Fancy dress and Period Costumes not permitted. Silk hats are permitted to be worn in this class.

All SSA Members carrying their current membership card shall receive an SSA rosette for competing.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

- 32** Open to Mares and Geldings of all types over 148cms suitable to be ridden side saddle by riders who have attained their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.
- S28** VERONICA TROPHY- for the highest placed SSA Area 21 (Northern Ireland) member who has participated in two SSA events in the current year.



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Friday Main Arena

Judge: Mrs Jane Darragh

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £95, Non Member £105

The championship is restricted to those who have pre-qualified.

For details on qualifying dates and venues see

www.balmoralshow.co.uk/competitions/equine/2025-qualifiers

Aim

To identify high class horses bred in Ireland with the potential to become top class performance horses, to create a medium for breeders, producers and trainers to display their quality young stock and to produce and present the correct type of horse likely to make it at the top level.

Eligibility

Restricted to Irish Bred horses only. Only animals with named passports identifying sire, dam, dam sire, microchip and breeder may compete.

Horses must be 153cms or over.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Competition Format

On entering the arena, each competitor will present to the judge where conformation will be assessed whilst mounted before riding away to demonstrate their horses walk and trot paces on the flat.

Competitors will then proceed straight to the jumping phase which will comprise of a course of show jumps immediately followed by natural cross country type fences.

There will be no more than 16 jumping efforts in total with the maximum height of fences being 1m for 5 year olds and 1.10m for the 6&7 year old class.

At the end of the jumping phase, the competitor will demonstrate the ability of their horse to gallop.

The judge will assess each horses performance and marks will be awarded based on conformation & type, paces, way of going throughout the jumping phase and star potential.

In the event of equality of marks, the potential & star quality mark will take precedence.

Judges' marks out of 100 to be awarded as follows:

- Conformation & Type 10 marks
- Paces - Walk & Trot 10 marks
- Jumping - Scope & Technique 30 marks
- Way of Going 20 marks
- Gallop 10 marks
- Potential & Star Quality 20 marks

Jumping Penalties (where relevant) to be deducted from judges marks as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| First disobedience | 4 Penalties |
| Second disobedience | 8 Penalties |
| Third disobedience | Elimination |
| Knock down of obstacle | 4 Penalties |
| Fall of horse or rider | Elimination |
| Error of course | Elimination |
| Retaking of obstacle already taken | Elimination |

Riders may ride a maximum of two horses per class in the final. A change of rider will not be permitted under any circumstances. Only the horse/rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete at Balmoral Show.

Rules

- Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards is compulsory for all riders and must be worn at all times when mounted.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders. A correctly fitted, BETA approved, and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector manufactured in the year 2018 or after is recommended. If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector, it must be worn over a recommended body protector.
- Eventing colours and attire must be worn along with the required dress code of beige, fawn or cream breeches, long black/brown boots and gloves.
- Any suitable snaffle bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the horse. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.
- Martingales, neckstraps and/or breastplates are permitted.
- Standing martingales are not permitted.
- Numnahs (if used) must conform neatly with saddle contours. Saddle cloths or visible logos are not permitted.
- Hind leg boots or bandages are not allowed. Overreach boots are permitted.
- Only blunt metal spurs, or ones with rubber rowels <2.5cms facing downwards are permitted.
- No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.
- If for any reason a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

Championship Course Designer: Adrienne Stuart

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

- 33** 5 year old Performance Horse
- 34** 6 & 7 year old Performance Horse

S29 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Performance Horse. Presented by Baileys Horse Feed.

RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE

SPONSORED BY DOWNPATRICK RACECOURSE

Friday Main Arena

Judge: Mr Edward O'Grady

Judge: Mr David Russell

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £105, Non Member £110

Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association will present a quarter piece rug to the winner of this class.

Aim:

To showcase successful Irish bred or trained racehorses as useful and suitable riding horses. The horses entered in this class should demonstrate quality, substance, bone, correct conformation, presence, and true action.

Rules:

This class is open to Thoroughbred horses that have trained or raced in Ireland for a minimum of 1 year under rules either on the racetrack or Point to Point.

Please note the number of entries in this class will be restricted to 15, if more than 15 entries are received preference will be given to horses with the highest number of racing starts as recorded by IHRB (Irish Horse Regulatory Board)

Judging:

To be judged on ride, manners and conformation. Judges will ask the class to gallop. Judges may ride a number of exhibits. In the event of a ride judge not being available, judges may expect a number exhibits to perform a simple show (maximum 2 minutes) to include walk, trot, canter, a simple change at canter, rein back, strike off on the correct leg, gallop on, halt and stand still. There will be a strong emphasis on manners, ride and training.

Prize Money: 1st - £320.00, 2nd - £250.00, 3rd - £185.00, 4th - £135.00, 5th - £110.00

35 THOROUGHBRED, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

COB WORKING HUNTER

SPONSORED BY EVENT TECHNICAL SERVICES

Friday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Mrs Jenny Banks

Judge: Mr Kieran Price

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100

Entries are limited to the first 15 received.

Cobs in the Cob Working Hunter section may also be entered in the Cob classes but not the Maxi Cob class.

All cobs must be shown with a hogged mane.

Riders may only ride one horse in this class. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all scores for this rider, in this class being considered null & void.

Cobs in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in this class. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation, and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be printed in the catalogue.

COURSE BUILDER: ADRIENNE STUART

PHASES OF JUDGING

Phase 1 - Jumping

All Cobs will be required to jump a course which will consist of a minimum of eight fences that will have a natural appearance, and not be easily dislodged. The maximum height of fences will be 90cms and is at the discretion of the Judges.

The way of going will be taken into account - refusals will be severely penalised.

First refusal - 15

Second refusal - 20

Third refusal - elimination

Jumping knockdown - 10

Fall of horse or rider - elimination. In the interests of safety, competitors may not remount.

60% of the available marks will be allocated in this phase (40% of actual jumping and 20% style and way of going).

Phase 2 - Ride.

Phase 3 - Presence and conformation

These phases will be judged as for hunter classes with 40% of the available marks allocated (ride 20%, conformation 20%).

Working hunter cobs can be shown in any bridle with a bit. The judge will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle.

Front boots may only be used for phase one. Back boots are **NOT** Permitted in either the arena or warm up areas.

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of judging, the cob gaining the greatest number of points in phase 1 shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, the points in phase 2 will decide, and if still tied, the points in phase 3 shall decide. If this still does not produce a winner the Judges' decision will be final.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

No change of rider or tack will be allowed, except the removal of front boots between phases 1 & 2.

Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

36 COB WORKING HUNTER, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not 155cms.



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SMALL HORSE WORKING HUNTER

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Friday Ring 1

Judge: Mrs Jenny Banks

Judge: Mr Kieran Price

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100

The Traditional Irish Horse Association will provide a rosette for the highest placed Traditional Irish Horse in Small Working Hunter Horse class. To be eligible for this special prize horses must have TIH listed on the breeding section of their passport.

For further information on TIH definition please see their website

<https://www.traditionalirishhorse.com/>

Only horses in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in this class. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation, and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

Riders may only ride one horse in this class. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all scores for this rider, in this class being considered null & void.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be printed in the catalogue.

COURSE BUILDER: ADRIENNE STUART

PHASES OF JUDGING

Phase 1 - Jumping

All horses will be required to jump a course which will consist of a minimum of eight fences that will have a natural appearance, and not be easily dislodged. The maximum height of fences will be 1m and is at the discretion of the Judges.

The way of going will be taken into account - refusals will be severely penalised.

First refusal - 15

Second refusal - 20

Third refusal - elimination

Jumping knockdown - 10

Fall of horse or rider - elimination. In the interests of safety, competitors may not remount.

60% of the available marks will be allocated in this phase (40% of actual jumping and 20% style and way of going).

Phase 2 - Ride.

Phase 3 - Presence and conformation

These phases will be judged as for hunter classes with 40% of the available marks allocated (ride 20%, conformation 20%).

Working hunter horses can be shown in any bridle with a bit. The judge will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle.

Front boots may only be used for phase one. Back boots are **NOT** Permitted in either the arena or warm up areas.

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of judging, the horse gaining the greatest number of points in phase 1 shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, the points in phase 2 will decide, and if still tied, the points in phase 3 shall decide. If this still does not produce a winner the Judges' decision will be final.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

No change of rider or tack will be allowed, except the removal of front boots between phases 1 & 2.

Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

37 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.

S30 GEORGE BOYD MEMORIAL TROPHY, Presented by the Boyd & Lowry family in memory of the late George Boyd to the winner of class 37.

WORKING HUNTERS

Friday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Mrs Jenny Banks

Judge: Mr Kieran Price

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non Member £100

Riders may only ride one horse in a working hunter class. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all scores for this rider, in the particular class being considered null & void.

The Traditional Irish Horse Association will provide a rosette for the highest place Traditional Irish Horse in classes 38 - 40. To be eligible for this special prize horses must have TIH listed on the breeding section of their passport.

For further information on TIH definition please see their website

<https://www.traditionalirishhorse.com/>

COURSE BUILDER: ADRIENNE STUART

PHASES OF JUDGING

Phase 1 - Jumping

All horses will be required to jump a course which will consist of a minimum of eight fences that will have a natural appearance and not be easily dislodged. The maximum height of fences will be 1.15m and is at the discretion of the Judges.

The way of going will be taken into account - refusals will be severely penalised.

First refusal - 15

Second refusal - 20

Third refusal - elimination

Jumping knockdown - 10

Fall of horse or rider - elimination, In the interests of safety, competitors may not remount.

60% of the available marks will be allocated in this phase (40% of actual jumping and 20% style and way of going).

Phase 2 - Ride.

Phase 3 - Presence and conformation

These phases will be judged as for hunter classes with 40% of the available marks allocated (ride 20%, presence and conformation 20%).

Working hunter horses can be shown in any bridle with a bit. The judge will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle.

Front boots may only be used for phase one. Back boots are **NOT** Permitted in either the arena or warm up areas.

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of judging, the horse gaining the greatest number of points in phase 1 shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, the points in phase 2 will decide, and if still tied, the points in phase 3 shall decide. If this still does not produce a winner the Judges' decision will be final.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be listed in the catalogue.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

No change of rider or tack will be allowed, except the removal of front boots between phases 1 & 2.

Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

Prize Money: 1st - £110.00, 2nd - £90.00, 3rd - £80.00, 4th - £70.00, 5th - £60.00, 6th - £50.00

- 38** MARE or GELDING, 4 years old, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1m.
- 39** MARE or GELDING, 5 or 6 years old, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1.05m. (age must be specified on entry form).
- 40** MARE or GELDING, 7 years old and over, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1.15m. (age must be specified on entry form)

- S31** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter. Presented by the Society.
- S32** ROYAL ULSTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - for the Champion Working Hunter. Presented by Nicola Dunseith in memory of Jack Flash.



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CLYDESDALES

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Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mr Alistair Christie

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £36, Non-Member £41

Animals in this class must be by a registered Clydesdale stallion.

See section 1A of the Protection of Animals Act (NI) (reprint) 1952.

Exhibitors, handlers and their grooms must at all times present themselves in the show ring neatly and smartly dressed. For In-hand classes a white coat is recommended, with smart trousers or skirt with a shirt and tie. Appropriate footwear should be worn. Only one person per exhibit will be permitted in the judging ring.

Prize Money: 1st - £75.00, 2nd - £60.00, 3rd - £40.00, 4th - £30.00

- 41** RIDDEN CLYDESDALE PURE BRED MARE or GELDING, 3 years old and upwards.
- 42** YELD MARE, 3 years old and upwards
- 43** GELDING, 3 years old and upwards
- 44** COLT or GELDING, yearling or two year old
- 45** FILLY, Yearling
- 46** FILLY, two year old

- S33** CHAMPION PRIZE, £50 and CRYSTAL TROPHY- for the Champion Clydesdale. Presented by the Ulster Bank.
- S34** THE DOUGLAS D MURRAY PERPETUAL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP- for the best Clydesdale. Presented by the Clydesdale Horse Society.
- S35** SPECIAL PRIZE, £25 - for the best Clydesdale of opposite sex to the champion. Presented by Ulster Bank.
- S36** VICTORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the best yearling Clydesdale filly. Won outright in 1930 by John C Drennan and represented to the Society by his family
- S37** VICTORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the best yearling Clydesdale colt. Won outright in 1929 by John C Drennan and represented to the Society by his family.
- S38** SHIELD- for the best yearling or two years old filly or colt, registered or eligible for registration with the Clydesdale Society, not having won a shield before in its lifetime. Presented by the Clydesdale Horse Society. Exhibitors must be current members of the Clydesdale Horse Society.
- S39** COUNTY LONDONDERRY HORSE BREEDING SOCIETY TROPHY - for the best exhibitor bred animal any age. No animal can win this prize on more than one occasion in its lifetime. Presented in the judging Arena.

CLYDESDALES YOUNG HANDLERS

Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mr Alistair Christie

Entry Fee: £5

This class will be run under the rules of The Clydesdale Horse Society.

Rosettes will be provided to all entrants by The Clydesdale Horse Society.

Macfin Clydesdales have kindly donated £100 towards this section.

Co. Londonderry Horse Breeding Society Clydesdale Young Handlers Championship 2025

Points will be awarded to Young Handlers at CLHBS Clydesdale Foal Show 2024, then in 2025 - Balmoral, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Castlerock, (Limavady), Castlewellan, Antrim and Garvagh shows. Points will be awarded as follows:

1st (5), 2nd (4), 3rd (3), all other young handlers forward will receive 2 points. Points will be totalled, and prizes given out at CLHBS Foal Show 2025.

Only Horses entered in classes 41 - 46 are eligible to compete in class 47. (Stallions are not allowed)

Prize Money: 1st - £20.00, 2nd - £15.00, 3rd - £10.00

47 CLYDESDALE YOUNG HANDLER - for competitors aged between 10 to 18 years on day of qualifying show.

S40 ENGRAVED MEDAL - for the best handler aged 12 to 16 on the day of the show who has not already qualified in 2024. The capabilities of the handler are to be assessed, not the animal being led. Presented by the Clydesdale Horse Society.

FARM CART / AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE AND HEAVY TRADE TURNOUT

SPONSORED BY ULSTER BANK

Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mr Alistair Christie

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £36, Non-Member £41

The vehicle, harness and other apparatus will be taken into consideration by the judge.

Prize Money: 1st - £75.00, 2nd - £60.00, 3rd - £40.00, 4th - £30.00

- 48** FARM CART/AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE AND HEAVY TRADE TURNOUT, horse any height, farm cart/vehicle and harness, Stallion/Ladies cart, drawn by a heavy horse, OR a Single/Pair of Heavy Horses, shown in a traditional four wheeled trade vehicle.
- S41** THE UNITED DISTILLERIES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the winner of class 48 Presented by United Distillers Ltd, won outright by John McWatters Ltd, and re-presented by them.

HACKNEYS

Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mrs Georgina Turner

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £36, Non-Member £41

Please note passports must accompany horses. Horses without these will not be permitted into the showgrounds.

Drivers to have attained their 14th birthday by the date of Show and horses or ponies entered in these classes may not be entered in classes 51 or 52.

Prize Money: 1st - £75.00, 2nd - £60.00, 3rd - £40.00, 4th - £30.00

49 PONY, single harness, open

50 HORSE, single harness, open

S42 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Hackney exhibits. Presented by the Society

S43 THE CARPLANT TROPHY- for the best Hackney exhibit. Presented by Carplant Limited

S44 ROSETTES- for the best and reserve best Hackney exhibits. Presented by the Hackney Horse Society.

S45 JOHN O'KANE MEMORIAL CUP- for the Champion Hackney exhibit. Presented by Aoife, Peter Zara and Emma Hagan.



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PRIVATE DRIVING

Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mrs Georgina Turner

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £36, Non-Member £41

To be judged under British Driving Society Rules

Please note passports must accompany horses. Horses without these will not be permitted into the showgrounds.

Exhibits to be driven in a suitable show vehicle. Trade vehicles and vehicles with pneumatic tyres are excluded.

Prize Money: 1st - £75.00, 2nd - £60.00, 3rd - £40.00, 4th - £30.00

51 OPEN DRIVING CLASS, not exceeding 138cms, single or pairs

52 OPEN DRIVING CLASS, over 138cms, single or pairs

S46 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Private Driving exhibits. Presented by the Society.

LIGHT TRADE TURNOUTS

Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mrs Georgina Turner

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £36, Non-Member £41

Prize Money: 1st £75.00, 2nd £60.00, 3rd £40.00, 4th £30.00

53 LIGHT TRADE, A single pair of horses or ponies, shown in a traditional two or four wheeled trade vehicle.

S47 USPCA PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the best Light Trade Turnout. Presented by the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

COBS

Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mrs Amy Kinane

Judge: TBC

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non-Member £100

The Champion & Reserve Ridden Cob (S48) will qualify for the Showing Ireland Champions of Champions Final in July.

Only Cobs in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in this class. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Cobs to be shown under saddle.

All Cobs must be shown with a hogged mane.

Cobs may only be entered in one of the Cob classes.

Prize Money: 1st £110.00, 2nd £90.00, 3rd £80.00, 4th £70.00, 5th £60.00, 6th £50.00

- 54** COB, MARE or GELDING, [lightweight], 4 years old or over, exceeding 148 cms, but not exceeding 155cms, capable of carrying up to 14st [89kg].
- 55** COB, MARE or GELDING, [heavyweight], 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms, but not exceeding 155cms, capable of carrying over 14st [89kg].
- 56** MAXI COB, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, exceeding 155cms, to be judged as Cobs.

- S48** CHAMPION PRIZES £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Cob from classes 54 & 55 Presented by the Society.

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DONKEYS

SPONSORED BY LOWE RENTAL

Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mrs Joanne Parrot

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £30, Non Member £40

Entries are limited to the first 15 received in each class.

Please see Equine rules and regulations for arrival times and compulsory vaccination information.

No Donkey will be permitted to the showgrounds without a valid passport.

Prize Money: 1st - £60.00, 2nd - £50.00, 3rd - £45.00, 4th - £40.00, 5th - £30.00

- 57** BEST TURN OUT and CONDITION, open to all ages and categories.
- 58** STALLION or GELDING, four years old or over
- 59** MARE, four years old or over, or Broodmare, five years old or over with own foal at foot. Foals to be at least six weeks old or over on the day of the Show.
- 60** Traditional Working Donkey, mare or gelding, aged 4 and over shown with farming implements, e.g. creels, slipes, grubbers, stiff carts etc. All vehicles must be in working order.

DONKEY YOUNG HANDLERS

SPONSORED BY LOWE RENTAL

Friday P&O Arena

Judge: Mrs Joanne Parrot

Entry Fee: £5

Only Donkeys entered in classes 57 - 60 are eligible to compete in class 61. (Stallions are not allowed)

Exhibitors should be appropriately dressed, show the ability to control the donkey in the ring, exhibit it to the judge and answer questions (appropriate to the competitors' age) on the breed, age etc of their donkey.

Prize Money: 1st £20.00, 2nd £15.00, 3rd £10.00

- 61** YOUNG HANDLERS - for competitors aged between 7 to 16 years on day of qualifying show.

CONNEMARA PONIES - IN HAND

SPONSORED BY NORTH DOWN MARQUEES

Thursday P&O Arena

Judge: Mr Steven Strang

Judge: Kerry Wainwright

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £80, Non Member £90

Entries in this class are limited to 15.

Prize Money: 1st - £85.00, 2nd - £75.00, 3rd - £65.00, 4th - £55.00, 5th - £45.00, 6th - £40.00

62 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE, 4 years and upwards with or without foal

63 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, FILLY or GELDING, two and three year old

S49 THE HENDERSON AND GRAHAM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the winner of class 62. Presented by the Henderson and Graham family.

S50 CASHEL BAY STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the winner of class 63. Presented by Robbie & Barbara Fallon.



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CONNEMARA PONIES - RIDDEN

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Thursday P&O Arena

Judge: Mr Steven Strang

Judge: Kerry Wainwright

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £80, Non Member £90

Entries in this class are for pre qualified combinations only.

For details on qualifying dates and venues see

www.balmoralshow.co.uk/competitions/equine/2025-qualifiers

Narrow Water Stud & Equestrian Centre will present rugs to the winner of classes 64 & 66.

Mrs Mandy Boyle will present a rug to the winner of class 65.

Longstone Stud will present a sash to the Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Connemara.

Prize Money: 1st - £85.00, 2nd - £75.00, 3rd - £65.00, 4th - £55.00, 5th - £45.00, 6th - £40.00

- 64** REGISTERED RIDDEN CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 and 5 years old suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 12th birthday on the 1st January in the current year.
- 65** REGISTERED RIDDEN CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 10th birthday but not their 16th birthday on 1st January in the current year.
- 66** REGISTERED RIDDEN CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 6 years old or over suitable for and to be ridden by riders 10 years old and over on the 1st January in the current year.
- S51** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Connemara. Presented by Mrs Mandy Boyle.
- S52** ROBSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the winner of class 64.
- S53** CASHEL BAY STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the winner of class 65. Presented by Robbie & Barbara Fallon.
- S54** R.J. MONTEITH PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the winner of class 66. Presented by Marina and James Wray.

CLIFDEN QUALIFIER

Thursday Horse Arena 1

Judge: Mr Steven Strang

Judge: Kerry Wainwright

The Clifden High Performance final will be held in the Showgrounds, Clifden, Co. Galway on Friday 22nd August 2025 featuring a prize fund of €3000. The Connemara Pony Festival Clifden run this class with the aim of displaying the versatility of the Connemara pony, highlighting the performance aspect of the pony over fences with emphasis on the rideability, scope, versatility and suitability for child or adult.

The final will take place on day four of the Annual Connemara Pony Show in Clifden, Co. Galway on Friday 22nd August 2025. There will be 6 shows holding qualifiers nationally for the final. The entry fee for the Balmoral qualifier is £25 per pony (enter for qualifiers with the show holding the qualifier) Entry fee for the final €40 per pony. The top four ponies will qualify from each qualifier. The qualifiers and the final will be primarily run under the Irish Pony Society Rules for the working hunters so the scoring system will be the same.

At the qualifiers ponies will be asked to jump a minimum of 9 numbered fences including a double and a triple combination at a minimum height of 1m high and 1m wide, a minimum of three fences at the qualifiers should be built to a height of 110cm high and 110cm wide. Each fence will be marked out of 10 and then a mark out of 20 will be awarded for the way of going. The total is then divided by 2 and penalties are then deducted. A knock -10, 1st refusal -15, 2nd refusal – 20, 3rd refusal – elimination. A fall of rider will incur elimination.

This will complete phase one.

In phase 2, each pony will be asked to show, trot, canter and gallop. Unless otherwise requested ponies will be required to show canter on both reins with a simple change of canter lead through trot. The pony will be stripped and judged for movement, conformation true to breed and type true to breed (i.e. Connemara). The total marks for phase 2 will be 45 consisting of manners (10), performance (10), movement (10), breed conformation (10), and type (5).

At the final ponies will be asked to jump a course of a minimum of 12 numbered fences which will include a double and a treble up to a maximum height of 110cm and width of 110cm (minimum height being 1m and a width of 1m). A joker fence will also be included, which will carry double marks but will be at a maximum height (110cm) and will pose a certain level of difficulty over and above the other fences on the course. Weather permitting, the river may be used with an optional fence been provided. This will complete phase one.

High Performance is expected.

Rules for Qualifiers and Final

1. Open to Connemara Ponies in possession of a CPBS passport, aged 5yrs old and over. Passports and microchips will be checked prior to the class.
2. Stallions must be ridden by a rider that has attained their 14th birthday before the 1st of January of the current year.
3. Bitless bridles and gags are not allowed. Pelhams must have two reins leading from hands to the bit or a single with leather roundings. Three ring snaffles must have two reins or a set of roundings.
4. Only front boots are permitted for phase 1, boots must be removed for phase 2.
5. Spurs are not allowed.
6. Passports of qualifying ponies may be checked at the qualifier and must be presented at the final. Microchips will be checked at the final.
7. Running martingales only.
8. Riders who have not attained their 16th birthday before the 1st of January 2025 must wear a body protector for phase 1. Body protectors must be removed for phase 2.
9. A rider may compete no more than two ponies at any one qualifier, but only one rider/pony combination may be chosen to compete at the final- this choice must be declared at the relevant qualifier.

It is recommended that if you intend to compete at the High Performance Final that you attend as many qualifiers as possible in preparation- ponies already qualified will compete in other qualifiers Hors Concours (HC).

67 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, STALLION, MARE or GELDING

CONNEMARA PONIES - WORKING HUNTER

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Thursday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Mr Steven Strang

Judge: Kerry Wainwright

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £80, Non Member £90

Entries in this class are for pre qualified combinations only. For more details on qualifier dates and venues please see our website

<https://balmoralshow.co.uk/competitions/equine/2025-qualifiers>

Competitors may not share a pony and riders may only ride one pony per class.

Ponies may only be entered in either class 68 or 69.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be printed in the catalogue.

PHASES OF JUDGING

Judging will be carried out in two phases and final placing will be based on the sum of points gained in each phase

Phase 1

Jumping, style and way of going

Ponies will be required to jump a course of eight to ten fences, which have a natural appearance. The style of jumping and way of going will be marked by the judge, refusals etc will be penalised, as follows:

First Refusal, run out or disobedience - 15 penalty marks

Second Refusal, run out or disobedience - 20 penalty marks

Third Refusal, run out or disobedience - elimination

Jumping knock down -10 penalty marks

Fall of pony or rider -elimination

In the interests of safety, competitors may NOT remount.

Ponies which are eliminated will not go forward to Phase 2.

Phase 2:

Riding manners, performance, conformation, movement, breed type

Ponies, not eliminated, will be required to do a simple show following their jumping round. The Show must not last more than 2 minutes and should consist of trot, canter on both reins, extended canter, halt and salute to the Judge when finished. Ponies will be stripped for conformation judging. From this the judge will award marks for manners and performance, conformation and movement, and breed type.

These marks will be added to those received from phase 1, to give an overall result.

These results will be announced, and prizes will be awarded from 1st to 6th place.

The maximum points to be awarded will be :

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| <u>Phase 1</u> Jumping | 40 marks |
| Style and way of going | 10 marks |
| <u>Phase 2</u> manners and performance | 20 marks |
| Conformation and movement | 15 marks |
| Breed Type | 15 marks |
| Total | 100 marks |

Fences Height: minimum 69cm, maximum 99cm, Max spread 84cm.

No change of tack is allowed during the competition, except front boots which may be used for Phase 1 only. Hind leg boots, bandages, bitless bridles, standing martingales, gag snaffles, spurs and hackamores are not allowed.

COURSE BUILDER: Adrienne Stuart

Prize Money: 1st - £85.00, 2nd - £75.00, 3rd - £65.00, 4th - £55.00, 5th - £45.00, 6th - £40.00

- 68** REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 10th birthday but not their 16th Birthday on 1st January of the current year.
- 69** REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday on 1st January of the current year.
- S55** NI CONNEMARA PONY ASSOCIATION PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the Champion Connemara Pony in classes 68 and 69. Presented by the NI Connemara Pony Association.

RIDDEN MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND

Thursday P&O Arena

Judge: Mr David Blair

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £80, Non Member £90

Entries will be limited to the first 15 received in each class. If insufficient entries received, the classes may be combined.

Any suitable bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part. The bit must never be used to reprimand the pony. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final. Ponies must not be plaited, and any trimming will be penalised.

Ponies must be registered with the respective breed society studbook to compete in Mountain and Moorland classes. Breed society numbers to be stated when entering Mountain and Moorland classes. No part-bred ponies are eligible. Connemara ponies are also excluded.

Prize Money: 1st £85.00, 2nd £75.00, 3rd £65.00, 4th £55.00, 5th £45.00, 6th £40.00

- 70** Small breeds for registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B ponies, - Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 138cms suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 7th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Riders in this class may not ride in classes 80 - 83.
- 71** Large breeds for registered New Forest, Welsh C & D, Highland, Fells and Dales, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 12th birthday on 1st January in the current year.
- S56** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Mountain and Moorland pony.

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WORKING HUNTER PONIES

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Saturday Horse Ring 1

Judge: Mr Philip Hilton

Judge: Mrs Claire Dew

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £80, Non-Member £90

Entries will be limited to the first 15 received in classes 72 & 73.

Entries will be limited to the first 25 received in classes 74 - 76.

Ponies entered in the Working Hunter Pony classes may also be entered in the Show Hunter Pony Classes.

Competitors may not share a pony; and a rider may only ride one pony in a class.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be printed in the catalogue.

Correctly secured, protective head gear that meets the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

The wearing of a body protector is recommended for the jumping phase.

Any suitable bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the pony. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.

No change of tack is allowed during the competition, except front boots which may be used for phase 1.

Spurs, bandages, bitless bridles, standing martingales, gag snaffles and hackamores are not allowed. Whips not to exceed 75cms.

COURSE BUILDER: ADRIENNE STUART

FENCES HEIGHT:

Class 72 (Cradle stakes) not to exceed 60cms

Class 73 (Starter stakes) not to exceed 75cms

Class 74 (133cms) not to exceed 90cms

Class 75 (143cms) not to exceed 1m

Class 76 (153cms) not to exceed 1.05m

PHASES OF JUDGING

Judging will be carried out in two phases and final placing will be based on the sum of points gained in each phase.

Phase 1 Jumping, style and way of going

Ponies will be required to jump a course of eight to ten fences, which have a natural appearance. The style of jumping and way of going will be marked by the judge, refusals etc will be penalised, as follows:

First Refusal, run out or disobedience - 15 penalty marks

Second Refusal, run out or disobedience - 20 penalty marks

Third Refusal, run out or disobedience - elimination

Jumping knock down -10 penalty marks

Fall of pony or rider -elimination. In the interests of safety, competitors may NOT remount, and must be checked by a paramedic and certified fit to continue prior to any further exercise or competition.

Ponies which are eliminated will not go forward to Phase 2.

Phase 2: Riding manners, performance, conformation, movement, type

Ponies, not eliminated, will be required to do a simple show following their jumping round. The show must not last more than 2 minutes and should consist of trot, canter on both reins, extended canter, halt, and salute the Judge when finished.

These marks will be added to those received from phase 1, to give an overall result.

The results will be announced, and prizes will be awarded from 1st to 6th place.

The maximum points to be awarded will be :

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| <u>Phase 1</u> Jumping | 50 marks |
| Style and way of going | 10 marks |
| <u>Phase 2</u> Manners and performance | 20 marks |
| Conformation, movement and type | 20 marks |
| Total | 100marks |

Prize Money: 1st - £85.00, 2nd - £75.00, 3rd - £65.00, 4th - £55.00, 5th - £45.00, 6th - £40.00

- 72** WORKING HUNTER CRADLE STAKES [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th, but not attained their 11th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Ponies in this class may not compete in classes 73 & 74
- 73** WORKING HUNTER STARTER STAKES [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th but not attained their 12th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Ponies in this class may not compete in classes 72 & 74.
- S57** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Starter Stakes pony in classes 72 & 73. Presented by Carr & Day & Martin.
- S58** ULSTER PONY SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the Champion Mini Working Hunter Pony. Presented by the Ulster Pony Society.
- 74** WORKING HUNTER [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Riders to have attained their 5th but not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies in this class may not compete in classes 72 & 73.
- 75** WORKING HUNTER [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- 76** WORKING HUNTER [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- S59** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter pony in classes 74 - 76. Presented by Presented by Carr & Day & Martin.
- S60** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion in the Lead Rein and First Ridden Classes. 1st and 2nd prizewinners in classes 77 - 81 are eligible to compete
- S61** CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £75- for the Supreme Champion and Supreme Reserve Champion from classes S57 & S60 are eligible to compete.

The Supreme Mini Championship winner is eligible for the Balmoral Show Champion of Champions which is held in the Main Arena on Saturday 17th May.

MINI RIDDEN PONIES

Saturday P&O Arena

Judge: Miss Henrietta Barton

Judge: Mrs Debbie Machin

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £80, Non Member £90

Any suitable snaffle bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the pony. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.

Entries will be limited to the first 20 received.

Rosettes will be awarded to all competitors.

Prize Money: 1st - £85.00, 2nd - £75.00, 3rd - £65.00, 4th - £55.00, 5th - £45.00, 6th - £40.00

- 77** LEAD REIN- SHOW PONY type. PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 4th but not attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be led [on a loose rein] by persons aged 16 years and over, and will be required to trot.
- 78** LEAD REIN- SHOW HUNTER type, PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 4th but not attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be led [on a loose rein] by persons aged 16 years and over, and will be required to trot.
- 79** LEAD REIN PONY - M&M type. PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 4th but not attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be led [on a loose rein] by persons aged 16 years and over and will be required to trot. Ponies in this class are to be shown unplaited.
- 80** FIRST RIDDEN- SHOW PONY or SHOW HUNTER type. PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th but not attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year. No cantering allowed except for individual performances.
- 81** FIRST RIDDEN PONY of M&M type. PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th but not attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. No cantering allowed except for individual performances. Ponies in this class are to be shown unplaited.

RIDDEN PONIES

Saturday P&O Arena

Judge: Miss Henrietta Barton

Judge: Mrs Debbie Machin

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £80, Non Member £90

Any suitable bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the pony. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.

Ponies entered in the Show Hunter Pony classes may also be entered in the Working Hunter Pony classes.

Entries will be limited to the first 20 received.

All ponies entered in these classes, will be stripped for conformation judging.

Prize Money: 1st - £85.00, 2nd - £75.00, 3rd - £65.00, 4th - £55.00, 5th - £45.00, 6th - £40.00

- 82** OPEN SHOW HUNTER STARTER STAKES, PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cm. Riders to have attained their 5th but not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other Show Hunter Pony class at the show.
- 83** OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cm. Riders to have attained their 5th but not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- 84** OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cm. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- 85** OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cm. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- S62** CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Show Hunter Pony. 1st and 2nd prizewinners in classes 82 - 85 are eligible to compete.
- S63** THE CALWELL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the Champion Show Hunter Pony. Presented by Brigadier J Y Calwell, CBE CVO
- 86** OPEN SHOW PONY: MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 123cms but not exceeding 148cms. Ridden by riders of the correct age for the height of their pony.
- S64** COMMENDATION - At the judge's discretion, a commendation and £25 may be awarded from the John Kirkpatrick legacy to an exhibitor in classes 82 -86, who has demonstrated a noteworthy degree of empathy with his/her mount.
- S65** THE E PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the winner of class 86.

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REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO EQUINE EXHIBITORS

Also see General Rules and Regulations for exhibitors on our website.

Procedures for movement of equine animals are listed in the Show Guidance for exhibitors. A copy can be downloaded from the DAERA website.

E1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Equines may only be entered in one section, either horse or pony.

The owners details of horses and ponies entered must be submitted on the entry form and these details should match the ownership on the passport.

The ages of all horses competing to be calculated from 1st January. Yearlings must provide date of birth on entry form.

Passport numbers must be supplied with the entry, otherwise entry will be null and void.

Passports must accompany all horses and be available for inspection. Horses without passports **will not** be permitted into the showgrounds.

E2. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

In order to establish that riders of horses and ponies are of the correct age for the class entered, it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the passport or birth certificate of the rider is available for inspection by the stewards if requested. Riders to be correct age for the height of the pony.

Ponies are only allowed to be ridden on the Show Grounds by riders of the appropriate age, in accordance with the class specification for which it is entered.

E3. NUMBERS

Back numbers, corresponding with the catalogue number of the animal will be provided, and **must be worn by the grooms or riders**, at all times, or in the case of harness horses, on the back of the carriages. Bridle numbers are also provided, and these must be worn when the exhibits are out of the stables. If these numbers are not clearly displayed, you will not be allowed to enter the warm up area.

E4. DRESS

Each rider and groom must be correctly dressed, and protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards should be worn at all times whilst mounted.

All exhibitors are encouraged to wear recommended protective headgear to BSI standard with chin strap but in the working hunter horse classes and in the ridden and working hunter children's pony classes, exhibitors **must** wear a riding hat complying with the current safety standards at all times whilst mounted. All exhibitors under 18 years in the Private Driving and Light Trade section should wear protective headgear complying with the current safety standards.

All riders should be correctly dressed when walking the course (no denims should be worn).

No earrings, piercings, or visible jewellery should be worn.

E5: HEALTH DECLARATION & VACCINATIONS

Each animal will be examined on arrival at the Showgrounds, by a veterinary surgeon appointed by the Society, before being permitted to occupy its loose box or at any other time during the Show.

Compulsory Vaccination against Equine Influenza – All equine animals wishing to compete at Balmoral Show must be vaccinated against equine influenza – no equine will be admitted to the show ground unless they have the following;

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- A minimum of the Primary course consisting of 2 vaccinations, not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days apart (not within 7 days of the show).
- A booster must then be given 150 - 215 days after the 2nd primary vaccination (not within 7 days of the show).
- An annual booster must be given within 12 months of the previous vaccination (not within 7 days of the show).

All vaccinations must be properly documented in the animal's passport and signed by a veterinary surgeon and stamped with their official practice stamp to authenticate each vaccination.

Please note: Foals should be vaccinated from 5 months.

If there is a current outbreak of Equine Influenza in Ireland, G.B. USA and other European countries – please ensure that all Persons Responsible (Owners/Athletes) keep up to date with FEI, HSI and SJI requirements regarding vaccinations, and biosecurity best hygiene practices, as they may have to be amended should further outbreaks continue. Updates will be found on the appropriate websites. All passports must be up to date, or entry to the Showgrounds will not be allowed.

Control: The influenza virus is easily destroyed outside the body. Cleanliness is required to control it. The greatest risk spread appears to be by nasal discharge and by attendant's hands. Horses may harbor the virus for approx. nine to ten days after coughing ceases.

The virus will survive in wet, humid conditions in horse boxes, stables etc but in dry or warm dry conditions it soon dies.

E6: RANDOM DOPE TESTING

Equines entered at Balmoral Show maybe subject to sampling for illegal substance

Tests will be carried out by the Society's appointed veterinary surgeon and a steward will accompany the veterinary surgeon when tests are being taken.

Should the sample taken prove positive, on analysis, for a prohibited substance, the exhibit will be disqualified.

E7: GROOMS

If any groom is absent from his horse at the time of judging, the horse will be liable to be excluded from competition. Grooms in charge of horses remaining in the Showground overnight must be in attendance at 7am each morning to clean out the stables.

E8: STABLING

A stable is no longer included with your entry and must be booked when completing your entries.

NB: Exhibitors are not permitted to work from their horse boxes/lorries and must book a stable for the required night(s), with the exception of, Clydesdales/Agri Horses, Driving & Hackney Classes and Donkeys.

Stables will include some shavings which have kindly provided by Bluefrog. A limited supply of shavings will be available to purchase from the stable manager.

Equestrian Farms feeds can deliver additional bedding if ordered in advance. It is advisable to use rubber mats in stables due to ground conditions.

No horse may be stabled in a stable other than that allocated to it by Society officials.

Any Horse in isolation will not be allowed out of the isolation box, except by order of one of the stewards or a senior member of staff.

E9: EXERCISING

Ridden horses and led horses will be allowed to exercise in the warmup areas. Exercising in the judging rings or main arena is strictly prohibited.

All arenas and the lunging pen will be closed between **10.30pm & 5am (Tuesday – Saturday)**. All equines must be stabled during these times except in the case of an emergency. Any exhibitor seen violating this rule will have all entries cancelled and/or any prizes/placings already gained made null and void. (Also see rule 44 of the General Rules and Regulations)

Lunging in the Horse Rings practice arena is only permitted on: Tuesday 13th May from 9am – 10.30pm and Wednesday 15th May from 5.am – 12noon. Those wishing to lunge outside of these times must use the lunge pen.

The exercising or examination of horses on the paths or roadways is strictly forbidden.

E10: PARADES

A parade of prizewinning young stock horses will take place in P&O Arena on Wednesday 14 May. The Champion, Reserve Champion and 1st – 3rd prize winners in each class will be required to participate.

A parade of prizewinning horses will take place in the Main Arena on Thursday 15 May. The Champions, Reserve Champions and 1st – 3rd prize winners in the following classes are required to participate; Ridden Hunter, Coloured Horses, Ladies Hunters Astride, Ladies Side Saddle - Balmoral Classic Competition, Riding Horses, Ridden Irish Draught, Performance Irish Draught and Ridden Connemara Ponies.

A parade of prizewinning Heavy horses will take place on Friday 16 May in the P&O Arena. The Champion, reserve champion and 1st – 3rd prize winners in each class are required to participate. Exhibitors will be advised of the collection arrangements for parades at the time of the presentation of class prizes.

If an animal is absent from a parade without good reason, the exhibitor is liable to forfeit the prize or prizes won by the animal.

E11: MEASUREMENTS AND DECLARATIONS OF HORSES

Horses and ponies entered in classes with a height restriction must be in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation, and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

E12: TACK

Exhibitors of ridden ponies are permitted to use double bridles. For other specific tack information please see the appropriate class rules.

E13: SHOETING

For horses and ponies that are shod, only normal shoes that do not cover the frog are permissible. Normal shaped open heeled plastic stick-on shoes are permissible. No bar shoes, pads or gel pads are allowed.

E14: FALL OF RIDER

In the case of a fall of a rider at any time in the competition or practice arenas, the rider must be checked by the paramedic service, prior to any further participation in competition or schooling.

E15: UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Forms of cruel, inhumane, or abusive treatment of horses or ponies, including, but not limited to, the various forms of rapping, are strictly forbidden in all areas of the Showgrounds.

E16: REFUNDS

50% of entry fees will be refunded for all equine classes if cancelled before **Wednesday 26 March 2025**. Withdrawals and refunds are made through the exhibitor's online account and any refund due will be available to claim after the show.

