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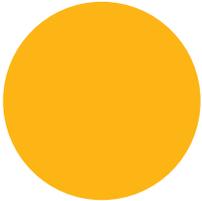
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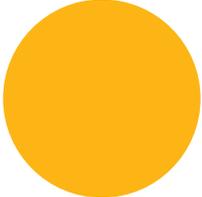
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EQUINE PRIZE SCHEDULE

Entries open – 2nd March 2026 at 10.00 am

Entries close – 25th March 2026 at 5.00 pm

Entries will not be accepted in any circumstances if not received and paid in full on or before the above dates.

Intending exhibitors are requested to read the rules & regulations carefully and not to lodge entries unless they are prepared to comply strictly with these.

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Equine Judges 2026

Horses, Ponies & Donkeys	
Ridden Hunters	Carl Owen Philippa Scott
Ridden Irish Draught	Matt McGivern John Gilliver
Broodmares, Foals & Young Stock	Bridget Millington TBC
Coloured Horses	Faye Ludlow Anne Leaver
Racehorse to Riding Horse	Gavin Cromwell Stuart Crawford
Performance Irish Draught	Matt McGivern John Gilliver Simone Hession
Ridden Hunter Championships	Carl Owen Philippa Scott Bridget Millington TBC
Ladies Hunter – Riding Astride	Faye Ludlow Anne Leaver
Riding Horses	Faye Ludlow Anne Leaver
Ladies Side Saddle – Balmoral Classic	Faith Ponsonby
Balmoral Star of the Future – Performance Horse Championships	Jane Darragh
Working Hunter Horses inc Smalls & Cobs	Andrew Bowie Amy Kinane
Clydesdales, Farm Cart/Agricultural	Martin Fountain
Hackneys, Private Driving & Light Trade Turnouts	Brian Brazier
Ridden Cobs inc Maxi Cobs	Matt McGivern Louise Gaunt
Donkeys	Chris Porter
Connemara Ridden & Working Hunter	Marie-Clare Nimmo Barbara McGrath
Ridden Mountain & Moorland	Louise Gaunt
Working Hunter Ponies	Jo Jack Louise Gaunt
Ridden Ponies	William Moran Brian Teat

Show Programme 2026

(Correct at time of going to print)

Wednesday 13th May 2026		
Main Arena	Horse Ring 1	P&O Ring 2
8am – 9.15am SJ1 – 5 year olds	8.00am – 12.30pm Hunters Classes 1 – 5	8.30am – 1.00pm Broodmares & Championship Foals & Championship Young Stock Classes: Yearlings & Championship Two year olds & Championship
9.30am – 10.45am SJ2 – 6/7 year olds	12.30pm – 1.30pm Ridden Irish Draught 4 year olds	1.15pm – 2.15pm Dressage Display
11.00am – 12.15pm SJ3 – 1.35m	1.30pm – 2.30pm Ridden Irish Draught 5 year olds	2.30pm – 4.30pm Young Stock Continued 3 Year olds & Championship
1.45pm – 3.00pm SJ4 International Speed Stakes	2.30pm – 3.30pm Ridden Irish Draught 6 years & over followed by Championship	4.30pm – 5.00pm Young Stock Championship
4.15pm – 5.45pm SJ5 International Winning Round Classic	3.30pm – 7.00pm Hunters Continued Classes 6 – 8	5.00pm – 5.30pm Young Stock Parade
5.45pm – 7.00pm Racehorse to Riding Horse		5.30pm – 6.30pm Coloured Horses

Please be aware that classes may start up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.

Thursday 14th May 2026		
Main Arena	Horse Ring 1	P&O Ring 2
8.00am – 11.00am Performance Irish Draught	8.00am – 10.30am Ladies Hunter Riding Astride	8.00am – 1.00pm Connemara In hand followed by Connemara Ridden
12.30pm – 1.45pm SJ6 – International Accumulator	10.30am – 12.30pm Riding Horse	1.15pm – 2.15pm Ladies Side Saddle Balmoral Classic
2.30pm – 4.30pm Hunter Championships Inc Smalls followed by Supreme Championship	1.30pm Clifden Qualifier	2.30pm – 4.15pm Cobs Light & Heavy
4.30pm – 5.00pm Horse Parade	2.30pm – 7.00pm Connemara Working Hunter Phase 1 & 2	4.15pm – 5.00pm Maxi Cobs
5.30pm – 7.00pm SJ7 – International Spectacular		5.15pm – 7.00pm Mountain & Moorland

Please be aware that classes may start up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.

Friday 15th May 2026		
Main Arena	Horse Ring 1	P&O Ring 2
8.00am – 10.45am ‘Star of the Future’ Balmoral Performance Horse Championships	8.30am – 9.30am Cob Working Hunter	9.00am – 10.30am Clydesdales Ridden, In Hand, Championship, Young Handler and Parade
11.30am – 12.30pm SJ8 – International Speed Challenge	9.30am – 11.30am Small Horse Working Hunter	11.00am – 1.30pm Hackneys Private Driving and Light Trade
2.15pm – 4.00pm SJ9 – International Grand Prix	1.00pm – 6.00pm Working Hunter Horses	2.00pm – 3.00pm Dressage Display
4.45pm – 5.45pm Agri Vehicle/Heavy Trade Turnout	Class 36 Class 37 Class 38	3.30pm – 7.00pm Donkeys
5.45pm – 7.00pm Pony Club Games		

Please be aware that classes may start up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.

Saturday 16th May 2026		
Main Arena	Horse Ring 1	P&O Ring 2
8.30am – 10.00am SJ10 Amateur Championship	8.30am – 1.30pm Working Hunter Ponies Class 70 Class 71 Class 72 Class 73	8.30am – 9.30am Lead Rein Show Pony & Show Hunter type
10.30am – 12.15pm SJ11 Schools Team Show Jumping	3.00pm – 4.00pm Working Hunter Cradle Stakes	9.30am – 10.30am Lead Rein M&M Type
1.00pm – 2.30pm SJ12 Under 10s Championship	4.00pm – 5.30pm Working Hunter Starter Stakes followed by Championship	10.30am – 11.30am First Ridden Show Pony & Show Hunter Type
4.30pm – 5.00pm Champs of Champs	5.30pm – 6.00pm Mini Supreme Championship	11.45 – 12.45pm First Ridden M&M Type
		12.45pm – 1.00pm Mini Championship
		2.15pm – 5.00pm Ridden Ponies Class 80 Class 81 Class 82 Class 83 followed by Championship
		5.00pm – 6.00pm Open Show Pony followed by Championship

Please be aware that classes may start up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.



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Car Parking & Additional Wristband Fees

	Per Day	4 Days
Brown Car Park (Situated beside stables)		
Car	£25	£75
Car & Trailer	£35	£105
Lorry	£40	£120
Residential Lorry (inc hook up)	N/A	£200
Pink (Residential Lorry Park) Includes Hook Up	N/A	£220
Tack Rooms (limited availability)	N/A	£40
Additional Wristbands	£16	£60
Wristbands purchased on show days	£20	N/A



Prize Money

The number of cash prizes to be awarded provided the Judges find sufficient merit.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Horse classes (except for those listed below)	£110	£90	£80	£70	£60	£50
Hunters	£150	£125	£105	£95	£85	£75
Racehorse to Riding Horse	£320	£250	£185	£135	£110	–
Ponies	£85	£75	£65	£55	£45	£40
Foals	£25	£20	£15	–	–	–
Clydesdales Ridden and Inhand	£75	£60	£40	£30	–	–
Hackneys, Private Driving, Farm Carts, Agri Horses, Light & Heavy Trade	£75	£60	£40	£30	–	–
Donkeys	£60	£50	£45	£40	£30	–
Young Handlers	£20	£15	£10	–	–	–
Champion of Champions	£1000					



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Performance Horse	1st	2nd	3rd	Breeder	Total
Class 31, 5 year old	€1320	€880	€600	€1200	€4000
Class 32, 6 years & over	€1320	€880	€600	€1200	€4000
Performance Irish Draught	1st	2nd	3rd	Breeder	Total
Class 24, 4 & 5 year old	€660	€440	€300	€600	€2000
Class 25, 6 years & over	€660	€440	€300	€600	€2000
Young Stock	Champion	Reserve Champ	Breeder	Total Class	Total Fund
S15 Champion Yearling	€150	€80	€100	€330	€990
S16 Champion 2 year old	€150	€80	€100	€330	
S17 Champion 3 year old	€150	€80	€100	€330	
Clydesdales	1st	2nd	3rd	Breeder	Total
Class 42, Colt or Gelding yearling or 2 year old	€120	€65	€45	€100	€990
Class 43, Yearling Filly	€120	€65	€45	€100	
Class 44, 2 year old Filly	€120	€65	€45	€100	

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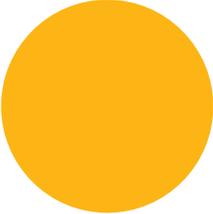
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Challenge Cups, Medals & Special Prizes

All cups and trophies in the possession of the Society are available to be claimed by winners but cannot be collected until after the Council meeting succeeding the Show subject to satisfactory security.

A number of cups and trophies are presented by other Societies. These can be claimed from the appropriate club.

The Society reserves the right to withhold a cup if the Judge does not find sufficient merit.

S372 – Champion of Champions

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1st Prize: – £1000

Judge: To be confirmed

This event takes place on Saturday, 16 May 2026 at 4.30 pm in the Main Arena directly after the cattle parade and will include Champions of each section as listed:

S6 – Supreme Champion Hunter Horse

S18 – Champion Young Stock Horse

S124 – Champion Sheep

S128 – Champion Goat

S166 – Champion Pig

S170 – Champion Bird

S217 – Champion Rabbit

S219 – Champion Cavy

S330 – Champion Beef Breed

S368 – Champion Dairy Breed

General Regulations and Instructions for Livestock & Equine Exhibitors and their Stock Attendants/Grooms/Riders

Exhibitors are requested not to make entries unless they are prepared to comply strictly with these regulations.

1. ENTRIES

- a) Entries made online at www.balmoralshow.co.uk. Society staff are not permitted to complete entries on behalf of an intended exhibitor.
- b) No entry will be accepted unless it has been received on or before the closing date.
- c) To be entitled to make entries at members rates, the exhibitor must have paid their subscription in full for the current year before completing their entry.
- d) All particulars required must be fully stated, otherwise the exhibit is liable to be disqualified and excluded from the Show. The exhibit must be as described on the online entry.
- e) The exhibitor must ensure that the exhibit is correctly named. Any exhibit entered in the wrong class will be excluded from competition and entry fee forfeit. No alteration whatsoever can be made in an entry after the closing date.
- f) In the case of an animal, the name of which has been changed, the exhibitor is required to insert both the present name and the former name on the online entry.
- g) All exhibits must be bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time of entry.
- h) Animals may be entered in all the classes for which they are eligible, and an exhibitor may show any number of exhibits in the same class, unless class restrictions state otherwise.
- i) It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that the animal or exhibitor is eligible for the class entered as no refunds will be made under any circumstance.
- j) The Council reserves the right to reject any entry without assigning any reason. In the event of the Council being unable to accept any entry, notice will be given not later than six days after the final closing of the entries, and the entry fees lodged will be refunded, or in the case of there being insufficient entries in a class, the Council will withdraw the class from competition and return the entry fees.
- k) Each exhibitor or agent must be prepared to verify every statement contained on the online entry in any manner the Council may require.
- l) Where, in the opinion of the Council, there are either insufficient or too many entries in any one class, the Council may, without reference to the exhibitor or agent, amalgamate or divide such class. Amalgamation may be with any other similar or relevant class, with or without an increase of prize money, but where a class is divided similar prize money will be paid in each division.

2. WRISTBANDS

Two 4 day wristbands will be issued for each horse or pony entered. Young Handler class will receive a daily wristband for the day their class is being judged.

Additional exhibitor wristbands, 4 day and daily, can be purchased via the Online Exhibitor Portal.

The wristband system operates as follows: Each exhibitor will receive an e-ticket which must be redeemed at the designated areas upon arrival at the Showgrounds in exchange for a wristband. An exhibitor will not be permitted to exchange e-tickets or collect a wristband on behalf of another individual.

E-tickets are not admission tickets. Removal of or tampering with wristbands will result in them being 'void' and invalid for use.

3. ADJUDICATION

- a) No person shall in any way communicate with a judge engaged in adjudication without the sanction of the steward in attendance. Any exhibitor who enters the space in which adjudication is proceeding may be disqualified from receiving a prize. Judges will equally be requested not to converse with spectators or to apply for any further information regarding exhibits under their adjudication or examination, except in regard to age or lameness in the case of horses.
- b) If the judge considers that any exhibit does not come within the class specification, they are requested to report the case to the stewards of the class.
- c) The judge shall not award a prize for the best exhibit in any class unless there are at least two exhibits. The judge may recommend a prize to be awarded for any exhibit of distinguished merit, although there shall be no competition in the class.
- d) The decision of the judge shall in all cases be final, except where misrepresentation or breach of the rules is discovered.
- e) The judge is instructed to withhold a prize when sufficient merit does not appear.
- f) The judging of any class should not be deemed to be complete until all exhibits have been dismissed by the judge.
- g) Should any judge be unable to fulfil his engagement the Council reserves the right to appoint another in his place, or additional judges if required, and to make any alterations necessary to the success of the Show.
- h) Should a judge encounter an animal or animals which he has bred, owned, or in which he has had an interest, a request may be made to the chief steward of that section to appoint another suitable person to place such animals. If a chief steward is aware or made aware of such a situation, he should notify the judge.

4. OBJECTIONS

- a) Objections to awards requiring reference to the judges must be lodged at the office of the Society on the day such award is made. Any other objection must be made within seven days after the last day of the Show and will be considered at the next meeting of the Council. No objection will be considered by the Council unless accompanied by a fee of £50, which will be refunded if the objection is sustained.
- b) The Council reserves the right to determine all disputed cases, etc., and the decision of the Council shall be final in all respects.

5. PAYMENT OF PRIZES & REFUNDS (where applicable)

- a) Prize money and refunds will only be made payable to the account holder from which the entry was made.

Prize money and refunds will be paid via transfer using the Trolley secure cloud-based payment platform only.

- b) Except where further qualifications of an animal is required, prizes & refunds will be available to claim before the end of August in the current year. Any monies not claimed within one year from the last day of the show shall be forfeited.

6. CUPS & TROPHIES

All cups and trophies in the possession of the Society are available to be claimed by winners but cannot be collected until after the Council meeting succeeding the Show subject to satisfactory security. All such cups and trophies must be returned to the Society's offices at Balmoral Park at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the next Show, in as good a condition as that in which they were received.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY

- a) Exhibitors are to understand that, although every reasonable precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of the animal, and the security of the implements or other items exhibited, the Society will not be responsible for loss or damage of any kind which may occur.
- b) Drinking alcohol is strictly prohibited in all livestock areas while the Show is open to the public.
- c) Any exhibitor attempting to show stock whilst intoxicated will be prohibited from the judging ring.
- d) Stewards reserve the right to remove any animal from the ring.
- e) Livestock exhibitors are reminded that the Show environment can be upsetting for livestock, even those of normally placid temperament. Livestock with unstable or aggressive temperament should not be brought to the Showground.
- f) Fractious animals will be prohibited from judging rings and/or parades.
- g) Smoking is prohibited in all livestock areas.
- h) All electrical equipment being used on the Showground must have a current PAT Test Certificate. All electrical equipment will be checked on arrival and if no PAT Test Certificate is presented the appliance will be tested. Equipment which fails the PAT test will be marked accordingly and must be removed from the premises

8 INSURANCE

It is a condition of entry that exhibitors are required to provide their own insurance against fire, theft and other appropriate risks not only with regards to their own property but also against any third-party claims.

Every exhibitor must have Public Liability Insurance (we recommend a minimum of £5 million cover however independent advice should be sought from your Insurance Broker). Exhibitors must also have Employer Liability Insurance.

Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal or item exhibited by him whether or not due to the negligence of the Society or any of its servants, agents, sub-contractors or other entrants, exhibitors or invitees and for its description as given in the catalogue.

In no case will the Society be responsible for the safe delivery or dispatch of exhibits

Exhibitors shall indemnify the Society against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

9. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

- a) The Society being a charitable institution which organises the Show in order to promote agriculture and its ancillary industries within Northern Ireland requires all entrants and exhibitors as a fundamental condition of entry to undertake and accept that the Society whether or not due to its own negligence or that of its servants, agents, sub-contractors or other entrants, exhibitors or invitees or otherwise shall not be liable in any way for any claim for compensation or otherwise which may arise out of or be connected with the Show including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the holding, abandonment or alteration of the date of the Show, omission of any entry, the rejection or removal of any animal or other exhibit, the removal or exclusion of any owner, groom, rider or attendant from the Show, or the appointment, decision, act or omission of any judge, officer, official, employee or other person connected with the Show, nor shall the Society nor any of its judges, officers, officials, employees or other persons be in any way responsible or accountable for anything that may happen (from any cause or circumstance whatever) to the exhibitors or their attendants, or to any exhibit or property brought into the Showground, or for anything else in connection with, or arising out of, or attributable to the Society's Show.
- b) The most careful arrangements are made for the proper accommodation of all exhibits, but any loss or damage sustained, whether arising from accident, fire, wrong delivery, or from any other cause must be borne by the exhibitors, the exhibits being penned and exhibited at the exhibitors' own risk.

10. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS & THEIR ATTENDANTS

- a) Owners of stock should note that any act of disobedience or discourtesy to the officials of the Show on the part of the owner, stockman/groom, rider/exhibitor or attendant will eliminate the owner's exhibit or exhibits from adjudication and the Council reserves the right to remove such from the Show.
- b) If an attendant infringes the rules, he/she shall be removed immediately from the charge of the exhibit, and an attendant substituted by the stewards, at a cost of £20 per hour to the exhibitor.

11. VETERINARY REGULATIONS & TREATMENT

- a) **Diseased Animals** – Exhibitors should not bring any diseased animal into the Show premises, and if under any circumstances this regulation be violated, the exhibitor of the diseased animal will be solely responsible for any claims that may arise for damage or loss to other exhibitors or any other persons, and the Council holds itself free from liability in such cases. Should any animal manifest symptoms of disease during the Show, it must be removed immediately from the premises, on an order to that effect by a senior member of the staff or by a veterinary surgeon appointed by the Society.
- b) **Ringworm** – Exhibitors are advised that animals suffering from ringworm or mange must not be brought to the Society's Showground. Following an inspection by a veterinary surgeon, appointed by the Society, any animals so affected will require to be removed from the premises immediately.
- c) **Veterinary Treatment** – The Society appoints a panel of veterinary surgeons to be on duty during the hours of the Show. Their role is to deal with requests from judges, stewards and other Society officials and to attend to emergencies that may arise. It is a condition of entry that these veterinary surgeons may, on their own authority, give to any animal such emergency treatment as they may consider appropriate in the event that the owner or his representative cannot immediately be found. Exhibitors will be required to pay any such veterinary surgeon for the full cost of treatment administered whether in an emergency as above or if such treatment is requested by the exhibitor. If an animal is under medication the exhibitor must declare this to the Society in advance of the Show.
- d) **Blood Sampling** – The Society condemns the use of prohibited or unlicensed drugs in livestock or bloodstock production and reserves the right to take whatever samples it considers necessary for analysis. Should, subsequently, traces of any prohibited or unlicensed drug be found, penalties will be applied in line with regulation 13 contained in the regulations and instructions to exhibitors.

12. PLACARDS OR ADVERTISING MATERIAL

Placards or advertising material will be permitted to be placed over animal stalls, or pens but only in reference to animals exhibited and herd represented, and awards achieved at Balmoral Show in 2026. It is not permitted to display rosettes/awards won at previous Shows.

13. PENALTIES

In case it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Council that the owner of an animal exhibited, or any person in his employment, or under his control, has been guilty of any violation of the regulations and instructions, has made a false statement in the certificate of entry, or substituted another animal for that described on the entry form; has placed an animal in a stable or stall, by day or night, other than that to which he is entitled, or has been guilty of any practice calculated to deceive or mislead, or to secure an unfair advantage (including the use of prohibited or unlicensed drugs), such exhibitor shall forfeit all prizes, cups, etc., awarded to him at the Show, together with all fees paid by him, and his animal or animals shall be liable to be removed forthwith from the Showgrounds, and such owner shall be liable to be prevented from competing at this or any further Show of the Society.

The Society reserves to itself the power to reject or remove any animal or other exhibit from the Show.

14. POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION

The Society reserves the right to postpone or abandon the Show but will not be responsible for loss incurred by any intending Exhibitor resulting from such postponement or abandonment.

Cancellation of the Show or any Section – If the Show is cancelled by the Society as a result of any circumstances outside of the Society's control, the Society will refund in full all entry fees, stalling or stabling fees, caravan site bookings, parking ticket costs and any pre-bought extra tickets. Exhibitors should note that there will be no refund of any Society Membership fees.

15. STEWARDS

No one shall act as steward in a ring during a class in which he/she is an exhibitor under adjudication

The Council delegates full power to the stewards to enforce all the regulations.

15. DOGS

No dogs are permitted anywhere in the showgrounds including car parks.

16. DATA PROTECTION

The most up-to-date Privacy Policy is available at <https://balmoralshow.co.uk/privacy>

Regulations Specific to Equine Exhibitors

See also General Rules and Regulations for exhibitors.

All exhibitors must ensure they are familiar with the procedures for the movement of equine animals, as detailed on the DAERA website under Show Guidance for exhibitors.

E1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- a) Equines may only be entered in one section, either horse, pony or donkey.
- b) All equines must be entered under the owner's name as listed in their passport.
- c) The ages of all equines competing to be calculated from 1st January. Yearlings must provide date of birth on entry form.
- d) Passport numbers must be supplied with the entry, otherwise entry will be null and void.
- e) Passports must accompany all equines and be available for inspection. Equines without passports will not be permitted entry to the showgrounds.
- f) No exhibitor may enter and show a horse, pony or donkey under a Judge whom they know or should have known to have: bred, sold, produced, or received financial gain from that horse. (Stud fees and keep for mares at stud are exempt from financial gain.) Or, any owner or their immediate family taking advice on:

the purchase, schooling, exhibiting, or having at livery any horse from someone during the current or previous year.

Please note should the above conflict of interest arise it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to withdraw from the class.

E2. ARRIVAL TIMES & DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS

- a) Upon arrival equines will be subject to inspection by the RUAS veterinary team. Passports with up-to-date vaccinations and height certificates (where applicable) must be available for inspection.
- b) Any animal without a passport or up-to-date vaccinations will be refused entry.
- c) Exhibitors must arrive within the hours listed below. Arrival outside these times will result in refusal of entry.

Tuesday 12 May	9.00am–9.00pm
Wednesday 13–Friday 15 May	6.00am–8.00am 6.00pm–9.30pm
Saturday 16 May	6.00am–8.00am

- d) Provided exhibitors are not required to participate in any of the parades they may leave once their class has finished, however if an animal leaves the show grounds they will not be admitted again unless they are presented at the vetting area within the allocated times.

E3. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

- a) 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.
- b) 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.

E4. 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 on the bridle or head collar 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.

E5. 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.

E6: HEALTH DECLARATION & VACCINATIONS

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 bio-security 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 may be subject to sampling for illegal substances.

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) Stabling is not included within your entry fee and **must** be booked separately through the Online Exhibitor Portal. Stables booked before close of entries are charged at £35 per night and stables booked after entries close will be charged at £50 per night. Exhibitors in classes 1–38 and 60–84, are not permitted to work from their horse box or lorries and **must** book at stable.

Please note that stables booked will not be refunded after entries close.

All stables must be vacated by 5.30pm (providing your class has finished). Stables that are not vacated will be charged an additional night.

When booking your stable, please select the day your class is on. This allows you to arrive either the evening before your class (from 6:00pm to 9:30pm) or on the morning of your class (from 6:00am to 8:00am). If booking a Wednesday stable, arrival is available between 9.00am & 9.00pm on Tuesday.

No equine may stable in a stable other than that allocated to it by Society officials. **STABLE SWAPPING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Any owner/exhibitor found in breach of this rule will be removed from the showgrounds with immediate effect and forfeit any entry fees paid, and prize money won.

- b) Stables will include some shavings which have been 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.

- c) 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: PARKING

Limited parking is available on-site and must be pre-booked via the online portal. Parking is available for cars, horse boxes, and lorries, with daily or weekly passes available.

Daily passes allow access to the car park from 6.00pm on the evening prior to the booked day and weekly passes allow access from 9.00am on Tuesday of Show week.

Exhibitors may stay on-site if they have purchased a **weekly residential parking pass** in either the **Pink Residential Lorry Park** or the **Brown Residential Area**. These passes must be pre-purchased, are limited in number, and **only one residential pass is permitted per exhibitor**.

E10: EXERCISING

Ridden horses and led horses will be allowed to exercise in the warm up areas providing they have their catalogue number visible. Exercising in the judging rings or main arena is strictly prohibited.

All arenas and the lunging pen will be closed between **10.30pm & 5.00am (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 10 of the General Rules and Regulations)

Lunging in the Horse Rings practice arena is only permitted on: Tuesday 12th May from 9.00am–10.30pm and Wednesday 13th May from 5.00am–12 noon. 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.

E11: PARADES

A parade of prizewinning young stock horses will take place in P&O Arena on Wednesday 13 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 14 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.

E12: HEIGHT CERTIFICATES

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.

E13: TACK

For other specific tack information please see the appropriate class rules.

E14: SHOEING

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.

E15: 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.

E16: 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.

E17: REFUNDS

50% of entry fees will be refunded for all equine classes if cancelled before **5.00pm on Wednesday 25 March 2026**. Withdrawals and refunds are made through the exhibitor's online account and any refund due will be available to claim after the show. No refunds will be issued after this date.

HORSE SPORT IRELAND AND DAFM ADDITIONAL PRIZE FUND RULES:

To be eligible for the additional prize money supplied by the Breeding Grant Initiative, funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine under National Breeding Services, and delivered by Horse Sport Ireland, exhibitors must meet the following criteria:

- All horses entering classes/in receipt of funds must be studbook registered with a specific breed documented within their studbook passport.
- Horses must be registered in the correct ownership, with the PIO, to be in receipt of prize funds.
- All entrants must ensure all information provided is accurate and up to date.
- Breeder's prizes will only be paid to breeders residing on the Island of Ireland.
- Prize winners must submit full payment details via the QR code on the winner's letter within 7 days of the competition or they will not receive prize money.
- Equine welfare is paramount for all activities including equines; equines should not have their whiskers trimmed or be inappropriately produced for or handled during any of the events. Shows must indicate the welfare/inspection and other relevant provisions they have in place.
- Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to amend and update these terms and conditions at any time.
- HSI are not responsible for prize moneys due to ineligibility.

HUNTERS

SPONSORED BY CREIGHTONS



Wednesday Horse Ring 1

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £104, Non Member £114.50

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.

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 Traditional Irish Horse Association will provide a rosette to the highest placed 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.

- 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.**

HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP

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Thursday Main Arena

The Hunter Championships will take place in the Main Arena on Thursday 14th May. First and second place winners from Classes 1–8 will qualify to compete. Champions and Reserve Champions from Sections S2–S4 will go forward to the Supreme Championship. The Supreme Champion will then be eligible to compete in Balmoral Show Champion of Champions, which will be held on Saturday 16th May in the Main Arena.

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

- S1 CHAMPION PRIZES SMALLS, £100 and £50** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Small Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S2 CHAMPION PRIZES HEAVYWEIGHT, £100 and £50** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Heavyweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S3 CHAMPION PRIZES MIDDLEWEIGHT, £100 and £50** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Middleweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S4 CHAMPION PRIZES LIGHTWEIGHT, £100 and £50** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Lightweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S5 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.
- S6 SUPREME 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]
- S7 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.
- 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.

RIDDEN IRISH DRAUGHT

SPONSORED BY APT & CONNECT TECH SERVICES

Wednesday Horse Ring 1

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104



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.

These classes are a qualifier for the £2,000 Ridden Challenge jointly sponsored by the IDHS (GB) and Yorkshire Irish Draught & Hunter Show.

The winning Pure Bred Irish Draught (not already qualified) from classes 9, 10 & 11 will qualify for the final.

The Finals of all IDHS (GB) qualifiers will be held at the IDHS (GB) National Championship Show on 5th & 6th September 2026 at Pickering Grange Equestrian, Pickering Grange Farm, Ellistown, Terrance Road, Coalville, LE67 1EZ.

All owners of qualified horses will be contacted by a member of the IDHS (GB) Show Affiliation Team

Horses can only qualify for a specific Final once, regardless of the type or number of classes won, placed in, or entered

In the final, the Champion will be awarded £1,000 prize money, the Reserve Champion will be awarded £500 and 3rd to 7th inclusive will be awarded £100 each.

In addition, the highest placed Pure Bred Irish Draught will receive £100, and the highest placed Irish Draught Part Bred will receive £50.

Please note: Horses that qualify will need to have their passports over stamped by the IDHS (GB) before attending the final.

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

- 9 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonized Irish Draught studbooks**
- 10 MARE or GELDING, 5 years old, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonized Irish Draught studbooks.**
- 11 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. Presented by APT & Connect Tech Services.
- S10 The Tully Trophy** – for the Champion Ridden Irish Draught. Presented by Nigel & Charlotte Moore

BROOD MARES & FOALS

SPONSORED BY BLUEGRASS HORSE FEED

Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104

Open to Mares demonstrating potential to produce high quality progeny.

Mares can only enter in 1 class.

If entries allow, classes will be split into heavy and light.

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.

Foal classes will be split into colt and filly if there are sufficient entries.

All foals **must** be led.

- 12 BROOD MARE, likely to produce a high-class performer, with own foal at foot, or certified in foal.**
- 13 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 in foal or with foal at foot.**
- S11 CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Brood Mare Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed (1st & 2nd place mares in class 12 & 13 are eligible).
- 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 IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY PERPETUAL SILVER CUP** – for the best registered Irish Draught Brood Mare. Presented by the Irish Draught Society [NI].
- 14 Colt or Filly foal. Progeny of mare in Class 12 & 13. [no entry fee]. Pure bred Irish Draught foals are not eligible**
- 15 Pure bred colt or filly progeny of mare in class 13. [no entry fee].**
- 14A CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Foal Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed (1st & 2nd in classes 14 & 15 eligible to compete)



YEARLINGS

SPONSORED BY BLUEGRASS HORSE FEED

Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94 Non Member £104



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

The Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling, Two Year old and Three Year Old will go forward to compete in the Young Stock Championship.

Exhibitor-bred animals may compete for the Sir Milne Barbour Cup, provided they declare at time of entry that they are exhibitor bred and have been continuously owned by the exhibitor up to the day of judging. Entries must be made in the breeder's name

- 16 COLT or GELDING, foaled in 2025, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred, entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**
- 17 FILLY, foaled in 2025, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**

S15 CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE – for the best yearling. Presented by the Bluegrass Horse Feed.

TWO YEAR OLDS

SPONSORED BY BLUEGRASS HORSE FEED

Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94 Non Member £104



The Traditional Irish Horse Association will provide a rosette for the highest place Traditional Irish Horse filly in class 19. 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 2026**.

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

The Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling, Two Year old and Three Year Old will go forward to compete in the Young Stock Championship.

Exhibitor-bred animals may compete for the Sir Milne Barbour Cup, provided they declare at time of entry that they are exhibitor bred and have been continuously owned by the exhibitor up to the day of judging. Entries must be made in the breeder's name.

- 18 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 two year old. Presented Bluegrass Horse Feed.

THREE YEAR OLDS

SPONSORED BY BLUEGRASS HORSE FEED

Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non Member £104



The Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling, Two Year old and Three Year Old will go forward to compete in the Young Stock Championship.

Exhibitor-bred animals may compete for the Sir Milne Barbour Cup, provided they declare at time of entry that they are exhibitor bred and have been continuously owned by the exhibitor up to the day of judging. Entries must be made in the breeder's name

- 20 GELDING, [lightweight], foaled in 2023, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**
- 21 GELDING, [middleweight to heavyweight], foaled in 2023, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**
- 22 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 three year old. Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed.

S15 – S17 additional prize money is funded by the Breeding Grant Initiative under National Breeding Services with thanks to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and delivered by Horse Sport Ireland. See page 15 for more details.

YOUNG STOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

- S18 CHAMPION PRIZES, £300 and £150** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion young stock animals. Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed. Champions & Reserves from S15–S17 are eligible to compete.
- S19 THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** – for the best one, two or three year old. Presented by Miss A D P McCammon, Hollywood, in memory of all ranks of the Regiment who fell in the 1939–45 War.
- S20 CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE** – for the best one, two or three year old filly. Presented by Bluegrass Horse Feed.
- S21 THE SIR MILNE BARBOUR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** – for the best animal, bred by exhibitor and continuously owned by the exhibitor up to the day of judging, in Classes 16–22. Presented by the Society.

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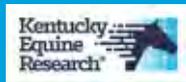
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Wednesday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104

Horses entered in Class 23 **cannot compete in other Showing or Pony classes**, with the exception of the Horse Working Hunter, 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.

23 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

SPONSORED BY PEGUS HORSE FEED



Thursday Main Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104

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/2026-qualifiers>

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

Only the horse/rider combinations that qualify will be allowed to compete at Balmoral Show.

A maximum of three pre-qualified stallions will be allowed to compete in each class. The first three stallions to qualify will be eligible. Riders/Handlers must wear a green sash whilst riding/leading the stallion through the show grounds. These are available from the Equine Office at arrivals area.

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

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

These classes are a qualifier for the £2,000 Ridden Challenge jointly sponsored by the IDHS (GB) and Yorkshire Irish Draught & Hunter Show.

The winning Pure Bred Irish Draught (not already qualified) from classes 24 & 25 will qualify for the final.

The Finals of all IDHS (GB) qualifiers will be held at the IDHS (GB) National Championship Show on 5th & 6th September 2026 at Pickering Grange Equestrian, Pickering Grange Farm, Ellistown, Terrance Road, Coalville, LE67 1EZ.

All owners of qualified horses will be contacted by a member of the IDHS (GB) Show Affiliation Team

Horses can only qualify for a specific Final once, regardless of the type or number of classes won, placed in, or entered

In the final, the Champion will be awarded £1,000 prize money, the Reserve Champion will be awarded £500 and 3rd to 7th inclusive will be awarded £100 each.

In addition, the highest placed Pure Bred Irish Draught will receive £100, and the highest placed Irish Draught Part Bred will receive £50.

Please note: Horses that qualify will need to have their passports over stamped by the IDHS (GB) before attending the final.

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.

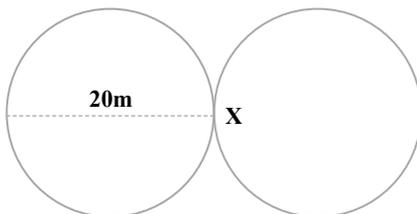
Dress & Tack

- 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

Flatwork 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 20 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 × 0.5	

Jumping Phase

4 and 5 Year olds – max height 85cm

6 Year old and over – max height 1m

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
- Error 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 at the conclusion of judging, the horse the horse with the highest mark for the jumping phase shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, the horse with the highest conformation mark will be the winner. If this still does not produce a winner the Judges' decision will be final.

Course Designer

Adrienne Stuart

These classes are funded by the Breeding Grant Initiative under National Breeding Services with thanks to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and delivered by Horse Sport Ireland. See page 15 for more details.

- 24 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 or STALLION classified as Class 1 and Class 2**
- 25 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 or STALLION classified as Class 1 and Class 2.**
- S22 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Performance Irish Draught. Presented by Pegus Horse Feed.
- S23 THE WINDMILL STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** – for the Champion Performance Irish Draught. Presented by Eugene and Fiona Carson of Ardboe Cold Store.

LADIES HUNTERS – RIDING ASTRIDE



SPONSORED BY TOPSPEC

Thursday Horse Ring 1

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104

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.

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

- 26 MARE or GELDING, 4 and 5 years old, over 148cms, to be ridden by ladies in hunting costume riding astride.**
- 27 MARE or GELDING, 6 years old and over, over 148cms, to be ridden by ladies in hunting costume riding astride.**
- S24 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ladies' Hunter (riding astride). Presented by TopSpec.
- S25 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

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104

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 in the Ridden Hunter Classes.

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

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

- 28 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.**
- 29 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, over 158cms. Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.**
- S26 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Riding Horse. Presented by Event Technical Services.**



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LADIES SIDE SADDLE – BALMORAL CLASSIC

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Thursday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non Member £104

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.

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

30 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.

S27 VERONICA TROPHY – for the highest placed SSA Area 21 (Northern Ireland) member who has participated in two SSA events in the current year.



BALMORAL STAR OF THE FUTURE PERFORMANCE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS



SPONSORED BY HORSE FINDER

Friday Main Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £99, Non Member £110

Entries in the Performance Horse Championships are for pre-qualified combinations only.

See our website for details on qualifier dates and venues

<https://balmoralshow.co.uk/competitions/equine/2026-qualifiers>

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

Only the horse/rider combinations that qualify will be allowed to compete at Balmoral Show.

Aim

To identify high-class horses bred in Ireland with the potential to become top-class performance horses, to provide a platform for breeders, producers and trainers to showcase quality young stock, and to encourage the production and presentation of the correct type of horse most likely to succeed in top-level performance sport.

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 refusal	4 Penalties
Second refusal	8 Penalties
Third refusal	Elimination
Knock down of obstacle	4 Penalties
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Error of course	Elimination

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

These classes are funded by the Breeding Grant Initiative under National Breeding Services with thanks to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and delivered by Horse Sport Ireland.

See page 15 for more details.

31 5 year old Performance Horse

32 6 & 7 year old Performance Horse

S28 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Performance Horse. Presented by Horse Finder.

RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE

SPONSORED BY DOWNPATRICK RACECOURSE

Wednesday Main Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £110, Non Member £115



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. All horses entered must have raced in Ireland or GB with a minimum of three racing starts either on the racetrack or point to point

Please note that 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 Horse Racing Ireland.

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.

33 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

Friday Horse Ring 1

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104

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.

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

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.

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 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.

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



SMALL HORSE WORKING HUNTER

**SPONSORED BY THE LOWRY & BOYD FAMILIES
IN MEMORY OF THE LATE GEORGE BOYD**

Friday Ring 1

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104

The Traditional Irish Horse Association will provide a rosette for the highest place 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.

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 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.

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

S29 GEORGE BOYD MEMORIAL TROPHY, Presented by the Boyd & Lowry family in memory of the late George Boyd to the winner of class 35.

WORKING HUNTERS

Friday Horse Ring 1

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non Member £104

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 placed Traditional Irish Horse in classes 36–38. 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.

- 36 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1m.**
- 37 MARE or GELDING, 5 or 6 years old, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1.05m.**
- 38 MARE or GELDING, 7 years old and over, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1.15m.**
- S30 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter. Presented by the Society.
- S31 ROYAL ULSTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** – for the Champion Working Hunter. Presented by Nicola Dunseith in memory of Jack Flash.

CLYDESDALES

SPONSORED BY ULSTER BANK

Friday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £37.50, Non-Member £43

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.

39 RIDDEN CLYDESDALE PURE BRED MARE or GELDING, 3 years old and upwards.

40 YELD MARE, 3 years old and upwards

41 GELDING, 3 years old and upwards

42 COLT or GELDING, yearling or two year old

43 FILLY, Yearling

44 FILLY, two year old

S32 CHAMPION PRIZE, £50 for the Champion Clydesdale. Presented by Ulster Bank.

S33 THE DOUGLAS D MURRAY PERPETUAL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP – for the best Clydesdale. Presented by the Clydesdale Horse Society.

S34 SPECIAL PRIZE, £25 – for the best Clydesdale of opposite sex to the champion. Presented by Ulster Bank.

S35 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.

S36 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.

Class 42 – 43 additional prize money is funded by the Breeding Grant Initiative under National Breeding Services with thanks to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and delivered by Horse Sport Ireland. See page 15 for more details.



CLYDESDALE YOUNG HANDLERS

Friday P&O Arena

Entry Fee: £6

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 2026

Points will be awarded to Young Handlers at CLHBS Clydesdale Foal Show 2025, then in 2026

– 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 2026.

Only Horses entered in classes 39–44 are eligible to compete in class 45.

(Stallions are not allowed)

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

S37 ENGRAVED MEDAL – for the best handler aged 12 to 16 on the day of the show who has not already qualified in 2026. 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



Ulster Bank

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Friday Main Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £37.50, Non-Member £43

Entries in Classes 46A, 46B, and 46C will be exhibited together in the ring but judged separately. The vehicle, harness, and other apparatus will be taken into consideration by the judge. First-place winners in each of these classes will be eligible to compete in Championship S38.

46A TWO OR MORE HORSES, IN TWIN AXLE FARM WAGON OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

46B OPEN SINGLE DRIVEN HEAVY HORSE IN STUD CART OR LADIES CART

46C SINGLE OR PAIR, IN SINGLE AXLE FARM CART OR FARM WAGON

S38 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Agricultural Horse Turnout. Presented by the Ulster Bank.

1st Place in classes 46A, 46B & 46C eligible to compete for S38.

S38A THE UNITED DISTILLERIES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – for the winner of S38. Presented by United Distillers Ltd, won outright by John McWatters Ltd, and re-presented by them.

HACKNEYS

Friday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £37.50, Non-Member £43

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.

Horses or ponies entered in these classes may not be entered in classes 49 or 50.

47 PONY, single harness, open

48 HORSE, single harness, open

S39 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Hackney exhibits. Presented by the Society

S40 THE CARPLANT TROPHY – for the best Hackney exhibit. Presented by Carplant Limited

S41 JOHN O'KANE MEMORIAL CUP – for the Champion Hackney exhibit. Presented by Aoife, Peter Zara and Emma Hagan.

PRIVATE DRIVING

Friday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £37.50, Non-Member £43

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.

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

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

S42 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

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £37.50, Non-Member £43

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

S43 USPCA PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – for the best Light Trade Turnout. Presented by the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

COBS

Thursday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £94, Non-Member £104

The Champion & Reserve Ridden Cob (S44) 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.

Entries are limited to the first 20 received in each class.

- 52 COB, MARE or GELDING, [lightweight], 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms, but not exceeding 155cms, capable of carrying up to 14st [89kg].**
- 53 COB, MARE or GELDING, [heavyweight], 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms, but not exceeding 155cms, capable of carrying over 14st [89kg].**
- S44 CHAMPION PRIZES £50 and £25** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Cob from classes 52 & 53 Presented by the Society.
- 54 MAXI COB, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, exceeding 155cms, to be judged as Cobs.**

DONKEYS

Friday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £31.50, Non Member £41.50

Please make sure you are aware of the arrival times and compulsory vaccinations, this information can be found in the rules and regulations.

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

The Donkey section is affiliated with the Donkey Breed Society and will be run under their rules. Exhibitors should familiarise themselves with these rules before entering.

Full details are available on the DBS website.

<https://www.donkeybreedsociety.co.uk/about-donkeys/activities/showing/>

Stallions and entire colts must be properly dressed in bridle and bit with the leading rein correctly attached to the bit. No person under the age of 18 may handle an entire donkey (foals excepted). No entire male donkey is allowed to compete in any children's classes.

Junior competitors must wear approved hard hats conforming to the current British Standard in all in hand classes.

DBS members must carry their DBS membership cards at all times when showing for production on request in order to receive DBS rosettes.

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

55 BEST TURN OUT and CONDITION, open to all ages and categories.

56 STALLION or GELDING, four years old or over

57 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.

58 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.

When displaying, turnouts must be safe for the donkey, exhibitor and the general public to observe. Any turnouts that are attached to an animal and are being handled by an exhibitor under the age of 18 years, must be accompanied by an adult at the head of the animal.



DONKEY YOUNG HANDLERS

SPONSORED BY LOWE RENTAL

Friday P&O Arena

Entry Fee: £6

**Only Donkeys entered in classes 55–58 are eligible to compete in class 59.
(Stallions are not permitted)**

To be judged on the ability of the Young Handler and not on the conformation of the donkey.

A Young Handler must have attained their 7th but not their 16th birthday on the day of the show.

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.

Junior competitors must wear approved hard hats conforming to the current British Standard in all in hand classes.

59 YOUNG HANDLERS – for competitors who have attained their 7th but not their 16th birthday on the day of the show.

CONNEMARA PONIES – IN HAND



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Entry Fees: RUAS Member £83.50, Non Member £94

Entries in these classes are limited to 15.

- 60 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE, 4 years and over with or without foal**
- 61 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, FILLY or GELDING, two and three year old**
- S45 THE HENDERSON AND GRAHAM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** – for the winner of class 60. Presented by the Henderson and Graham family.
- S46 CASHEL BAY STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** – for the winner of class 61. Presented by Robbie & Barbara Fallon.

CONNEMARA PONIES – RIDDEN



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Entries in these classes are for pre-qualified combinations only.

For details on qualifying dates and venues see

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Narrow Water Stud & Equestrian Centre will present rugs to the winner of classes 62 & 64.

Mrs Mandy Boyle will present a rug to the winner of class 63.

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

- 62 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.**
- 63 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.**
- 64 REGISTERED RIDDEN CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 6 years old and over suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 10th birthday on the 1st January in the current year.**
- S47 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Connemara. Presented by Mrs Mandy Boyle.
- S48 ROBSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** – for the winner of class 62.
- S49 CASHEL BAY STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** – for the winner of class 63. Presented by Robbie & Barbara Fallon.
- S50 R.J. MONTEITH PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** – for the winner of class 64. Presented by Marina and James Wray.

CLIFDEN HIGH PERFORMANCE QUALIFIER

Thursday Horse Ring 1

Entry Fees £25

The Clifden High Performance final will be held at The Connemara Pony Festival Clifden from Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st August

For more details on the class specification and criteria please see
The Connemara Pony Festival – Clifden website <https://connemaraponyshow.ie/>

65 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, STALLION, MARE or GELDING

CONNEMARA PONIES – WORKING HUNTER



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Entry Fees: RUAS Member £83.50, Non Member £94

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/2026-qualifiers>

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

Ponies may only be entered in one class.

Derryrone Stud will supply rugs for the winners in classes 66 & 67

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 :

Phase 1

Jumping	40 marks
Style and way of going	10 marks

Phase 2

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

- 66 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.**
- 67 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.**
- S51 NI CONNEMARA PONY ASSOCIATION PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** – for the Champion Connemara Pony in classes 66 & 67. Presented by the NI Connemara Pony Association.

RIDDEN MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND

Sponsored by Amy Sloan-Thomas

Thursday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £83.50, Non Member £94

Entries will be limited to the first 15 received in each class. If insufficient entries are 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.

Ponies entered in class 68 must have 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.

- 68 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 78–81.**
- 69 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.**
- S52 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Mountain and Moorland pony. Presented by Amy Sloan-Thomas.**

WORKING HUNTER PONIES

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Saturday Horse Ring 1

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £83.50, Non-Member £94

Entries will be limited to the first 15 received in classes 70, 74 & 75.

Entries will be limited to the first 25 received in classes 71–73.

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

Ponies entered in **class 70** cannot compete in any class in the horse section.

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

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 70 (158cm) not to exceed 1.10m
- Class 71 (153cms) not to exceed 1.05m
- Class 72 (143cms) not to exceed 1m
- Class 73 (133cms) not to exceed 90cms
- Class 74 (Cradle stakes) not to exceed 60cms
- Class 75 (Starter stakes) not to exceed 75cms

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 :

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

- 70 WORKING HUNTER 158cm [INTERMEDIATE]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 158cms. Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies entered in this class cannot compete in any horse classes.**
- 71 WORKING HUNTER 153cm [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.**
- 72 WORKING HUNTER 143cm [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.**
- 73 WORKING HUNTER 133cm [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 74 & 75.**
- S53 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter pony in classes 70–73. Presented by Presented by Carr & Day & Martin.**
- 74 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 & 75**

- 75 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 73 & 74.**
- S54 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Starter Stakes pony in classes 74 & 75. Presented by Carr & Day & Martin.
- S55 ULSTER PONY SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** – for the Champion Mini Working Hunter Pony. Presented by the Ulster Pony Society.
- S56 SUPREME MINI CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £75** – for the Supreme Champion and Supreme Reserve Champion from classes S54 & S57 are eligible to compete.

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MINI RIDDEN PONIES

Saturday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £83.50, Non Member £94

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.

- 76 LEAD REIN – 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 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.**
- 77 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.**
- 78 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.**
- 79 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.**
- S57 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 – for the Champion and Reserve Champion in the Lead Rein and First Ridden Classes. Presented by the Society.**
1st and 2nd prizewinners in classes 76–79 are eligible to compete

RIDDEN PONIES

Saturday P&O Arena

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £83.50, Non Member £94

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.

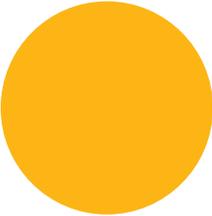
Entries will be limited to the first 20 received.

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

- 80 OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY 123cm, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. Riders to have attained their 5th birthday but not their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.**
- 81 OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY 133cm, 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.**
- 82 OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY 143cm, 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.**
- 83 OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY 153cm, 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.**
- S58 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25** – for the Champion and Reserve Champion Show Hunter Pony. Presented by the Society.
1st and 2nd prizewinners in classes 80–83 are eligible to compete.
- S59 THE CALWELL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** – for the Champion Show Hunter Pony. Presented by Brigadier J Y Calwell, CBE CVO
- 84 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.**
- S60 THE E PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** – for the winner of class 84.
- S61 COMMENDATION** – At the judge's discretion, a commendation and £25 may be awarded from the John Kirkpatrick legacy to an exhibitor in classes 80–83, who has demonstrated a noteworthy degree of empathy with his/her mount.

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