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A. RULES FOR SHOWING

All NPS competitions must be run under the NPS Rules defined in this Rules Book.

At shows where the schedule states that a class is ‘To be judged under the rules of the NPS’ it means the class will be judged according to the rules in this Rules Book.

The General Rules in sections A, B and C apply to all classes run under NPS Rules as well as all qualifying rounds and finals of the NPS competitions defined in sections D – P of the Rules Book.

No Member shall behave in an offensive, abusive or unpleasant manner to any person or any pony at any show, event, venue or workplace associated with the NPS, whether in person, over the telephone or in writing.

Application for membership of the NPS, and acceptance thereof, shall be deemed to constitute an agreement on the part of the member to abide by:

- The charitable objects of the NPS
- NPS general rules and procedures
- NPS complaints and disciplinary procedures

Any member, who acts to the detriment of NPS, brings the Society into disrepute or breaches NPS Rules, regulations or procedures shall be subject to the NPS Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures defined in section C.

1. Rules relating to NPS Membership

1.1 General principles:

- a) For NPS competitions and qualifying rounds run under NPS Rules it is the membership status of the owner of the pony that is important.
- b) The owner can not be a Junior member because the NPS is concerned that people under 18 years may not have the resources to take sole responsibility for the health and welfare of a pony.
- c) Where a pony is in the joint ownership of two or more adults, they must all have the NPS membership required for the competition that is being entered.
- d) NPS membership runs on an annual basis from January to December.
- e) The NPS does not require an annual showing fee per pony and ponies do not have to be added to an annual showing register. However, ponies must hold equine passports and for most NPS competitions they need to be registered in one of the following stud books as appropriate to the classes in which they are entered:
 - the Pure Bred section of an M&M Breed Society Stud Book
 - the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix
 - the General Stud Book
 - the Arab Horse Society Stud Book
 - the Anglo Arab Stud Book
- f) Membership will be suspended immediately if
 - Cheques made payable to the NPS, an NPS Area or an NPS Affiliated show are not honoured by the bank
 - If there is any money owing to the NPS, an NPS Area or an NPS Affiliated show
 - If any trophies belonging to the NPS or an NPS Area are not returned by the requested date.A surcharge of £10 will be charged if replacement cheques have to be processed.

1.2 Membership Categories:

Full membership is required for all finals and some qualifying rounds. Life members have Full membership. Some particular situations where Full membership is required are highlighted in the following sections.

1.3 Proof of membership:

- a) The rider or handler of the pony must carry the owner's NPS membership card when entering the ring and at all times whilst in the ring and must show it when requested by the steward or judge. Non-member status will be assumed if this condition is not met.
- b) Owners are advised to request additional membership cards if they are likely to have more than one pony in the ring at one time. There is no extra charge for two membership cards; after that each additional card costs £1.50.

1.4 Riders:

Riders do not need to be members of the NPS except when riding at the final of the M&M Working Hunter Pony Championship (RIHS) at Hickstead. Both junior and adult riders must be members of the NPS to ride in this final.

1.5 Qualifying rounds:

- a) Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members but only ponies owned by adult NPS members (Full, Standard or Life members) are eligible to qualify for the final of the competition.
- b) Criteria for specific competitions are included in the rules for the competitions (see sections D to P of this Rules Book). There are some significant exceptions which are highlighted here:
 - M&M Working Hunter Pony (RIHS) Championship. To enter any qualifying round for this competition the owner must be a Full or Life member of the NPS.
 - HOYS competitions. When NPS membership is used as eligibility to enter HOYS qualifying rounds the owner must be a Full or Life member of the NPS.
 - Silver Medal Rosette Championships can be entered by NPS members and non-members but only ponies owned by NPS members can receive the Silver Medal and/or the qualification card. (see section A 1.3 a))
 - At Breed Shows (shows nominated by the M&M Breed Societies) owners do not have to be NPS members to enter qualifying rounds or to qualify for the finals. This includes Silver Medal Rosette Championships.
 - For British Isles Area competitions (see section M) owners do not have to be NPS members to enter qualifying rounds or to qualify for the finals
 - For the NPS Winter competitions (see section O) owners do not have to be NPS members to enter qualifying rounds or to qualify for the finals.

1.6 Qualification Cards:

- a) Riders or handlers of ponies that qualify will be given a qualification card with the pony's name written on it and signed by the judge.
- b) Ponies qualifying at NPS Winter competitions go forward to the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
- c) Ponies qualifying at NPS Autumn competitions go forward to the final at the NPS Autumn Festival.
- d) Ponies qualifying at NPS Summer competitions go forward to the NPS Summer Championship show. The exception is those ponies qualifying at shows held after the cut off date for the Summer Championship show; these ponies go forward to the final at the following year's Summer Championship show. The cut off date is published on the NPS website and is normally two or three weeks before the NPS Summer Championship show.

- e) It is the owner's responsibility to complete the remaining details on the qualification card and send it in to the NPS office if they wish to enter the pony in the final. The owner must also ensure he/she has Full membership for the year in which the final is held (see below).
- f) A pony may only qualify once. If the highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, has already qualified the qualification card and rosette are usually awarded to the next eligible pony within the top three. It is the responsibility of the owner / producer to ensure that the rider / handler knows whether their pony has already qualified and whether or not they are entitled to take the qualification card if it is offered to them.

1.7 Finals of NPS competitions at the NPS Shows:

Full membership is required for entry in all finals at the NPS Spring Festival, the NPS Summer Championship show and the NPS Autumn Festival, including the Silver Medal Rosette Championship finals. This includes finalists from the Breed Shows and from the Winter competitions. Full membership also entitles members to reduced entry fees for classes at these shows.

1.8 Finals of NPS competitions held at other shows:

At the M&M Working Hunter Pony Championship (RIHS) final at Hickstead the rider must also be an NPS member.

2. Rules relating to Ponies

2.1 General principles:

- a) The age of the pony is calculated from January 1st in the year of its birth.
- b) All ridden ponies must be four years old or over. Mares with a living foal born during the current season are not eligible to compete in ridden classes.
- c) All ponies must hold a valid equine passport.
- d) All ponies, four years old or over, come under the jurisdiction of the Joint Measurement Board.
- e) No Ridden pony to be shown on a leading rein except those entered in Leading Rein classes.
- f) The judge may require that a pony which constitutes a danger leaves the ring; the judge's decision is final.
- g) Winnings in the NPS Winter competitions will not debar novice ponies from entering NPS M&M Novice Ridden competitions in the following summer.

2.2 Mountain and Moorland ponies.

- a) All ponies exhibited in NPS M&M classes must be registered in the main body of the Pure Bred M&M Stud Book of their respective breeds at the time of entry and entered in the name and ownership under which they have been registered. Part Breds are not eligible and ponies registered in the X section are excluded.
- b) All ponies exhibited in NPS M&M classes are to be trimmed only within their Breed Society specification. Manes must not be plaited and tails not braided. Ponies are restricted to the height limits laid down by their appropriate Breed Societies (see d) below) and may be measured at the judge's discretion.
- c) Large Breeds must not exceed 148cms, with the exception of Dales and Welsh Section D Cobs for which the respective Breed Society definition includes larger height ponies.
- d) **CONNEMARA** 12.2hh - 14.2hh (128cm – 148cm)
DALES Preferred height range 14hh - 14.2hh (142.2cm – 148cm)
 (Ponies above and below this range to be placed at the discretion of the judges)

DARTMOOR	Not exceeding 12.2hh (127cm)
EXMOOR	Preferred height range Stallions and geldings 11.3hh - 12.3hh (119.4cm – 129.5cm) Mares 11.2hh - 12.2hh (116.8cm – 127cm)
FELL	Not exceeding 14hh (142.2cm)
HIGHLAND	Not exceeding 14.2hh (148cm)
NEW FOREST	Not exceeding 14.2hh (148cm)
SHETLAND	Not exceeding 42 inches (107cm)
WELSH A	Not exceeding 12hh (121.9 cm)
WELSH B	Not exceeding 13.2hh (137.2 cm)
WELSH C	Not exceeding 13.2hh (137.2 cm)
WELSH D	Exceeding 13.2hh (137.2 cm) no upper height limit

2.3 Show Ponies and Show Hunter Ponies.

- a) Ponies entered in NPS Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony In Hand classes must be registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix; the GSB; the AHSB; the AASB, or registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Part bred are not eligible unless entered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix.
- b) Ponies entered in NPS Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony Ridden classes must be registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix; the GSB; the AHSB; the AASB, or registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Part bred are eligible provided they are registered in a Breed Society Stud Book.
- c) Ponies must be entered in the name and ownership under which they have been registered and must be shown under their registered name.
- d) Manes must be plaited in all classes.

2.4 Competition Ponies

- a) Ponies entered in NPS Competition Pony Ridden National Championship classes must be registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix; the GSB; the AHSB; the AASB, or registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Part bred are eligible provided they are registered in a Breed Society stud book.
- b) Ponies must be entered in the name and ownership under which they have been registered and must be shown under their registered name.

2.5 Hacks and Riding Horses.

Ponies and horses entering the NPS Hack and Riding Horse In Hand classes do not have to meet any specific registration criteria but must have equine passports.

2.6 Open Working Hunter Ponies

Ponies entering the NPS Open Working Hunter Pony classes do not have to meet any specific registration criteria but must have equine passports and manes must be plaited.

2.7 Bridles and Bits:

- a) Where there are no specific rules relating to use of bridles and bits in the Rules Book (either in this section or in the rules for the particular competition) the judge can take into account the suitability of the bridle and bit, based on the rider's competence and the way the pony is going in the class.
- b) All ponies in Novice classes, except the M&M Novice First Ridden classes and the M&M Novice

Ridden Winter classes, must be shown in a snaffle bit.

- c) All ponies in Leading Rein classes must be shown in a snaffle bit. The leading rein must be attached to the noseband only and the reins must go directly from the bit to the rider's hands. There must be no extra attachment to the saddle with the exception of a crupper.
- d) Side reins/draw reins/grass reins are not permitted.
- e) All stallions and colts 2 years old or over must be adequately bitted.
- f) M&M brood mares may be shown in a halter, leather head collar or any bridle. Other brood mares may be shown in a leather head collar or any bridle.
- g) M&M youngstock may be shown in a halter, leather head collar or snaffle bridle. Other youngstock may be shown in a leather head collar or snaffle bridle.
- h) All foals must be shown in a halter or leather head collar. No foal may be shown in a bit of any type.
- i) Ponies will not be penalised for wearing mesh nets providing they are not head shaking.

2.8 Stallions:

All stallions and colts 2 years old or over must hold a Stallion Licence, unless otherwise governed by their individual Breed Society.

2.9 Brood Mares:

- a) Brood mares must be four years old or over.
- b) A mare that has lost her foal in the current year may, on production of a vet's certificate, compete in a Brood Mare class.
- c) A barren mare is defined as a mare without a foal at foot and not in foal. Barren mares are not eligible for Brood Mare classes.

2.10 Foals:

- a) All foals must be at least three weeks old on the day of the show and must accompany their dam into the ring and be led alongside the mare as much as possible.
- b) At Foal Shows:-
 - Foals must be weaned
 - Foals must not be shown under 20 weeks of age
 - Foals must only be shown in a halter or head collar
 - No foal to be shown in a bit of any type
 - No foal to be lunged
 - No foal to be body clipped
- c) Foals are not eligible for Silver Medal Rosette Championships

2.11 Heights:

The following height conversion table will be used:

<u>Hands</u>	<u>Cms</u>
12.0	122
12.2	128
13.0	133
13.2	138
14.0	143
14.2	148
15.0	153
15.2	158

2.12 Youngstock heights:

Recommended heights for young stock on the day of the show are as in the following table (1cm, half an inch, may be allowed for shoes).

Show Pony and Show Hunter pony youngstock may be required to be measured at the show before their classes. The smaller height class should be judged first so that ponies that are measured out can compete in the next height section.

Adult Height	Yearling	2 Year Old	3 Year Old
122 cm (12.0 h.h.)	117 cm	120 cm	121 cm
128 cm (12.2 h.h.)	123 cm	126 cm	127 cm
133 cm (13.0 h.h.)	128 cm	131 cm	132 cm
138 cm (13.2 h.h.)	133 cm	136 cm	137 cm
143 cm (14.0 h.h.)	138 cm	141 cm	142 cm
148 cm (14.2 h.h.)	143 cm	146 cm	147 cm
153 cm (15.0 h.h.)	148 cm	151 cm	152 cm

3. Rules relating to Owners, Riders and Handlers

3.1 Impartiality:

- a) The NPS seeks to ensure that all its competitions are judged fairly and that there is no bias or favouritism. This is only achievable if owners, producers, riders, handlers and judges observe the following rules, in the spirit in which they are intended.
- b) NB. A producer is someone who has a pony on their yard to show for the client and therefore has a financial interest, not someone who helps in times of necessity.
- c) No pony will be eligible for the final if the breeder or previous owners will be judging the final.
- d) A pony may not be exhibited in a class or final where the pony or its owner/producer/rider/handler has one of the following, or similar, connections with the judge:
 - the pony has been bred, sold, leased, produced, broken, trained or ridden by the judge or by the judge's immediate family, or by someone with whom the judge resides or has a personal relationship
 - the pony has been bred, sold, leased, produced, broken, ridden or trained by the judge's employer, employee or business partner/associate
 - the owner/producer/rider/handler has, within the last 12 months, exhibited in the show ring or produced a pony for the judge or the judge's immediate family, or for someone with whom the judge resides or has a personal relationship
 - the owner/producer/rider/handler has, within the last 12 months, exhibited in the show ring or produced a pony for the judge's employer, employee or business partner/associate
 - the owner/producer/rider/handler has entered into a commercial undertaking with the judge within the previous 12 months (stud fees are excluded)

3.2 Rider's and Handler's Age:

- a) In classes run under NPS Rules the ages of riders and handlers are all taken as at 1st January of the current year.
- b) All riders must be 3 years old or over on 1st January of the current year.
- c) In Mountain and Moorland classes riders of stallions must be 11 years old or over when riding small breeds (Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh A & B). For large breeds (Highland, Fell, Dales, Connemara, New Forest, Welsh C & D) riders of stallions must be 14 years old or over.
- d) In Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony classes riders must be 11 years old or over when riding stallions

not exceeding 128 cm and 14 years old or over when riding stallions exceeding 128 cms.

- e) Handlers of stallions or colts must be 14 years old or over.
- f) People leading ponies in Leading Rein classes must be sixteen years old or over.
- g) Where there are no specific rules relating to the rider in the Rules Book (either in this section or in the rules for the particular competition) the judge can take into account the suitability of the rider for the size of the pony.

3.3 Attire and Equipment:

- a) Correctly secured current British standard skull caps/riding hats must be worn at all times when mounted (including Side Saddle classes). NB. A rider whose hat comes off, or chin strap comes undone, whilst competing must, on penalty of elimination, replace it or fasten it before continuing. He/she may dismount without penalty to recover the hat or have it passed up from the ground, or may stop without penalty to fasten the chin strap.
- b) Handlers of ponies in In Hand classes aged 14 years and under must wear correctly secured current British Standard skull caps/riding hats.
- c) Riders, handlers and their grooms must, at all times, present themselves in the show ring neatly and smartly dressed.
- d) It is recommended that riders of M&M ponies wear tweed jackets.
- e) Whips/canes must not exceed an overall length of 76 cms (30 inches) and if they are misused, in the opinion of the judge, the rider may be sent out of the ring and may also be reported to the NPS Disciplinary Committee
- f) The wearing of spurs in NPS affiliated classes is forbidden.
- g) Riders are not permitted to wear earrings and/or body studs.
- h) In Ridden M&M classes at Breed Shows, where a judge may ride, riders using very small stirrup irons are requested to bring a spare set of irons and leathers of a suitable size for the judge.
- i) Bandages and protective pads on ponies' feet are not allowed.

3.4 Organisation of Classes:

- a) The class is closed and ponies will not be allowed into the ring:
 - In Hand - When the last pony has done its individual trot around the ring before being lined up
 - Ridden - When the class goes into trot
 - WHP - 5 minutes after the last pony has jumped
- b) Riders may not enter ponies in NPS qualifying rounds Hors Concours.
- c) Ponies may not be ridden side saddle in Leading Rein or First Ridden classes.
- d) Ponies will not be ridden by the judge except at Breed Shows.
- e) At the finals or where there are more than 20 entries forward, classes may be sub-divided and two judges may be used.
- f) In open Ridden classes ponies must walk, trot and canter with a change of rein, together as a class (not gallop).
- g) In some classes individual ponies may gallop but a whole class must never gallop together.
- h) In NPS qualifying Ridden classes, excluding Leading Rein and First Ridden, a minimum of 6 ponies must be stripped but not necessarily the first 6. When NPS First Ridden classes are run in conjunction with HOYS qualifiers then all ponies may be stripped; in other NPS First Ridden classes ponies are not stripped. In NPS Leading Rein classes ponies are not stripped.

- i) A fall of pony or rider in any class will result in disqualification. The rider must not remount in the ring.
- j) No change of rider/handler will be allowed throughout a class except where a rider/handler is incapacitated and the judge gives permission for the change.
- k) The rider/handler may not remove their pony or themselves from the ring during judging, without the judge's permission. The class ends when the judge dismisses the class.
- l) Where a rider qualifies more than one pony for a championship they must elect eligible substitute riders for the other ponies for the championship.

3.5 Organisation of the Showground:

- a) It is the owner's due diligence to ensure that horses and ponies are not left unattended whilst tied to the side of trailers or lorries.
- b) Lunging is allowable; if side reins are used they should only be used with a snaffle bridle or cavesson.

3.6 Eligibility for Home Produced classes:

- a) Ponies must not have been in a Professional Producer's/Trainer's yard since 1st January in the current year, except on a DIY basis or at stud.
- b) Riders/handlers must not have shown any ponies produced by a Professional Producer/Trainer at any show since 1st January in the current year.
- c) Ponies and riders/handlers must not have received any help from a Professional Producer/Trainer at any show since 1st January in the current year.
- d) Ponies must not be shown by a rider/handler who has shown for a Professional Producer/Trainer at any show since 1st January in the current year.
- e) Ponies must be produced and shown by the owner/spouse or his/her Immediate Family. Immediate Family is defined as - Grandparents, Parents, Parent's Partners, Husband/Wife and Partners, Brothers, Sisters, Sons, Daughters, Step Grandparents, Step Parents, Step Brothers/Sisters, Legal Guardians.
- f) The definition of a Professional Producer/Trainer is - A person who undertakes the preparation and /or production of ponies/horses belonging to other exhibitors for the show ring including at a show.

NB: THE NPS EXPECTS COMPETITORS TO ACCEPT THE RULES OF HOME PRODUCED COMPETITIONS IN THE SPIRIT INTENDED.

4 Rules relating to Judges

4.1 General:

Judges must be familiar with and uphold all the rules in this Rules Book. The Rules in this section are just those specific to judges. All judges must understand and adjudicate according to all the Rules for Showing and the specific rules for the competitions they judge as defined in sections D to L of this Rules Book.

4.2 Appointment of judges:

- a) The NPS Council may appoint any Member, in its absolute discretion, to the Panel of Judges to adjudicate events at shows where the objects and interests of the Society are promoted. All members who consent to be appointed to the Panel of Judges agree, as a condition of taking up their appointment, to be bound by these Rules.

- b) The Council reserves the right to amend, add to or subtract from these Rules provided that no such amendment, addition nor subtraction from these Rules shall have retroactive effect nor shall be effective until published to all Members of the Society.
- c) The appointment of a member to the Panel of Judges will be valid for a period of one year from the effective date of appointment. The effective date of appointment is the 30th day of October in each year or other such date as the Council may from time to time decide. A member will cease to be a judge if the appointment to the Panel of Judges is not renewed within one year of the effective date of appointment. The names of members who have consented to be appointed to the Panel of Judges will be published by the Council.
- d) All members of the Panel of Judges must be members of the NPS; judges who do not renew their membership by the end of March each year will be removed from the Panel of Judges.
- e) Everyone on the Panel of Judges must attend at least one NPS Judges' Conference / Study Day every five years to keep themselves up to date and aware of judging issues and Breed Standards. Judges who fail to do this may be removed from the Panel of Judges.
- f) Instances where a judge fails to observe these Rules, or whose conduct is seen by the NPS Council as prejudicial to the character or interests of the NPS, will be handled under the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures (see section C).
- g) The Council will review the position of any judge who receives more than three significant judging complaints in a period of three years and may remove the judge from the Panel of Judges or ask them to retrain.
- h) The Council may use its absolute discretion in inviting suitably qualified judges, who currently reside overseas, to officiate at the NPS Summer Championship Show.
- i) Judges should expect to receive reasonable traveling expenses.

4.3 Impartiality:

- a) The NPS seeks to ensure that all its competitions are judged fairly and that there is no bias or favouritism. This is only achievable if owners, producers, riders, handlers and judges observe the following rules in the spirit in which they are intended.
- b) NB. A producer is someone who has a pony on their yard to show for the client and therefore has a financial interest, not someone who helps in times of necessity.
- c) No pony is eligible for the final if the breeder or owner will be judging the final.
- d) A judge may not adjudicate a class or final in which, to the judge's knowledge, there is a pony that has one of the following, or similar, connections with the judge:
 - the pony has been bred, sold, leased, produced, broken, trained or ridden by the judge or by the judge's immediate family, or by someone with whom the judge resides or has a personal relationship.
 - the pony has been bred, sold, leased, produced, broken, ridden or trained by the judge's employer, employee or business partner/associate.
 - the owner/producer/rider/handler has, within the last 12 months, exhibited in the show ring or produced a pony for the judge or the judge's immediate family, or for someone with whom the judge resides or has a personal relationship
 - the owner/producer/rider/handler has, within the last 12 months, exhibited in the show ring or produced a pony for the judge's employer, employee or business partner/associate.
 - the owner/producer/rider/handler has entered into a commercial undertaking with the judge within the previous 12 months (stud fees are excluded).
- e) A Judge may not have as their Steward any person who owns a pony, has bred a pony or has any other interest, financial or otherwise, in a pony in the class being judged.

4.4 Eligibility to judge classes:

General:

- a) At all Shows affiliated to the NPS, judges must be on the appropriate NPS Judges Panel - Riding Pony Breeding Panel, Hunter Pony Breeding Panel, Mixed M&M Panel, Working Hunter Pony Panel, Open Working Hunter Pony Panel or the appropriate Breed Society Panel. All NPS qualifying rounds and Silver Medal Rosette Championships must be judged by NPS approved judges.
- b) Judges are requested not to accept judging appointments for classes for which they are not qualified.
- c) Judges on NPS Panels should exercise discretion in accepting invitations to judge the same type of class in the same area in any one year. Judges are requested not to judge two qualifying rounds for the same competition in the same area of the country.
- d) Judges who are invited and accept an invitation to judge NPS competitions may only accept to judge, in the same year, the same classes at other shows if they are more than 50 miles apart.
- e) The judge who will be judging the final of an NPS competition, at the NPS Spring Festival, the NPS Summer Championship show or the Autumn Festival, may not judge a qualifying round for that same competition.

Limitations on the number of qualifying rounds a judge can take on per year:

- f) For most competitions judges may only judge three qualifying rounds per year. The exception is as follows:
 - For the NPS M&M Working Hunter Pony Royal International Horse Show Championship a judge may only judge two qualifying rounds per year.
 - For the NPS/Baileys Horse Feeds M&M (HOYS) Ridden Championship judges may only judge one qualifying round.
- g) In exceptional circumstances, judges may, with the approval of the NPS Chief Executive or Competitions Chairman, judge extra qualifying rounds for an NPS Championship.
- h) In the event of a judge being unable to fulfill his/her judging commitment they must immediately inform the show secretary and make every effort to find a replacement judge.

Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony classes:

- i) For Show Pony In Hand classes the judge must be on the NPS Riding Pony Breeding Panel.
- j) For Show Hunter Pony In Hand classes the judge must be on the NPS Hunter Pony Breeding Panel.
- k) For Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Ridden classes the judge must be on either the NPS Riding Pony Breeding Panel or the Hunter Pony Breeding Panel.

Mountain and Moorland Classes:

- l) For mixed M&M classes the judge must be on the NPS Mixed M&M Panel, except for classes of a single breed when the rules are as follows:
 - At Breed Shows the judge may be on the panel of the breed concerned
 - At shows where there are two or more In Hand classes restricted to a single Mountain & Moorland breed, the judge must be on the Judges Panel of that breed.
 - Where there is only one In Hand class restricted to a single breed the judge may be from the breed panel concerned or from the NPS Mixed M&M Panel
 - N.B. Each section of Welsh Stud Book is treated as one breed.
- m) At Breed Shows, M&M classes and M&M Silver Medal Rosette Championships can be judged

by an NPS Panel judge or a judge from the Breed Panel concerned.

- n) For Working Hunter Pony classes the judge must be on the NPS Working Hunter Pony Panel. The exception is Breed Shows where the judge can be on the panel of the breed concerned.
 - o) For **Open Working Hunter Pony classes** the judge must be on the NPS Plaited Working Hunter Pony Panel
 - p) For **Competition Pony classes** the judge must be on one of the NPS Panels.
 - q) For the **NPS/Baileys Horse Feeds M&M (HOYS) Ridden Championship**
 - Shows affiliating to the NPS must use judges from the NPS Mixed M&M “A” Panel. Breed Shows may use an NPS judge or a Breed Society judge.
 - Judges may only judge one qualifying round per year
 - r) For the **M&M Working Hunter Pony Royal International Horse Show Championships** judges must have spent two years on the NPS Working Hunter Pony Panel. Judges who have Axx (where xx is the year they were appointed) after "WHP" in the Official List of Judges and Rules are not eligible. Once they have served two years this annotation is removed. NB. Judges on the Working Hunter Pony Conformation Only Panel (cWHP) are not eligible to judge the NPS Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony RIHS Championship or Qualifiers.
 - s) For the **Hack and Riding Horse In Hand Supreme Championship** the judge must be on the British Show Horse Association In Hand Panel.
 - t) For the **British Isles Area Supreme Ridden and In Hand Championships** the judge may or may not be an NPS judge. For the final of the British Isles Area In Hand Championship there must be three judges, one from the Mixed M&M Panel, one from the Riding Pony Breeding Panel or the Hunter Pony Breeding Panel and one invited from another Society’s Panel.
- Silver Medal Rosette Championships:**
- u) Silver Medal Rosette Championships must not be judged jointly by two judges.
 - v) The judge of the Championship and the classes leading up to it must be on the appropriate NPS Panel. (Except for Breed Shows, where they may be from the Breed panel concerned.)

4.5 Awarding Medal Rosettes and Qualification Cards

- a) In Silver Medal Rosette Championships and finals the judge must check that the owner is an NPS member prior to presenting the Rosette and qualification card. The judge must check the owner’s membership card, as carried by the rider/handler. If a valid NPS membership card can not be produced by the rider/handler then non-member status must be assumed and the Medal Rosette and qualification card must be passed down the line as defined in the rules for the competition. (see section A 1.3 a))
- b) Before presenting qualification cards and rosettes the judge must check that the pony is eligible to qualify. For all competitions where the owner needs to be an NPS member for the pony to qualify, the judge must check the owner’s membership card, as carried by the rider/handler, prior to presenting the qualification card and rosette. If a valid NPS membership card can not be produced by the rider/handler then non-member status must be assumed and the qualification passed down the line as defined in the rules for the particular competition. (see section A 1.3 a))
- c) N.B. Under the following circumstances the owner doesn’t have to be an NPS member to receive a Silver Medal or to qualify for the final of a competition
 - At Breed shows
 - For the British Isles Area competitions (see section M)
 - For the NPS Winter competitions (see section O)

- d) If in the judge's opinion the class is of insufficient merit to warrant awarding the qualifier the judge may withhold the qualifying rosettes and cards but still award the show's rosettes.

4.6 Judging:

- a) Judges must only be accompanied in the ring by persons appointed by the show or a Probationer Judge approved by the NPS Council.
- b) Judges are asked to have their Rules Book with them in the ring as it is their responsibility to see that everyone adheres to the NPS Rules.
- c) Whilst Judges are encouraged to carry schedules, they are forbidden to refer to the show catalogue either prior to judging, or while judging their classes.
- d) If, in the opinion of the judge, any pony entered for an event, adjudicated or to be adjudicated by the judge, is in an unsound condition, the judge may, at his/her discretion, require the rider/handler to withdraw the pony from the class, subject to the right of the rider/handler to refer the matter to the Veterinary Surgeon, if any, officiating at the show.
- e) If, in the judge's opinion a rider/handler or their pony's conduct is detrimental to the character and interests of the NPS they may eliminate them from the class and they may also report them to the NPS Disciplinary Committee.
- f) The judge may require that a pony which constitutes a danger leaves the ring; the judge's decision is final.
- g) If a judge has reasonable grounds to believe that a rule is being contravened the judge must ask the rider/handler to leave the ring and the pony must be withdrawn. The judge's decision is final in all cases
- h) Where more than 20 ponies are forward in any class, the class may be split. The judge should split the class according to the circumstances at the time.
- i) When judging M&M classes judges should take into consideration whether ponies have been trimmed within their Breed Society specification; manes must not be plaited and tails must not be braided.
- j) When judging M&M classes riding/manners and conformation/Breed type should be marked equally with 50% for each.
- k) When judging Show Pony / Show Hunter Pony classes riding/manners and conformation/type should be marked equally with 50% for each.
- l) When judging Brood Mare classes, judges must take the condition of the foal into account.
- m) Organisation of classes – judges must take special note of the rules in section A 3.4 relating to organisation of classes.
- n) Where there are no specific rules relating to use of bridles and bits in the Rules Book (either in this section or in the rules for the particular competition) the judge can take into account the suitability of the bridle and bit, based on the rider's competence and the way the pony is going in the class.
- o) All ponies in Novice classes, except the M&M Novice First Ridden classes and the M&M Novice Ridden Winter classes, must be shown in a snaffle bit.
- p) All ponies in Leading Rein classes must be shown in a snaffle bit. The leading rein must be attached to the noseband only and the reins must go directly from the bit to the rider's hands. There must be no extra attachment to the saddle with the exception of a crupper.

4.7 Judging Working Hunter Pony classes

- a) The judge should take into account the ring size, the state of the ground and conditions prevailing

before setting and approving the height of the course.

- b) No person other than the judge and official course builder appointed by the show is permitted to alter the course.
- c) Fences should be of ‘hunting type’ built with rustic materials and be as substantial as possible. The course must be free flowing to encourage natural paces in native ponies.
- d) The maximum spread must be at the base of the fence; not more than three fences may be of maximum spread. The width of the water jumps should not exceed the maximum spread in each section.
- e) It is recommended that riders are allowed to walk the course on foot before their class.
- f) Riders may only ride one pony in each class.
- g) No change of rider or saddlery is allowed between phases or during a phase. Protective boots may be used for the jumping and ridden phases only. Bandages and protective pads on ponies’ feet are not allowed.
- h) Once judging has commenced, if a pony leaves the ring, it will be eliminated from the class.
- i)

Marking:	Jumping	50
	Style whilst jumping	20
	Type and conformation	20
	Individual show and manners within type	10
Penalties:	Jump knock down	10 faults
	First refusal	15 faults
	Second refusal	20 faults
	Third refusal	Elimination
	Fall of pony or rider	Disqualification
- j) A refusal is when a pony turns its quarters to a fence or turns a complete circle in front of a fence, or stops in front of a fence and takes at least one step backwards, with any one foot.
- k) No penalty is incurred unless the maximum height of the fence is lowered in the same vertical plane.
- l) The water splash is treated for marking purposes like any other obstacle. Competitors may splash through it or jump it, both approaches are acceptable.
- m) The jumping phase will be taken first and any pony eliminated will not be required again. The ponies called forward to the final judging will be those with clear rounds, but those with 10 faults or more can be included at the judge’s discretion.
- n) In the event of a tie, the highest jumping mark, followed by the individual performance mark followed by the conformation mark will prevail. If all 3 marks are the same the judge’s decision is final.
- o) Except in Cradle Stakes, Nursery Stakes and First Ridden WHP classes, ponies may be galloped at the discretion of the Judge, but not more than one at a time.
- p) All ponies forward for final judging must be stripped.

5. Rules relating to Show Affiliation

- a) Qualifying rounds for NPS Summer competitions will be held at shows between 1 March and 30 September each year. Qualifying rounds for the NPS Winter competitions will be held between 1st September and the 31st March each year. The exceptions are the Silver Medal Rosette Championships which may be held outside these timescales.
- b) Qualifying rounds for the NPS Autumn competitions and the Competition Pony Ridden National Championship can be held at any time of year.

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- c) All shows wishing to affiliate to the NPS must complete an affiliation form, pay the affiliation fee and submit a draft schedule and list of judges. The NPS will review the relevant parts of the schedule, validate the use of judges and provide feedback prior to the schedule going to print. The names of the judges must be clearly stated in the schedule. In the event of a change of judge, the show must immediately inform the NPS and seek approval of the substitute judge. The NPS reserves the right to refuse affiliation to shows that do not comply with the rules.
- d) There are special considerations for judging Silver Medal Rosette Championships. The judge of the Championship and the classes leading up to it must be on the appropriate NPS Panel or the relevant Breed Panel if it is a Breed Show. The Championship must be judged by one judge and that judge's name must be printed in the schedule..
- e) Shows holding qualifying rounds for the M&M Working Hunter Pony RIHS Championship must charge a levy on entries as specified by the RIHS. At least six rosettes must be awarded in each class and the minimum prize money in each class must be: 1st - £25, 2nd - £15, 3rd - £10.
- f) Where more than 20 ponies are forward in any NPS class, the class may be split. The Judge should split the class according to the circumstances at the time. Prize money and rosettes should be provided for the new class. The top ponies from each class are then put together for final judging and the decision on who qualifies.
- g) Each Breed Society can nominate one or more shows as their designated Breed Show(s). There are special rules for Breed Shows. In particular where a competition includes classes split by breed, the number of classes held will reflect the Native Breeds involved in the show. In this context the Welsh sections are considered as four separate breeds. Similarly for Working Hunter Pony competitions not all classes will be held if, due to breed, there are no ponies of a particular height range. There are also special rules relating to membership (see section A 1.5) and eligibility of judges (see section A 4.4)
- h) NPS Areas holding Foal Shows and calling them NPS shows must affiliate and send in schedules for checking. Schedules must incorporate the rules as in section A 2.10.

B. RULES FOR DRUGS TESTING

1. Warning to Members

- a) **Members and other exhibitors are advised that any Drugs Testing conducted by the NPS at NPS Shows or NPS Affiliated Shows will be in accordance with these rules.**
- b) In common with other similar bodies, the NPS takes a very serious view of doping, whether intentional or unintentional, having particular regard to the safety of children. Members should be aware that many proprietary feeds and preparations contain Prohibited Substances as do many foods such as chocolate. Prohibited Substances can be absorbed through the skin and they are also contained in some homeopathic and herbal remedies.
- c) **It is the responsibility of the member, owner and/or producer solely or jointly having custody of a pony, to ensure that nothing is fed, administered or applied to a pony that contains a Prohibited Substance. Ignorance is no defence.**
- d) The NPS Office is not authorized to give guidance but, in general terms, all substances prohibited by the Jockey Club from time to time will constitute Prohibited Substances. The NPS does not specify threshold levels for any Prohibited Substances but will have regard to those published by the Jockey Club from time to time without being bound by them. Feeds and preparations are available which are guaranteed to comply with Jockey Club doping rules.

2. Definitions

- a) "Drugs Testing" means the examination of a pony by a duly qualified person appointed by the NPS and includes the taking of samples for subsequent analysis of all or any body fluid, tissue, excreta, hair or skin scrapings at the discretion of the person conducting the examination.
- b) "Prohibited Substance" means any quantity of any substance originating externally (whether or not endogenous to the pony) which could influence the pony's performance or bearing including without limitation stimulants, depressants, tranquilizers, local anaesthetics, anti-inflammatory agents (including phenylbutazone), antihistamines, muscle relaxants, diuretics and metabolites of any such substances or masking agents.

3. Drugs Testing Procedure

- a) Any pony taking part in classes judged under NPS Rules will be liable to Drugs Testing in accordance with the Drugs Testing procedure laid down by this Rule. A refusal to submit a pony for Drugs Testing shall constitute a breach of this Rule.
- b) The Sampling and Analysis Procedure is described in section 4 below.
- c) The presence in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a pony of a Prohibited Substance shall constitute a breach of this Rule.
- d) Any person who administered or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered or connives at the administration to a pony of a Prohibited Substance shall be guilty of a breach of this Rule.
- e) Whenever a positive Drugs Test occurs, either on the expiration of the period for requesting confirmatory analysis of Sample B or on the analysis of Sample B proving positive as appropriate, (See section 4 below for the Sampling and Analysis Procedure)
 - i) The penalties defined in section 5 below shall be imposed.
 - ii) The matter shall forthwith be referred to the Disciplinary Panel of the NPS for Stage II - Further Investigation. The NPS Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures will then be followed.
 - iii) If the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures result in no disciplinary proceedings against any person suspended pursuant to Rule 5 c) then such suspension shall cease immediately

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and if no proceedings are initiated against either the owner or producer then the suspension of the pony pursuant to Rule 5 b) shall also cease immediately.

4. Sampling and Analysis Procedure

- a) Drugs Testing should take place as soon as possible after the participation of the pony in its class provided that it does not interfere with its programme in which case the Drugs Testing should take place as soon as possible after the pony has completed its programme.
- b) It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the pony whether it be the owner or the producer or other person to supervise the pony from the time of notification of selection for a Drugs Test until completion of the Drugs Testing.
- c) The owner, producer or other person responsible for the pony or his representative shall be entitled to witness the Drugs Testing from outside the loose box, horse box or testing area without disturbing the pony but if not present the Drugs Testing will proceed in any event.
- d) All samples taken must be kept in a secure place and dispatched to the laboratory selected by the NPS as soon as reasonably possible after collection.
- e) The sample must be divided into two parts (hereinafter referred to as “Sample A” and “Sample B”) and the initial analysis of Sample A must be completed within 21 days of receipt of the sample by the laboratory. If the initial analysis produces a suspected positive result then the NPS may grant such extension as the laboratory requires to complete the analysis.
- f) The NPS shall send the results of the analysis of Sample A to the owner or producer by recorded delivery within 5 days of the results being known.
- g) If the result of analysis of Sample A is negative then no further action is required and then the laboratory may forthwith destroy Sample B.
- h) If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive then the owner or producer may require confirmatory analysis of Sample B by any laboratory approved by The Horseracing Forensic Laboratory, provided that a written request for such confirmatory analysis is received by the NPS within 14 days of dispatch by the NPS of notification of a positive analysis of Sample A.
- i) The owner or producer may request that findings be made in respect of particular matters during the analysis of Sample B on the basis that they will be responsible for all additional costs incurred whatever the result of the analysis of Sample B.
- j) If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive and no valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B is received then a positive Drugs Test shall be deemed to have occurred and
 - i) The Drugs Testing Rules step 3 e) shall be carried out.
 - ii) The owner or producer shall reimburse the NPS the cost of analysis of Sample A forthwith on demand
- k) Upon receipt of a valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B, the NPS shall inform the laboratory immediately and the laboratory shall carry out the analysis of Sample B.
- l) The NPS shall send the results of the analysis of Sample B to the owner or producer by recorded delivery within 5 days of the results being known.
- m) If the result of analysis of Sample B is negative then no further action is required.
- n) If the result of analysis of Sample B is positive then a positive Drugs Test has occurred and
 - i) The Drugs Testing Rules step 3 e) shall be carried out.
 - ii) The person requesting the analysis of Sample B shall reimburse the NPS the cost of analysis of Sample A and Sample B forthwith on demand

5. Penalties

If the presence of a Prohibited Substance in the tissues, body fluids, excreta, hair or skin of a pony is confirmed by laboratory analysis carried out pursuant to this Rule then the following penalties shall be automatically imposed:-

- a) The pony shall be disqualified from any class, competition or championship in which it took part on the date of the drugs testing and any subsequent class, competition or championship for which it qualified on the date of the Drugs Testing and shall forfeit its placings, awards and prize money.
- b) The pony shall be suspended from being entered or shown or otherwise taking part in any NPS Affiliated Show pending the outcome of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.
- c) The owner and/or producer of such pony shall be suspended from all or any of the rights and privileges of membership of the NPS pending the outcome of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.
- d) Any period of automatic suspension under this Rule shall commence when on the date of receipt of notification of a positive Drugs Testing by the owner or producer by recorded delivery post.

C. COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

The NPS Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures relate to:

- Any objection against a member or Trustee under the NPS Rule Book or other NPS regulatory document
- Any complaint about the general conduct of a member or Trustee in relation to the NPS

Under these procedures, the NPS Council wholly and absolutely delegates its powers to the Disciplinary Panel to deal with objections and complaints against members, judges and Trustees.

1. Scope of the Procedures

1.1 Shows affiliated to the NPS

- a) Any objection or complaint relating to the rules of a particular show affiliated to the NPS shall be made to that show Secretary in accordance with the procedure set out in the show schedule, except an objection or complaint relating to a JMB Certificate.
- b) Objections or complaints relating to the rules of an affiliated show, except for those matters pertaining to NPS General Rules, Competition Rules and Rules for NPS Judges, lie outside the scope of the NPS Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.

1.2 NPS Shows

- a) At the NPS Summer Championship Show and at the NPS Spring Festival there will be a ground jury in operation to whom objections or complaints shall first be directed, in accordance with the procedure set down in the schedule.
- b) If a complaint or objection cannot be resolved then it shall be registered as described in section 3 below.

1.3 Complaints against NPS staff

- a) These are dealt with under the staff disciplinary procedure and the matter shall be raised in the first instance with the Chief Executive or the NPS Chairman.

1.4 Objections or complaints under the NPS Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures

- a) The NPS Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures refer to objections or complaints against members and Trustees, arising from the NPS Rule Book, other NPS regulatory documents or general conduct in relation to the NPS.
- b) Under these procedures, the NPS Council shall wholly and absolutely delegate its powers to members of a Disciplinary Panel to deal with objections and complaints against members, judges and Trustees.
- c) The Chief Executive shall manage the NPS Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures, but shall not be part of the decision-making process.
- d) Objections or complaints may be made by members, Trustees, Judges, NPS officials, Show Secretaries or any other individual, or by Council and/or its Committees.
- e) Such people may make an objection or complaint, under this procedure, about any NPS member, whatever their role and function.
- f) A Trustee is a member of NPS Council and as such is both a charity trustee and a company director. Objections or complaints against NPS Trustees shall be dealt with through the same procedure as members, but Stages I and II of the process shall be chaired by non-Council members, so as to avoid, as far as possible, internal conflicts of interest. Members' and Trustees' appeals (Stage III) shall be chaired by the Independent Chairman (see Disciplinary Panel).

2 Disciplinary Panel

2.1 Appointment of the Disciplinary Panel

- a) All objections and complaints under the NPS Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures shall be dealt with by the Disciplinary Panel.
- b) The Disciplinary Panel shall consist of a pool of the following, from which persons carrying out the Stage I, II and III investigations and appeals shall be drawn:
 - i) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the National Pony Society, ex-officio
 - ii) 7 Trustees, elected by Council by secret ballot at the last Council meeting prior to the AGM and serving as Trustees for a further year
 - iii) 7 Stipendiary Stewards (non-Council members), nominated by the NPS Areas
 - iv) An independent, suitably experienced Chairman of Appeals, who is not a member of the NPS, appointed by Council (the Independent Chairman).
- c) Should a conflict of interest rule out all Trustee and non-Council members of the Disciplinary Panel from a particular investigation or hearing, the Independent Chairman shall appoint such Trustee and/or non-Council members as shall constitute the relevant Committee.
- d) Members of the Disciplinary Panel, including the independent Chairman, shall serve for one year and be eligible for reappointment or re-election, as appropriate, up to a limit of three consecutive years. They shall not then be eligible to serve on the Disciplinary Panel until one year has elapsed.
- e) However the NPS Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve ex officio until the end of their period of office
- f) The Chief Executive, or in his/her absence an appointed deputy, shall be in attendance at Stages I, II and III of the procedure to provide continuity, professional advice and information, but shall not take part in decision-making. He/she shall also be responsible for managing the composition of the Stage I and II Committees and for advising the Independent Chairman of the Appeals Committee, with reference to these procedures.

2.2 Standards expected of Disciplinary Panel members

- a) Members of the Disciplinary Panel shall be responsible for upholding the high standards and good reputation of the NPS. As such they shall operate fairly and objectively, making their decisions only on the basis of the evidence before them.
- b) All members of the Disciplinary Panel shall undertake to adhere to the seven requirements of public life (Nolan Principles).
- c) Members of the Disciplinary Panel must declare any conflict of interest and shall not serve at any stage of the complaints and/or referral process where they have a conflict of interest. Conflicts of interest include pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and personal relationships and connections; professional advice should be sought where there is the possibility of a conflict.
- d) All proceedings of the complaints and disciplinary processes shall be kept strictly confidential.
- e) Those Disciplinary Panel members who are engaged on Stages I and/or II shall not discuss proceedings with other Disciplinary Panel members. This is to ensure the fairness of any subsequent Stage and/or appeal and to preserve the integrity of the process.
- f) Breach of confidentiality or failure to declare a conflict of interest may result in disciplinary action against the Disciplinary Panel member (s).

3 Registering an objection or complaint against a member or Trustee

3.1 Process of objection or complaint

- a) This process applies to objections or complaints, made in writing, with full details including, but not exclusively, names, dates, times, venues and full details of the events giving rise to the objection or complaint.
- b) Only written objections or complaints shall be accepted.

3.2 Timescale

- a) All objections or complaints under this procedure must be made in writing to the NPS Chief Executive to arrive within 7 working days of the date of the incident which gave rise to the objection or complaint.
- b) The objection or complaint shall be sent by recorded delivery and the proof of posting retained by the complainant and a note of receipt of the complainant's correspondence shall be entered into the NPS office log book.
- c) A written acknowledgement shall be sent to the complainant within 7 days of receipt, together with a summary of next steps in the procedure.

4. Stage I - Initial Investigation

4.1 Proceedings at Stage I - initial investigation

- a) Any objection or complaint so submitted shall be investigated initially (Stage I) by the Chairman **or** Vice-Chairman and two other members of the Disciplinary Panel, at least one of whom must be a non-Council member. If the person complained against is a Trustee, then a non-Council member must chair proceedings.
- b) Should both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be the persons making the objection or complaint then they shall not take part and another member of the Disciplinary Panel shall take their place and chair proceedings at the initial investigation. In this case at least two of the total of three members of the initial investigation shall be non-Council members.
- c) Only documentary evidence shall be considered at this stage and those carrying out the initial investigation shall refer to the NPS Rule Book and any such materials as are appropriate in reaching their decision.
- d) If, after investigation, there appears to be no disciplinary case to answer, the matter shall be closed at this point.
- e) If it appears that there is a disciplinary case to answer, the objection or complaint shall be forwarded, for further investigation, to the Disciplinary Committee together with all relevant documents and details of the initial investigation.
- f) If in the case of Judges the objection or complaint refers to matters that should properly be dealt with under the NPS Judges' Code of Conduct, the issue shall be referred to the NPS Judges' Committee.

4.2 Timescale

- a) The initial investigation (Stage I) shall be completed within 21 days of receipt of the objection or complaint at the NPS office.
- b) The complainant shall be notified of the outcome of the initial investigation within 7 days of completion of the initial investigation. Notification shall be given in writing with a summary of the reasons for the decision.

5 Stage II - Further Investigation

5.1 Referral to the Disciplinary Committee for Stage II - further investigation

- a) If it appears that there is a case to answer, the matter shall be referred to a Disciplinary Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and two other members drawn from the Disciplinary Panel, at least one of whom must be a non-Council member. None of the persons forming the Disciplinary Committee shall have been present at or involved in the initial investigation. If the person complained against is a Trustee, then a non-Council member must chair proceedings.
- b) Should both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be unable to participate because they have been the persons making the objection or complaint then another member of the Disciplinary Panel shall take their place and chair proceedings at the Disciplinary Committee (Stage II). In this case at least two of the total of three members of the further investigation shall be non-Council members.
- c) The Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to call upon witnesses and/or technical advisors, who shall, if applicable, include the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the relevant Standing Committee.
- d) The Disciplinary Committee shall conduct their business by whatever means they determine, adopting such procedures as they feel appropriate to the nature of the objection or complaint, provided that they act reasonably at all times.
- e) The person against whom the allegations are made shall be provided with full details of the objection or complaint, except the identity of the complainant, and shall be informed of the procedure and required timescales. They shall be given the opportunity of answering the objection or complaint in writing.

5.2 Documentary Evidence

- a) The Disciplinary Committee shall consider only documentary evidence during the further investigation.
- b) Only evidence directly relevant to the objection or complaint shall be considered by the Disciplinary Committee. No reference shall be made to additional matter such as testimonials and character references until after an objection or complaint has been upheld and shall only then be considered in mitigation when determining the penalty.

5.3 Timescales

- a) The person complained against shall be notified in writing of the allegations and given a schedule, summarising the procedure and date of the Disciplinary Committee investigation, within 5 days of completion of the initial investigation.
- b) A schedule shall be set to ensure that the Disciplinary Committee completes its further investigation within 21 days of completion of the Stage I initial investigation.
- c) The person complained against shall submit their written evidence to the Chief Executive to arrive not later than 7 days before the scheduled date of the Disciplinary Committee investigation.
- d) The Chief Executive shall, within 7 days of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, notify the parties to the objection or complaint, in writing, of the findings of the Disciplinary Committee and of any penalties imposed.
- e) Should the Disciplinary Committee require more time to complete its investigations, it shall inform all relevant parties of the new time schedule. Any extension of the timescale shall be kept to a minimum in the interests of fairness to all sides.

6. Penalties

6.1 Powers of the Disciplinary Committee against members

- a) If the objection or complaint is upheld the Disciplinary Committee has the power, delegated by Council, to:
 - i) take no action
 - ii) give a reprimand
 - iii) impose a fine
 - iv) forfeit prizes
 - v) suspend from membership for any period as decided by the Disciplinary Committee
 - vi) terminate the membership permanently
 - vii) suspend from entering or exhibiting at the NPS Spring Festival, the NPS Summer Championship Show and/or any other NPS Competition or event.
 - viii) if a pony is concerned, that pony may also be banned from the NPS Spring Festival, the NPS Summer Championship Show and/or any other NPS Competition or event.

6.2 Powers of the Disciplinary Committee against Judges

- a) In addition to 6.1 above, if the objection or complaint is upheld against a member who is also a Judge, the Disciplinary Committee has the power to:
 - i) remove the member from NPS Judges' panel/panels permanently
 - ii) suspend the member from the NPS Judges' panel/panels for a period determined by the Committee.

6.3 Powers of the Disciplinary Committee against Trustees

- a) In addition to 6.1 and 6.2 above, if the objection or complaint is upheld against a Trustee, the Disciplinary Committee has the power to:
 - i) remove as a Trustee permanently
 - ii) suspend as a Trustee for a period determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

7. Stage III - Appeals

7.1 Right to Appeal

- a) Any person (the appellant) against whom a decision is made and/or a penalty is imposed by the Disciplinary Committee may appeal against that decision and/or penalty.
- b) The appeal shall be heard by an Appeal Committee of five, which shall consist of four people drawn from the Disciplinary Panel, at least two of whom shall be non-Council members. Additionally the Appeal Committee shall be chaired by the Independent Chairman who is not a member of the National Pony Society.
- c) None of the persons forming the Appeal Committee shall have been present at or involved in the initial or further investigations (Stages I and II).
- d) Any person appealing against the decision and/or penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Committee shall deposit with the Chief Executive the sum of £100 at the same time that the appeal is submitted. If the Appeal Committee shall decide in their absolute discretion that the appeal is frivolous or vexatious the deposit shall be forfeited to the NPS funds.

7.2 Appeal Proceedings

- a) At a hearing of the Appeal Committee a person is entitled to be heard and to call oral or documentary evidence.
- b) An appellant may be accompanied by one observer/supporter, who may take notes. The observer/supporter may not be a legal professional and may not address the Appeal Committee. Expenses shall not be paid to the appellant or their observer/supporter.

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- c) Only evidence directly relevant to the appeal shall be considered by the Appeal Committee. No reference shall be made to additional matter such as testimonials and character references until after an appeal has been decided and shall only then be considered in mitigation if varying the penalty.
- d) If the appellant decides not to attend then, in the absolute discretion of the Appeal Committee, a written statement may be sent by him or her to the Appeal Committee and the matter shall be dealt with in their absence.
- e) The Appeal Committee shall have the power to vary the Stage II decision and penalties and their ruling shall be final.

7.3 Timescale

- a) A person wishing to appeal against the Disciplinary Committee's decision and/or penalty shall do so in writing to arrive with the Chief Executive within 14 days of being notified of the Committee's decision.
- b) A schedule shall be set to ensure that proceedings of the Appeals Committee are completed within 21 days of receipt, at the NPS office, of written notification of the person's intention to appeal.
- c) Before a hearing of the Appeal Committee is held, the Chief Executive shall give the appellant 14 days' written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing.
- d) The appellant shall submit their written evidence to the Chief Executive to arrive not later than 7 days before the scheduled date of the appeal hearing.
- e) The appellant shall be notified of the outcome of the appeal within 7 days of the decision, together with the return of the deposit, should this be judged appropriate by the Appeal Committee.
- f) Should the Appeal Committee require more time to complete its investigations, it shall inform all appropriate parties of the new time schedule. Any extension of the timescale shall be kept to a minimum in the interests of fairness to all sides.

D – RULES FOR HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW (HOYS) QUALIFIERS

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The rules in this section only apply to HOYS qualifiers.

All ponies competing in HOYS Plaited classes affiliated to the NPS must have a JMB Full Height Certificate or a JMB Annual Height Certificate issued in the current year.

At NPS Affiliated Shows that are qualifiers for HOYS the highest placed pony, not already qualified, from the first five ponies will qualify in the following:

- Open Leading Rein and Open First Ridden classes
- Open 128 cms, 138 cms and 148 cms Show Pony classes
- Open 133 cms, 143 cms and 153 cms Working Hunter Pony classes
- Open Leading Rein of Hunter Type classes
- Open 122 cms, 133 cms, 143 cms and 153 cms Show Hunter Pony classes
- Open 153 cms & 158 cms Intermediate Show Riding, Show Hunter and Working Hunter classes

Judges for these classes must be chosen from the appropriate NPS Panel.

Shows with qualifiers for HOYS must state the following in their schedules:

This show is a qualifier for the Horse Of the Year Show. Only one pony in each class will qualify for HOYS. The highest placed pony which has not already qualified from the first five ponies will qualify.

NPS/Baileys Horse Feeds M&M (HOYS) Ridden Championship

This championship is for stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Riders can be any age except riders of stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).

Shows holding qualifying rounds must use two judges.

Shows affiliating to the NPS must use Judges from the NPS Mixed Mountain & Moorland A Panel. Breed Shows may use an NPS Judge or a Breed Panel Judge.

NB. The HOYS qualification is subject to confirmation from HOYS

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1. M&M Open Ridden National Championship – Ringside Stud

MM-OR

The NPS/Ringside Stud M&M Open Ridden National Championship.

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Two or five classes as follows:

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>
Dartmoor	Connemara
Exmoor	Dales
Shetland	Fell
Welsh A	Highland
Welsh B	New Forest
	Welsh C
	Welsh D

or

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>
Dartmoor	Welsh A	Dales	New Forest	Welsh C
Exmoor	Welsh B	Fell	Connemara	Welsh D
Shetland		Highland		

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.

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2. M&M Young Ridden Pony 2011 National Championship – Dargavel MM-4/5/6R

The NPS/Dargavel M&M Young Ridden Pony 2011 National Championship.

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four, five or six years old, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Two classes as follows, or split at the show's discretion:

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>
Dartmoor	Connemara
Exmoor	Dales
Shetland	Fell
Welsh A	Highland
Welsh B	New Forest
	Welsh C
	Welsh D

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.

3. M&M Intermediate Ridden National Championship – Peasedown Stud

MM-IR

The NPS/Peasedown Stud M&M Intermediate Ridden National Championship.

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings five years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.
A pony is not eligible to compete if it has qualified before 1st January in the current year for:
- i) The M&M Ridden Championship final at HOYS or
 - ii) The M&M Supreme Ridden Championship final at Olympia.

Five classes as follows:

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>
Dartmoor	Welsh A	New Forest	Fell	Welsh C
Exmoor	Welsh B	Connemara	Highland	Welsh D
Shetland			Dales	

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.

4. M&M Novice Ridden National Championship – Picton

MM-NR

The NPS/Picton M&M Novice Ridden National Championship.

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

- i) Won an open NPS affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class
- ii) Won a Ridden class at an Olympia, HOYS or RIHS qualifying round
- iii) Qualified for HOYS or RIHS Ridden classes
- iv) Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden final at the NPS Summer Championship show (N.B. Ponies can compete as novices in this competition for two consecutive years provided they do not submit an entry to the final in the first year).
- v) Qualified for the M&M Ridden Championship final at Olympia in previous years
- vi) If a pony qualifies for HOYS or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Picton Final.

Five classes as follows:

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>
Dartmoor	Welsh A	New Forest	Fell	Welsh C
Exmoor	Welsh B	Connemara	Highland	Welsh D
Shetland			Dales	

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

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5 M&M Junior Ridden National Championship – R H R Demolition Ltd

MM-JR

The NPS/R H R Demolition Ltd M&M Junior Ridden National Championship.

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

Three classes as follows:

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2(not exceeding 138 cms)</u>	<u>Class 3 (exceeding 138 cms but not exceeding 148 cms)</u>
Dartmoor	Dales	Dales (may exceed 148 cms)
Exmoor	Fell	Fell
Shetland	Highland	Highland
Welsh A	New Forest	New Forest
Welsh B	Connemara	Connemara
	Welsh C	Welsh D (may exceed 148 cms)

- b) Rider Class 1 – Under 14 years
Class 2 and Class 3 – Under 18 years.
(see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.

6 M&M First Ridden National Championship – Micor Demolition Ltd

MM-FR

The NPS/Micor Demolition Ltd M&M First Ridden National Championship.

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 128 cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books:
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B
- b) Rider under 12 years (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place. (NB. At the final there will be two sections – Welsh and Non Welsh breeds)
- e) Ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show.
- f) Where this competition is run in conjunction with a HOYS qualifier the ponies may be stripped; otherwise they will not be stripped.
- g) Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.

7. M&M Novice First Ridden National Championship – Simpson Refractories MM-NFR

The NPS/Simpson Refractories M&M Novice First Ridden National Championship.

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 128 cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books:
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B
The pony never to have won a first prize of £10 or more in First Ridden classes or qualified for the NPS M&M First Ridden final before 1st January in the current year.
- b) Rider under 12 years (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle
- f) Ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show.
- g) Ponies will not be stripped
- h) Ponies must not be ridden side saddle.

8. M&M Leading Rein National Championship – Micor Demolition Ltd

MM-LR

The NPS/Micor Demolition Ltd M&M Leading Rein National Championship.

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 122 cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books:
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B
- b) Rider under 9 years (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place. (NB. At the final there will be two sections – Welsh and Non Welsh breeds)
- e) Ponies will not be stripped.
- f) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.

9. M&M Novice Leading Rein National Championship – Vale UK Ltd

MM-NLR

The NPS/Vale UK Ltd M&M Novice Leading Rein National Championship.

- a) Mares and gelding four years old and over not exceeding 122 cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books:
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B
The pony never to have won a first prize of £10 or more in Leading Rein classes or qualified for the NPS M&M Leading Rein final before 1st January in the current year.
- b) Rider under 9 years (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies will not be stripped.
- f) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.

F. RULES FOR M&M WORKING HUNTER PONY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. M&M Working Hunter Pony Championship (RIHS) – PRP EQUESTRIAN RESCUE MM-RIHS

The NPS/PRP EQUESTRIAN RESCUE M&M Working Hunter Pony Royal International Horse Show Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Ponies may be measured at the judge’s discretion.

Three classes as follows:

Class 1 - Ponies not exceeding 122 cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 122 cms but not exceeding 138 cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 138 cms but not exceeding 148 cms (with the exception of Dales and Welsh D Cobs)

<u>Fences</u>	<u>Height</u>		<u>Spread</u>
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Class 1	53 cms (1’9”)	69 cms (2’3”)	53 cms (1’9”)
Class 2	69 cms (2’3”)	84 cms (2’9”)	69 cms (2’3”)
Class 3	84 cms (2’9”)	99 cms (3’3”)	84 cms (2’9”)

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2). Riders may only ride one pony in each class.
- c) The owner has to be a Full member of the NPS for the pony to enter this competition. The rider must show the owner’s membership card to the steward as the pony enters the ring (see section A 1.3 a)) (N.B. At the final at Hickstead the rider must also be an NPS member)
- d) The highest placed pony in each class goes forward to the final at RIHS. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line that has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place

(N.B. Qualification has to be verified by the NPS Office, within 8 weeks of qualifying the pony’s JMB height certificate must be sent to the NPS Office for validation. Instructions for entering ponies in the RIHS final at Hickstead are printed on the qualification card. Entries are the responsibility of the owner and are made directly to RIHS.)
- e) The course will consist of a minimum of twelve fences, a minimum of two of which must be spreads. A water jump and a water splash, as well as a change of direction, must be included. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence. The water splash is treated for marking purposes like any other obstacle. Competitors may splash through it or jump it, both approaches are acceptable.
- f) The minimum prize money awarded in each class is as follows:
1st - £25, 2nd - £15, 3rd - £10
- g) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes.

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2. M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship – Area 25

MM-WHP

The NPS/Area 25 M&M Working Hunter Pony National Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion.

Three classes as follows:

Class 1 - Ponies not exceeding 122 cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 122 cms but not exceeding 138 cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 138 cms but not exceeding 148 cms (with the exception of Dales and Welsh D Cobs)

<u>Fences</u>	<u>Height</u>		<u>Spread</u>
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Class 1	53 cms (1'9")	69 cms (2'3")	53 cms (1'9")
Class 2	69 cms (2'3")	84 cms (2'9")	69 cms (2'3")
Class 3	84 cms (2'9")	99 cms (3'3")	84 cms (2'9")

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2). Riders may only ride one pony in each class.
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) The course will consist of a minimum of seven fences, one of which must be a spread. A water jump and a change of direction must be included. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence
- f) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes.

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3. M&M Intermediate Working Hunter Pony National Championship - KBIS MM-IWHP

The NPS/KBIS M&M Intermediate Working Hunter Pony National Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion.

The pony never to have qualified for the NPS M&M Working Hunter Pony (HOYS or RIHS) finals before 1st January in the current year.

Three classes as follows:

Class 1 - Ponies not exceeding 122 cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 122 cms but not exceeding 138 cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 138 cms but not exceeding 148 cms (with the exception of Dales and Welsh D Cobs)

<u>Fences</u>	<u>Height</u>		<u>Spread</u>
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Class 1	53 cms (1'9")	61 cms (2'0")	53 cms (1'9")
Class 2	65 cms (2'2")	76 cms (2'6")	65 cms (2'2")
Class 3	76 cms (2'6")	90 cms (3'0")	76 cms (2'6")

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2). Riders may only ride one pony in each class.
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) The course will consist of a minimum of seven fences, one of which must be a spread. A water jump and a change of direction must be included. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence
- f) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes.
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4. M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship – The Bowling Family MM-NWHP

The NPS/The Bowling Family M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion.

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

- i) Won an open NPS affiliated M&M WHP class
- ii) Won a class at an M&M WHP (HOYS or RIHS) qualifying round
- iii) Qualified for the NPS M&M Novice or Intermediate WHP final at the NPS Summer Championship show
- iv) Qualified for an M&M WHP final at HOYS or RIHS in previous years or in the current year

(N.B. Ponies can compete as novices for two consecutive years provided they do not make an entry in the final in the first year).

Three classes as follows:

Class 1 - Ponies not exceeding 122 cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 122 cms but not exceeding 138 cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 138 cms but not exceeding 148 cms (with the exception of Dales and Welsh D Cobs)

<u>Fences</u>	<u>Height</u>		<u>Spread</u>
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Class 1	47 cms (1'6")	53 cms (1'9")	47 cms (1'6")
Class 2	61 cms (2'0")	69 cms (2'3")	61 cms (2'0")
Class 3	76 cms (2'6")	84 cms (2'9")	76 cms (2'6")

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2). Riders may only ride one pony in each class.
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.
- f) The course will consist of a minimum of seven fences, one of which must be a spread. A water jump will not be included in qualifying rounds but will be included in the final. A change of direction must be included. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence
- g) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes.
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5. M&M Working Hunter Pony Starter Stakes National Championship – Leyhills MM-SSWHP

The NPS/Leyhills M&M Working Hunter Pony Starter Stakes National Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion.

The pony never to have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any open affiliated WHP class (all Societies). If a pony qualifies for any open affiliated WHP class it may not compete in the final of this competition.

Riders who have been placed at HOYS/RIHS WHP finals may not compete in this competition

Three classes as follows:-

Class 1 - Small Breeds (Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A, Welsh B)

Class 2 – Large Breeds (Fell, Dales, Highland)

Class 3 – Large Breeds (Connemara, New Forest, Welsh C, Welsh D)

<u>Fences</u>	<u>Height</u>		<u>Spread</u>
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Class 1	47 cms (1'6")	53 cms (1'9")	47cms (1'6)
Class 2	53 cms (1'9")	61 cms (2'0")	53cms (1'9")
Class 3	61 cms (2'0")	69 cms (2'3")	61cms (2'0")

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2). Riders may only ride one pony in each class. Riders who have been placed at HOYS/RIHS WHP finals may not compete in this competition
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle
- f) The course will consist of a minimum of seven fences, one of which must be a spread. A change of direction must be included. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence
- g) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes.

F – RULES FOR M&M WORKING HUNTER PONY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6. M&M Junior Working Hunter Pony National Championship - Mrs M Alford's MM-JWHP

The NPS/Mrs M Alford's M&M Junior Working Hunter Pony National Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion.

Three classes as follows:

Class 1 - Ponies not exceeding 128 cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 128 cms but not exceeding 138 cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 138 cms but not exceeding 148 cms (with the exception of Dales and Welsh D Cobs)

<u>Fences</u>	<u>Height</u>		<u>Spread</u>
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Class 1	53 cms (1'9")	69 cms (2'3")	53 cms (1'9")
Class 2	61 cms (2'0")	76 cms (2'6")	61 cms (2'0")
Class 3	69 cms (2'3")	84 cms (2'9")	69 cms (2'3")

- b) Rider Class 1 – Under 14 years
Class 2 – Under 16 years
Class 3 – Under 18 years.

except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).

Riders may only ride one pony in each class.

- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) The course will consist of a minimum of seven fences, one of which must be a spread. A water jump and a change of direction must be included. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence
- f) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes.

7. M&M First Ridden Working Hunter Pony National Championship – Area XI
MM-FRWHP

The NPS/Area XI M&M First Ridden Working Hunter Pony National Championship

- a) Mares and geldings four years old or over, not exceeding 128 cms, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

Fences

Height: Min - 47 cms (1'6") Max - 53 cms (1'9") Spread: Max - 47 cms (1'6")

- b) Rider over 5 years but under 12 years (see rules in section A 3.2). Riders who have qualified for the (HOYS or RIHS) M&M WHP Championship before 1st January in the current year, on any pony, are not eligible. Riders may only ride one pony in this class.
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.
- f) The course will consist of a minimum of seven fences, one of which must be a spread. A change of direction must be included. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence.
- g) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes.
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G. RULES FOR M&M IN HAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. M&M Home Produced In Hand National Championship – Area 25

MM-HPIH

The NPS/Area 25 M&M Home Produced In Hand National Championship.

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings any age, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

Ponies which are either stabled at home or in a DIY yard and which since 1st January in the current year have not been shown by a producer or stabled in a producer's yard other than on a DIY basis or at stud. Ponies shown in these classes must be produced and shown by the owner/spouse or his/her Immediate Family. Please see the definition of Home Produced in section A 3.6. **Please enter this class in the spirit it is intended. Competitors who contravene the above will be disqualified.**

Two classes as follows, or split at the show's discretion:

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>
Dartmoor	Connemara
Exmoor	Dales
Shetland	Fell
Welsh A	Highland
Welsh B	New Forest
	Welsh C
	Welsh D

- b) Handler any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2). The pony to be owned and produced by the handler (see definition in a) above).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.

**H. RULES FOR SHOW PONY/SHOW HUNTER PONY RIDDEN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Ridden National Championship – Tambrook Stud SP-R

The NPS/Tambrook Stud Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Ridden British National Championship.

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books. Part-Breds are eligible provided they are registered in a Breed Society Stud Book.

Four classes as follows:

Class 1 – Show Ponies not exceeding 133 cms.

Class 2 – Show Hunter Ponies not exceeding 133 cms

Class 3 – Show Ponies exceeding 133 cms and not exceeding 148 cms

Class 4 – Show Hunter Ponies exceeding 133 cms and not exceeding 153 cms

- b) Class 1 and Class 2 rider under 14 years. Class 3 and Class 4 no restriction on the rider except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.

***H – RULES FOR SHOW PONY / SHOW HUNTER PONY RIDDEN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS***

**2 Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Novice Ridden National Championship –
Nick Snelling**

SP-NR

The NPS/Nick Snelling Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Novice Ridden National Championship.

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books. Part-Breds are eligible provided they are registered in a Breed Society Stud Book.

Pony not to have won a first prize of £10 or more in any Ridden class before January 1st in the current year.

Three classes as follows (may be amalgamated):

Class 1 – Ponies not exceeding 128 cms.

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 128 cms and not exceeding 138 cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 138 cms and not exceeding 153 cms

- b) Class 1 rider under 13 years. Class 2 and Class 3 no restriction on the rider except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

***H – RULES FOR SHOW PONY / SHOW HUNTER PONY RIDDEN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS***

**4. Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Leading Rein National Championship -
Showing World Magazine SP-LR**

The NPS/Showing World Magazine Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Leading Rein National Championship.

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 122 cms, registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books. Part-Breds are eligible provided they are registered in a Breed Society Stud Book.
- b) Rider under 8 years for Show Ponies and under 9 years for Show Hunter Ponies (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies will not be stripped
- f) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.

***I – RULES FOR OPEN WORKING HUNTER AND COMPETITION PONY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS***

**I. RULES FOR OPEN WORKING HUNTER AND COMPETITION PONY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Open Working Hunter Pony National Championship – River Valley Stud O-WHP

The NPS/River Valley Stud Open Working Hunter Pony National Championship

- a) Ponies four years old or over, in possession of an equine passport but no specific registration or breed society criteria. Ponies' manes must be plaited. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion.

Five classes as follows:

Class 1 - Cradle Stakes, mares or gelding not exceeding 122 cms

Class 2 – Nursery Stakes, mares or geldings not exceeding 133 cms

Class 3 – Stallions, mares or geldings not exceeding 133 cms

Class 4 – Stallions, mares or geldings exceeding 133 cms but not exceeding 143 cms

Class 5 – Stallions, mares or geldings exceeding 143 cms but not exceeding 153 cms

<u>Fences</u>	<u>Height</u>		<u>Spread</u>
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Class 1	55 cms	70 cms	75 cms
Class 2	60 cms	75 cms	85 cms
Class 3	75 cms	90 cms	100 cms
Class 4	85 cms	100 cms	110 cms
Class 5	90 cms	105 cms	115 cms

- b) Rider Class 1 – under 11 years.
 Class 2 – under 12 years.
 Classes 3, 4, 5 - rider any age.
(see rules in section A 3.2).
Riders may only ride one pony in each class.
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) The course will consist of a minimum of seven fences, one which must be a spread. A change of direction must be included. Water jumps will not be included in Class 1 or Class 2. In Classes 3, 4 and 5 if a water jump is included it must not exceed the maximum width. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence.
- f) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes.

***I – RULES FOR OPEN WORKING HUNTER AND COMPETITION PONY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS***

2. Competition Pony Ridden National Championship – Prestige Browbands O-COMP

The NPS/Prestige Browbands Competition Pony Ridden National Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain and Moorland stud books. Part-Breds are eligible provided they are registered in a Breed Society Stud Book.

Class 1 – Ponies not exceeding 128 cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 128 cms and not exceeding 138 cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 138 cms and not exceeding 158 cms

<u>Fences</u>	<u>Min Height</u>	<u>Max Height</u>	<u>Max Spread</u>
Class 1	47 cms (1'6")	53 cms (1'9")	47 cms (1'6")
Class 2	61 cms (2')	69 cms (2'3")	61 cms (2')
Class 3	76 cms (2'6")	90 cms (3')	76 cms (2'6")

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see NPS rules in Section A 3.2)
- c) The owner doesn't have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify for the final. At the final the owner must be a Full member of the NPS.
- d) The highest placed pony in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line which has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.
- e) Ponies to be shown in any suitable bridle, boots are not permitted
- f) This competition will be judged in three phases:-
- Phase 1 Freestyle Show of a maximum of 2 minutes with compulsory elements (to include a rein back, walk on a long rein, three loop canter serpentine with change of lead, canter extension, lengthened stride at the trot and walk to halt) - 40 marks
- Phase 2 Jumping element – three fences - marks for approach, take-off, landing - 40 marks
- Phase 3 Conformation - 20 marks

***J – RULES FOR SHOW PONY/SHOW HUNTER PONY IN HAND NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS***

**J. RULES FOR SHOW PONY/SHOW HUNTER PONY IN HAND NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Show Pony In Hand Supreme National Championship – Area XI

SP-IH

The NPS/Area XI Show Pony In Hand Supreme National Championship.

- a) Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings not to exceed 148 cms at maturity, registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books. Part-Breds are not eligible unless entered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix.

Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion (see also section A 2.11).

At least three classes out of the following (classes may be amalgamated):

Class 1 – Yearling colt, filly or gelding.

Class 2 – 2 or 3 year old filly or gelding (include 2 or 3 year old colts if Class 3 not being held)

Class 3 – 2 or 3 year old colt

Class 4 – Brood mare 4 years old or over, in foal for the current year or with foal at foot.

Class 5 – Stallion 4 years old or over

Class 6 – Barren mare or gelding 4 years old or over

- b) Handler any age except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The first and second prize winners from each class go forward to a championship at the same show. The Champion and Reserve Champion, if owned by NPS members, then go forward to the final at the NPS Summer Championship show. Where the Champion and/or Reserve Champion is not owned by an NPS Member, or has already qualified, the pony standing next in line, which belongs to an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than first reserve in the Championship.

J – RULES FOR SHOW PONY/SHOW HUNTER PONY IN HAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2. Show Hunter Pony In Hand National Championship – Roseberry Stud

HP-IH

The NPS/Roseberry Stud Show Hunter Pony In Hand National Championship.

- a) Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings not to exceed 153 cms at maturity, registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books. Part-Breds are not eligible unless entered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix.

Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion (see also section A 2.11).

At least three classes out of the following (classes may be amalgamated):

Class 1 – Yearling colt, filly or gelding.

Class 2 – 2 or 3 year old filly or gelding (include 2 or 3 year old colts if Class 3 not being held)

Class 3 – 2 or 3 year old colt

Class 4 – Brood mare 4 years old or over, in foal for the current year or with foal at foot.

Class 5 – Stallion 4 years old or over

Class 6 – Barren mare or gelding 4 years old or over

- b) Handler any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The first and second prize winners from each class go forward to a championship at the same show. The Champion and Reserve Champion, if owned by NPS members, then go forward to the final at the NPS Summer Championship show. Where the Champion and/or Reserve Champion is not owned by an NPS Member, or has already qualified, the pony standing next in line, which belongs to an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than first reserve in the Championship.

J – RULES FOR SHOW PONY/SHOW HUNTER PONY IN HAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3. Show Pony Home Produced In Hand National Championship – SP-HPIH

The NPS Show Pony Home Produced In Hand National Championship.

- a) Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, not to exceed 148 cms at maturity which must be registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books. Part-Breds are not eligible unless entered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix.

Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion (see also section A 2.11).

Ponies which are either stabled at home or in a DIY yard and which since 1st January in the current year have not been shown by a producer or stabled in a producer's yard other than on a DIY basis or at stud. Ponies shown in these classes must be produced and shown by the owner/spouse or his/her Immediate Family. Please see the definition of Home Produced in section A 3.6. **Please enter this class in the spirit it is intended. Competitors who contravene the above will be disqualified.**

Three classes as follows:

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| Class 1 | Yearling colt, filly or gelding |
| Class 2 | 2 or 3 year old colt, filly or gelding |
| Class 3 | 4 years old or over stallion, mare or gelding |

- b) Handler any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2). The pony to be owned and produced by the handler (see definition in a) above).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification may go no lower than third place.

K- RULES FOR HOME PRODUCED RIDDEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

K. RULES FOR HOME PRODUCED RIDDEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Home Produced Ridden National Championship – Rosettes Direct

O-HPR

The NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden National Championship

- a) This championship is for Home Produced ridden stallions, mares and geldings.

Ponies which are either stabled at home or in a DIY yard and which since 1st January in the current year have not been shown by a producer or stabled in a producer's yard other than on a DIY basis or at stud. Ponies shown in these classes must be produced and shown by the owner/spouse or his/her Immediate Family. Please see the definition of Home Produced in section A 3.6. **Please enter this class in the spirit it is intended. Competitors who contravene the above will be disqualified.**

Qualifying rounds for this competition are run in conjunction with other NPS open ridden classes. Riders of eligible ponies must wear a white arm band to indicate their Home Produced status.

This competition is run in conjunction with the following NPS competitions:

M&M Open Ridden National Championship	- MM-OR
M&M Young Ridden Pony 2010 National Championship	- MM-4/5/6R
M&M Junior Ridden National Championship	- MM-JR
M&M First Ridden National Championship	- MM-FR
M&M Leading Rein National Championship	- MM-LR
Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Ridden National Championship	- SP-R
Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony First Ridden National Championship	- SP-FR
Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Leading Rein National Championship	- SP-LR

Ponies to comply with the rules for the class originally entered.

- b) Rider's age to comply with the rules of the class originally entered.
- c) The owner need not be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony in each class, owned by an NPS member and ridden by a person wearing a white arm band qualifies for the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line, which is owned by an NPS member and ridden by a person wearing a white arm band, receives the qualification. Qualification may go right down the line.

L. RULES FOR SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship – Kilmannan Stud

SM-MMIH

The NPS/Kilmannan Stud M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship

- a) This championship is for youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book, which have won their NPS affiliated M&M In Hand class at the qualifying show. Foals are not eligible for this Championship.
- b) Handler any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter the championship but only ponies owned by NPS members can receive the Silver Medal Rosette and qualify for the final at which a Gold Medal is presented. (see section A 1.3 a))
- d) The Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Champion, if owned by an NPS member. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS member the Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Reserve if it is owned by an NPS member. Silver Medal Rosette to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS Member.

The qualification card and the Sponsor's Rosette go to the Champion if owned by an NPS member and not already qualified for the M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship final. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS Member or has already qualified then the qualification card and the Sponsor's Rosette go to the Reserve Champion, if owned by an NPS member, unless he has already qualified. Qualification and Sponsor's Rosette to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS Member. At Breed Shows owners do not have to be NPS members to receive the Silver Medal or qualify for the final.

Ponies qualifying in Scotland can go forward to either the Scotland M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship final or the Silver Medal Rosette Championship final at the NPS Summer Championship show. Ponies qualifying outside Scotland go forward to the Silver Medal Rosette Championship final at the NPS Summer Championship show.

2. M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship

SM-MMR

The NPS M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship

- a) This Championship is for stallions, mares and geldings, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book, which have won their NPS affiliated M&M Ridden class at the qualifying show (with the exception of Working Hunter Pony, First Ridden and Leading Rein classes).
- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter the championship but only ponies owned by NPS members can receive the Silver Medal Rosette and qualify for the final at which a Gold Medal is presented. (see section A 1.3 a))
- d) The Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Champion, if owned by an NPS member. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS member the Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Reserve if it is owned by an NPS member. Silver Medal Rosette to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS Member.

The qualification card goes to the Champion if owned by an NPS member and not already qualified for the M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship final. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS Members or has already qualified then the qualification card goes to the Reserve Champion, if owned by an NPS member, unless he has already qualified. Qualification to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS Member. At Breed Shows owners do not have to be NPS members to receive the Silver Medal or qualify for the final.

Qualifiers go forward to the M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship final at the NPS Summer Championship show.

3. Show Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship - Laybalands Stud SM-SPIH

The NPS/Laybalands Stud Show Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship

- a) This Championship is for youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, not exceeding 148 cms at maturity, registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books, which have won their NPS affiliated Show Pony In Hand class at the qualifying show. Foals are not eligible for this Championship.

Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion (see section A 2.11).

- b) Handler any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter the championship but only ponies owned by NPS members can receive the Silver Medal Rosette and qualify for the final which at which a Gold Medal is presented. (see section A 1.3 a))
- d) The Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Champion, if owned by an NPS member. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS member the Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Reserve if it is owned by an NPS member. Silver Medal Rosette to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS Member.

The qualification card goes to the Champion if owned by an NPS member and not already qualified for the Show Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship final. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS Members or has already qualified then the qualification card goes to the Reserve Champion, if owned by an NPS member, unless he has already qualified. Qualification to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS Member.

Qualifiers go forward to the Show Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship final at the NPS Summer Championship show.

L - RULES FOR SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

4. Show Hunter Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship – Bankswood Stud SM-HPIH

The NPS/Bankswood Stud Show Hunter Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship

- a) This Championship is for youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, not exceeding 153 cms at maturity, registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books, which have won their NPS affiliated Show Hunter Pony in hand class at the qualifying show. Foals are not eligible for this Championship.

Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion (see section A 2.11).

- b) Handler any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter the championship but only ponies owned by NPS members can receive the Silver Medal Rosette and qualify for the final at which a Gold Medal is presented. (see section A 1.3 a))
- d) The Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Champion, if owned by an NPS member. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS member the Silver Medal Rosette goes to the Reserve if it is owned by an NPS member. Silver Medal Rosette to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS Member.

The qualification card goes to the Champion if owned by an NPS member and not already qualified for the Show Hunter Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship final. If the Champion is not owned by an NPS Member or has already qualified then the qualification card goes to the Reserve Champion, if owned by an NPS member, unless he has already qualified. Qualification to go no lower than first Reserve (third) provided it is owned by an NPS Member.

Qualifiers go forward to the Show Hunter Pony In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship final at the NPS Summer Championship show.

M. RULES FOR AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. British Isles Area Supreme Ridden Championship – Hawkins-Smith Natives BI-R

The NPS/Hawkins-Smith Natives British Isles Area Supreme Ridden Championship

- a) This championship is for ridden stallions, mares and geldings, and is held at NPS Area shows and at the NPS Spring and Autumn Festivals.

Eligible ponies/horses are those that have won one of the Ridden classes or championships for ponies/horses at the show, excluding Leading Rein and First Ridden ponies. There are no specific registration criteria.

- b) Rider's age to comply with the rules of the class originally entered.
- c) The owner need not be an NPS member for the pony/horse to enter this competition or to qualify for the final but will have to become a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) The qualifier may be judged within an open overall Supreme Championship where the highest placed appropriate (as defined above) pony/horse would be deemed the qualifier.
- e) The Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Ridden ponies/horses at each NPS Area show qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship show. If the Supreme and/or Reserve Supreme has already qualified then the qualification may go to the third place, but no lower.

2. British Isles Area Working Hunter Pony Championship

– Karel Doyle and Jasean Spraggett BI-WHP

The NPS/ Karel Doyle and Jasean Spraggett British Isles Area Working Hunter Pony Championship

- a) This championship is for ridden stallions, mares and geldings, and is held at NPS Area shows and at the NPS Spring and Autumn Festivals.

Eligible ponies are those that have won one of the working hunter pony classes at the show, excluding Leading Rein and First Ridden ponies. There are no specific height or registration criteria.

This will be run as one class. The height of the jumps will be adjusted based on the height of the ponies coming forward for the championship.

- b) Rider's age to comply with the rules of the class originally entered.
- c) The owner need not be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify for the final but will have to become a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) The Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion working hunter ponies at each NPS Area show qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship show. If the Supreme and/or Reserve Supreme has already qualified then the qualification may go to the third place, but no lower.
- e) See section A 4.7 for judging and marking criteria for working hunter pony classes

3. British Isles Area In Hand Championship - Fodder Solutions

BI-IH

The NPS/Fodder Solutions British Isles Area In Hand Championship

- a) This Championship is for youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, and is held at NPS Area shows and at the NPS Spring and Autumn Festivals.

Eligible ponies are those that have won a section championship in the In Hand classes at this show. There are no particular registration criteria.

- b) Handler any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner need not be an NPS member for the pony/horse to enter this competition or to qualify for the final but will have to become a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) The Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion In Hand ponies/horses at each NPS Area show qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship show. If the Supreme and/or Reserve Supreme has already qualified then the qualification may go to the third place, but no lower.

4. Hack and Riding Horse In Hand Supreme Championship – Ottergayle

H-IH

The NPS/Ottergayle Hack and Riding Horse In Hand Supreme Championship

Sponsored by David and Julia Topham Barnes

- a) Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, no specific registration criteria. Qualifying rounds may be affiliated to the NPS or the British Show Horse Association.

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

Class 1 – Hacks four years old and over, stallions, mares and geldings.

Class 2 – Hacks three years old and under, colts fillies and geldings

Class 3 – Riding Horses four years old and over, stallions, mares and geldings

Class 4 – Riding Horses three years and under, colts, fillies and geldings.

(N.B. At the final there may be separate classes for yearlings if there are sufficient entries)

- b) Handler any age except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the horse to enter this competition, to qualify or to enter the final.
- d) The first and second prize winners from each class go forward to the final at the NPS Summer Championship show. Where the first and/or second has already qualified the qualification goes to the next in line, qualification may go down to fifth place. Foals are excluded from qualifying.

N. RULES FOR AUTUMN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. M&M Ridden Grand Prix – www.horsequest.co.uk

AMM-GPOR

The NPS/www.horsequest.co.uk M&M Ridden Grand Prix

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
Shetland	Dartmoor	Welsh B	New Forest	Dales	Welsh D
Exmoor	Welsh A	Welsh C	Connemara	Fell	Highland

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition but only ponies owned by NPS members can qualify for the final.
- d) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, of each individual breed in each class goes forward to the final at the NPS Autumn Festival. At the final classes will be split by breed.
- e) The highest placed pony, owned by an NPS member, in each class goes forward to a championship at the show. The winner of that championship qualifies for the NPS M&M Ridden Champion of Champions at the NPS Autumn Festival. (see AMM-CCOR below). Where this pony has already qualified the Reserve pony receives the qualification if it has not already qualified. Qualification to go no lower than Reserve.
- f) Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle

2. M&M Ridden Champion of Champions –

AMM-CCOR

The NPS M&M Ridden Champion of Champions

- a) This competition is for stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. It is held at the NPS Autumn Festival. Eligible ponies are those that were overall Champion, or Reserve if the Champion had previously qualified, in the NPS/Horsequest M&M Ridden Grand Prix at an affiliated show. (See AMM-GPOR above)
- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner must be an NPS member for the pony to have qualified for this competition.
- d) Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle
- e) The prize money is as follows:
Champion - £500 Reserve - £250

O. RULES FOR WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. M&M Open Ridden Winter Championship – Snuggy Hoods

WMM-OR

The NPS/Snuggy Hoods M&M Open Ridden Winter Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

Two classes as follows, or split at the show's discretion:

<u>Class 1 - Small</u>	<u>Class 2 - Large</u>
Dartmoor	Connemara
Exmoor	Dales
Shetland	Fell
Welsh A	Highland
Welsh B	New Forest
	Welsh C
	Welsh D

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) In each class the three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
- e) Ponies may be stripped at the judge's discretion.

2. M&M Novice Ridden Winter Championship – Firle Stud

WMM-NR

The NPS/Firle Stud M&M Novice Ridden Winter Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

Ponies not to have won a first prize of £10 or more in any open Ridden M&M class.

Two classes as follows, or split at the show's discretion:

<u>Class 1- Small</u>	<u>Class 2 - Large</u>
Dartmoor	Connemara
Exmoor	Dales
Shetland	Fell
Welsh A	Highland
Welsh B	New Forest
	Welsh C
	Welsh D

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) In each class the three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
- e) Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle.
- f) Ponies may be stripped at the judge's discretion.

3. M&M Pure Novice Ridden Winter Championship – Hirstmund Stud

WMM-PNR

The NPS/Hirstmund Stud M&M Pure Novice Ridden Winter Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

Ponies not to have been placed first in any Ridden M&M class (excluding Leading Rein or First Ridden) prior to the commencement of the current Winter Series.

Two classes as follows, or split at the show's discretion:

<u>Class 1- Small</u>	<u>Class 2 - Large</u>
Dartmoor	Connemara
Exmoor	Dales
Shetland	Fell
Welsh A	Highland
Welsh B	New Forest
	Welsh C
	Welsh D

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) In each class the three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
- e) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.
- f) Ponies may be stripped at the judge's discretion.

4. M&M First Ridden Winter Championship - KBIS

WMM-FR

The NPS/KBIS M&M First Ridden Winter Championship

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Not exceeding 128cms.

Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B.

- b) Rider under 12 years (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) The three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
- e) Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.
- f) Ponies will not be stripped.

5. M&M Novice First Ridden Winter Championship

WMM-NFR

The NPS M&M Novice First Ridden Winter Championship

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Not exceeding 128cms.
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B.
Pony not to have won a first prize of £10 or more in any First Ridden class.
- b) Rider under 12 years (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) The three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
- e) Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle.
- f) Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.
- g) Ponies not to be cantered except in their individual show.
- h) Ponies will not be stripped.

6. M&M Leading Rein Winter Championship – T.C. Tack and Things

WMM-LR

The NPS/ T.C. Tack and Things M&M Leading Rein Winter Championship

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Not exceeding 122cms.
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B.
- b) Rider under 9 years (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) The three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
- e) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.
- f) Ponies will not be stripped.

7. M&M Novice Leading Rein Winter Championship – Checkleybank

WMM-NLR

The NPS/Checkleybank M&M Novice Leading Rein Winter Championship

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Not exceeding 122cms.
Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B.
Pony not to have won a first prize of £10 or more in any Leading Rein class.
- b) Rider under 9 years (see rules in section A 3.2).
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) The three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
- e) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.
- f) Ponies will not be stripped.

8. M&M In Hand Winter Championship - Leyhills

WMM-IH

The NPS/Leyhills M&M In Hand Winter Championship

- a) Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

Four classes as follows (may be amalgamated into two classes, either split by age or by Breed size large and small):

Class 1 Yearlings, 2 and 3 year ponies

Dartmoor
Exmoor
Shetland
Welsh A
Welsh B

Class 2 Ponies 4 years old & over

Dartmoor
Exmoor
Shetland
Welsh A
Welsh B

Class 3 Yearlings, 2 and 3 year ponies

Connemara
Dales
Fell
Highland
New Forest
Welsh C
Welsh D

Class 4 Ponies 4 years old & over

Connemara
Dales
Fell
Highland
New Forest
Welsh C
Welsh D

- b) Handler any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
- c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
- d) In each class the three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.

**9. Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Pure Novice Ridden Winter Championship -
Stanford WSP-PNR**

The NPS/Stanford Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Pure Novice Ridden Winter Championship

- a) Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register or Appendix, the GSB, the AHSB, the AASB or registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland stud books. Part-Breds are eligible provided they are registered in a Breed Society Stud Book. Ponies' manes must be plaited.

Pony not to have been placed first in any Affiliated Ridden Show Pony / Show Hunter Pony class (excluding Leading Rein or First Ridden) prior to the commencement of the current Winter Series.

Up to three classes as follows: (Classes may be amalgamated)

- Class 1 Ponies not exceeding 133 cms
Class 2 Ponies exceeding 133 cms but not exceeding 143 cms
Class 3 Ponies exceeding 143 cms and not exceeding 153 cms

- b) Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2)
c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
d) In each class the three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
e) Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.
f) Ponies may be stripped at the judge's discretion.

10. Junior Ridden Winter Championship - Joeling W-JR

The NPS/Joeling Junior Ridden Winter Championship

- a) Mares and geldings four years old and over. There are no specific registration criteria.
Class 1 – Ponies not exceeding 138 cms
Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 138 cms but not exceeding 153 cms
(N.B. At the final each class will be split according to the entries).
b) Rider Class 1 – under 16 years (see rules in section A3.2)
Class 2 – under 18 years (see rules in section A3.2)
c) The owner does not have to be an NPS member for the pony to enter this competition or to qualify but the owner must be a Full member of the NPS to enter the final.
d) In each class the three highest placed ponies which have not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify for the final at the NPS Spring Festival.
e) Ponies may be stripped at the judge's discretion.

P. RULES FOR YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Young Rider Championship – Area 25 & The Underwood Family

YRCH

The NPS/Area 25/The Underwood Family Young Rider Championship

- a) This championship is for riders up to the age of 25.

Qualifying rounds for this competition are run in conjunction with the following NPS ridden Winter and Summer competitions

M&M Open Ridden National Championship	- MM-OR
M&M Young Ridden Pony 2010 National Championship	- MM-4/5/6R
M&M Intermediate Ridden National Championship	- MM-IR
M&M Novice Ridden National Championship	- MM-NR
M&M Junior Ridden National Championship	- MM-JR
M&M First Ridden National Championship	- MM-FR
Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Ridden National Championship	- SP-R
Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony Novice Ridden National Championship	- SP-LR
Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony First Ridden National Championship	- SP-FR
M&M Open Ridden Winter Championship	- WMM-OR
M&M Novice Ridden Winter Championship	- WMM-NR
M&M Pure Novice Ridden Winter Championship	- WMM-PNR
M&M Junior Ridden Winter Championship	- WMM-JR
M&M First Ridden Winter Championship	- WMM-FR
M&M Novice First Ridden Winter Championship	- WMM-NFR

Ponies to comply with the rules for the class originally entered.

- b) Rider's age to comply with the rules of the class originally entered but only riders up to age 25 are eligible for this competition.
- c) Riders do not need to be NPS member to enter this competition or to qualify but riders must be Junior, Standard or Full members or Family members to enter the final.
- d) The judge of each of the above classes will award a qualification card to one junior rider in the class if the judge feels it is deserved.
- e) The final is held at the NPS Spring Festival. Riders must ride the same pony at the final. At the final there will be the following classes, ages as at 1st January in the year of the final -

Class 1 - Riders aged under 10 years

Class 2 - Riders aged 10 -13 years

Class 3 - Riders aged 14 – 18 years

Class 4 - Riders aged 19 – 25 years.

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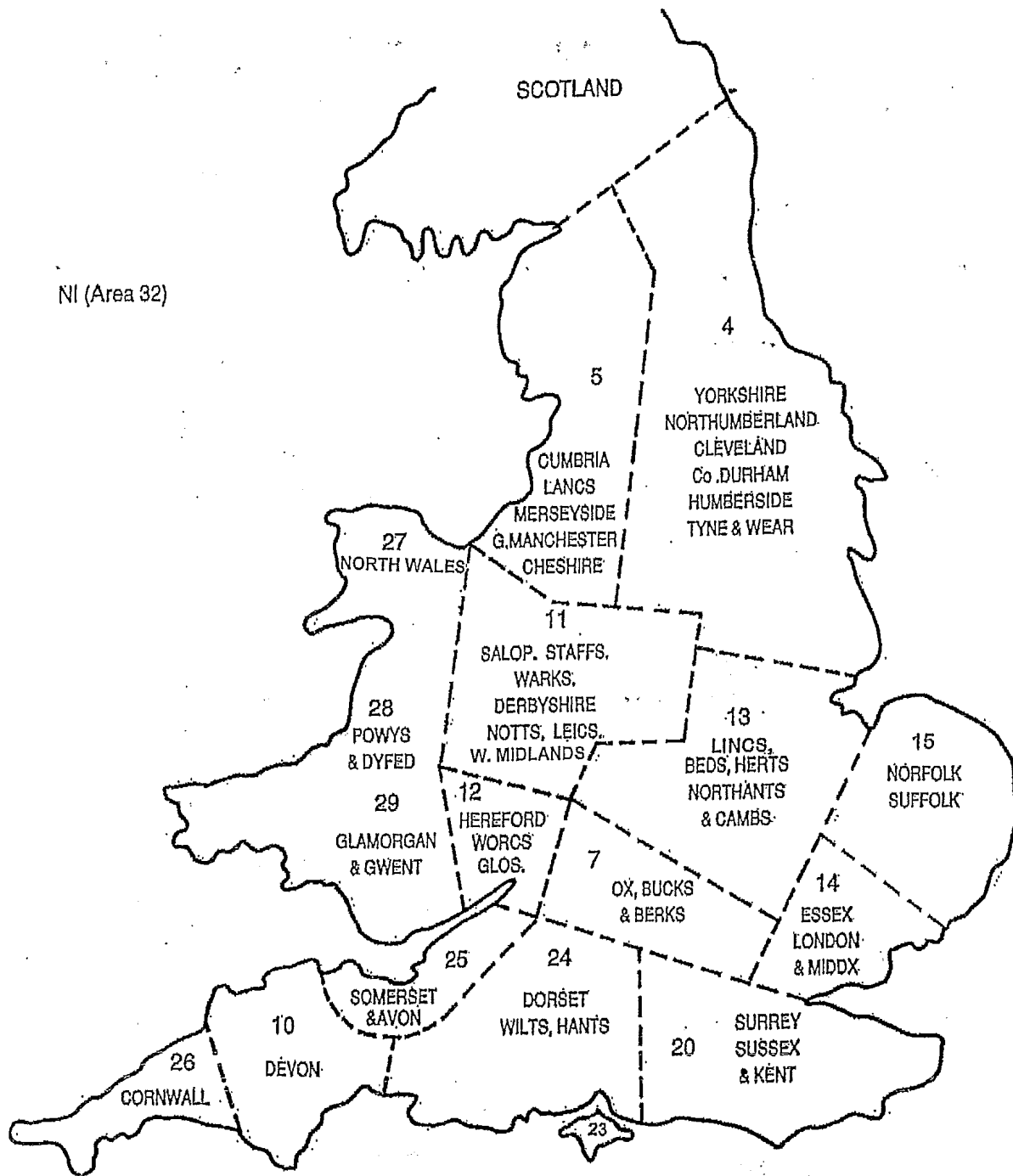
C/S	PELVIS	BACK & RIBS	NECK
0 VERY POOR	Angular, skin tight. Very sunken rump. Deep cavity under tail.	Skin tight over ribs. Very prominent and sharp backbone.	Marked ewe neck. Narrow and slack at base.
1 POOR	Prominent pelvis and croup. Sunken rump but skin supple. Deep cavity under tail.	Ribs easily visible. Prominent backbone with sunken skin on either side.	Ewe neck, narrow and slack base.
2 MODERATE	Rump flat either side of back bone. Croup well defined, some fat. Slight cavity under tail.	Ribs just visible. Backbone covered but spines can be felt.	Narrow but firm.
3 GOOD	Covered by fat and rounded. No gutter. Pelvis easily felt.	Ribs just covered and easily felt. No gutter along the back. Backbone well covered but spines can be felt.	No crest (except for Stallions) Firm neck.
4 FAT	Gutter to root of tail. Pelvis covered by fat. Need firm pressure to feel.	Ribs well covered – need pressure to feel.	Slight crest. Wide and firm.
5 VERY FAT	Deep gutter to root of tail. Skin distended. Pelvis buried, cannot be felt.	Ribs buried, cannot be felt. Deep gutter along back. Back broad and flat	Marked crest very wide and firm. Fold of fat.

(Based on the Carroll and Huntington method)

To obtain a body score, score the pelvis first, then adjust by half a point if it differs by one point or more to the back of the neck.

Judges and Competitors are required to take particular note of the Body Condition Scoring Index. Judges will be using this index as part of their assessment of your pony.

THE NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY AREAS



Note: All Areas shown are approximate – please allow for artistic licence. Geographical apportioning is regularly reviewed and any changes will be published in the NEWSLETTER.

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