

## **NPS Scotland Rules 2018**

Please can you ensure these are **COPIED AND PASTED** into your schedule as follows:-

1. Ponies may only qualify **once** for each NPS Scotland Competition Final. Ponies that take a second qualifier for the same section will not be allowed to enter the final.
2. All Mountain & Moorland Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective stud book. Part bred, X registered ponies, ponies in the appendices of their main stud book and Eriskays are not eligible.
3. Qualification in the M. & M In Hand Section may go to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship.  
All others may go to no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place.
4. **A Judge is not obliged to award an NPS Scotland Finals qualification if he/she feels that the pony is not of a sufficient standard**
5. **Closing Dates for Entries:**  
**Competitors qualifying at Shows held before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 must send their qualifying cards and entries in by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**  
**Shows after 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 adhere to a closing date of 1st August 2018 and Late Entries will NOT be accepted. Competitors that qualify at late shows after the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 are required to email the secretary and send in the qualifying cards within 3 days of the show.**
6. **Cavasson nosebands are the only nosebands permitted in flat ridden classes.**
7. Entry for the Finals can only be made by sending the official card duly signed by the Judge at the time of qualifying with your entry form.
8. The OWNER must be or become a member of NPS Scotland before entering the Finals.
9. All ridden ponies must be shown off the lead rein except in the specified Lead Rein Qualifier Class.
10. In Mountain and Moorland classes riders of stallions must be 12 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.
11. A child must have attained their 12th birthday as of the 1st January in the current year to either strip or lunge pony at a NPS show, except for stallions where age will same as in the Rule Book to ride a stallion.
12. Handlers of stallions or colts must be 14 years old or over.
13. Handlers of ponies in In Hand classes aged 14 years and under must wear a correctly secured skull caps/riding hat that meets the current standards.
14. The Final will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Guide for Shows Holding Qualifiers – This is designed to help with the wording that should be used in your schedule**

**NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship**

Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Two, three or five classes as follows, The second choice of classes can have Highlands or any other breed that are likely to have large numbers split off into class 3 :

<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>
Dartmoor	Connemara	Welsh C
Exmoor	Dales	Welsh D
Shetland	Fell	
Welsh A	Highland	
Welsh B	New Forest	

**Or**

<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	

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

- i. Won an open NPS affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class
- ii. Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, Olympia or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes
- iii. 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).
- iv. If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show, Olympia or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Kilmannan or Picton Final.

Rider any age, except stallions (see rules).

Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

A minimum of 6 ponies must be stripped in qualifying rounds. All ponies will be stripped in the Final.

The 2 highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place.** This can be either mixed M. & M. or Breed Classes

**NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet n Pony In Hand Mountain & Moorland Championship.**

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 spilt 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

Handler any age, except stallions (see rules). Foals are not eligible.

**The Champion & Res. Champion** in all Mixed, pure-bred M & M, or Breed Championships will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018. **Qualification may go to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship (ie 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion)**

**NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds Open Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship.**

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:

Class 1

Dartmoor  
Exmoor  
Shetland  
Welsh A  
Welsh B

Class 2

Connemara  
Dales  
Fell  
Highland  
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		

Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).

The owner does not have to be an NPS Scotland member for the pony to enter this competition, but the owner must become a member to enter the final.

To be shown in any suitable bridle.

A minimum of 6 ponies must be stripped in qualifying rounds. All ponies must be stripped in the NPS Final.

The 2 highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place.** This can be either mixed M. & M. or Breed Classes

<p><b>NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products Mountain &amp; Moorland Open WHP Championship.</b></p>
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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.

b. FOUR classes as follows:

Class 1 – Ponies not exceeding 122cms

Class 2 – Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 3 – Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 4 – Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148 (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction).

	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Max.(spread)</u>
Class 1	55 cms	70 cms	55 cms
Class 2	65 cms	80 cms	65 cms
Class 3	75 cms	90 cms	75 cms
Class 4	85 cms	100 cms	85 cms

c. Rider any age, except stallions (see rules). Riders may only ride one pony in each class.

d. The owner does not have to be an NPS Scotland member for the pony to enter this competition, but the owner must become a member to enter the final.

e. 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.

f. Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle.

g. All ponies forward for final judging must be stripped.

The 2 highest placed ponies, in each class not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

<p><b>NPS Scotland/ Kilgraston School M&amp;M Lead Rein Championship</b></p>
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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

Rider must be at least 3 years old on the day of the class and not to have attained their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday by the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year

The owner does not have to be an NPS Scotland member for the pony to enter this competition, but the owner must become a member to enter the final.

Ponies will not be stripped.

Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.

Handles on saddles are permitted.

The 2 highest placed ponies in the Lead Rein Class not already qualified will go forward to the final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

#### **NPS Scotland/ Kilgraston School M&M First Ridden Championship**

Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 128cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books:

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

Riders not to have attained their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year

The owner does not have to be an NPS Scotland member for the pony to enter this competition but the owner must become a member to enter the final.

Ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show.

Ponies will not be stripped.

Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.

Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle.

The 2 highest placed ponies in the First ridden class not already qualified will go forward to the final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

#### **NPS Scotland/NFU Mutual Open In-hand Riding Pony/Hunter Pony Championship**

**Hunter Pony.** Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings not to exceed 153 cms at maturity

**Riding Pony.** Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, not to exceed 148 cms at maturity.

Both H/P and R/P to be registered in the NPS British Riding Pony Stud Book, Register, Appendix, International or Sports Pony section of the BRPSB; 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, Appendix, International or Sports Pony section of the BRPSB.

Shows should hold at least two classes

The highest placed pony, in each open in-hand Riding Pony or Hunter Pony Class (foal classes excluded) not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**