



SCONE PALACE
INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS

NPS Scotland Finals & Silver Medal Championships

Friday 28th August 2026

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Closing Date for Entries:

Monday, 10th August 2026 at 2359hrs

for all Qualifying Shows.

Strictly No Late Entries

Entries and Stable Bookings open on Tues 9th June 2026:

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Riding Ponies/Hunter Ponies In Hand	Achilty Stud

Judges and Officials 2026

Judge	Sections
Miss E Briant MVO, Wiltshire	• NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud M&M Novice Ridden Championship Final 2026 (C) • NPS Scotland/Achilty Stud Riding Pony/Hunter Pony In Hand Final 2026 • NPS Scotland/Craigclowan School M&M Lead Rein and First Ridden Championship Final 2026 (R)
Miss D Spears, Bucks	• NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud M&M Novice Ridden Championship Final 2026 (R) • NPS/The Nipna Dales Pony Stud M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette (Scotland) Final 2026 • NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet n Pony M&M In Hand Championship Final 2026
Miss D Chadwick, Lancashire	• NPS Scotland/Blackertor & Sharptor Studs M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship (Scotland) Final 2026 • NPS Scotland/Harbro M&M Open Ridden Championship Final 2026 (R)

Mrs M Taylor, Yorkshire	• NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products M&M WHP Championship Final 2026 (J) • NPS Scotland/Harbro M&M Open Ridden Championship Final 2026 (C)
Mrs C Frith, Staffordshire	• NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products M&M WHP Championship Final 2026 (C) • NPS Scotland/Craigclowan School M&M Lead Rein and First Ridden Championship Final 2026 (C) • NPS/The Nipna Dales Pony Stud M&M Silver Medal Rosette Championship
Mrs J McNaught, Ayrshire	• NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Ridden Championship Final 2026
Mrs BK Gibb, Aberdeen	• NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Ridden Championship Final 2026
TBC	• Supreme of Show 2026
Mrs Linda Lucey	• M&M WHP Coursebuilder

THE MURRAY ARENA – 8.30am PROMPT

NPS SCOTLAND/KILMANNAN STUD MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN FINAL 2026

Judges: Miss E Briant, Ivy House Farm, Grittenham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 4JU (C) and Miss D Spears, 2 Westfield Avenue, Deanshanger, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK19 6LJ (R)

Only open to qualified novice ponies, 4 years old and over.

Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit. A standard cavesson noseband is the only type of noseband permitted in flat ridden classes.

Ridden stallions MUST display a stallion bridle marker available from the NPS office or from any other society.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

QUALIFYING CARD NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY.

The OWNER OF THE PONY must be or become a member of NPS Scotland before entering this Final.

Entry fee: Classes 1-5 £25.00. Prize money: 1st £15.00, 2nd £12.00. 3rd £10.00

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 Mountain and Moorland Ridden class.
- ii) Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, BSPS Lemeiux Final or RIHS Open M&M Ridden Classes
- iii) Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden final at the NPS Summer Championship show and the NPS Scotland/Kilmanman Stud Novice Final at NPS Scotland Championship Finals (Scone Palace) (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, BSPS Lemeiux Final or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Kilmanman Final at Scone Palace.

- 1. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland
- 2. Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B
- 3. New Forest, Connemara
- 4. Fell, Dales, Highland
- 5. Welsh Section C, Welsh Section D

Championship for 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 1-5.

Champion £100.00 and sash. Reserve Champion £50.00 and sash.

Champion and Reserve Champion eligible to compete in the NPS/Nipna Dales Pony Stud Ridden M&M Silver Medal Rosette Championship following the conclusion of the Open Ridden section at the end of the day.

THE MURRAY ARENA - NOT BEFORE 11.30am

**THE NPS/NIPNA DALES PONY STUD M&M RIDDEN SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIP (SCOTLAND)
FINAL 2026**

Judge: Miss D Spears, 2 Westfield Avenue, Deanshanger, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK19 6LJ

Only winners of Ridden Silver Medal Rosettes throughout the season may compete. A pony can only attend one M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship Final in a season either at the NPS Summer Championships at Malvern or at the NPS Scotland Championships at Scone Palace International Horse Trials.

Ridden stallions MUST display a stallion bridle marker available from the NPS office or from any other society.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

The owner's membership card must be presented in the ring to be awarded the rosette.

Separate entry to NPS at The RASE Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG is required. Tel: 01420 88333.

Email: admin@nationalponysociety.com Website: www.nationalponysociety.org.uk

Entries for this Silver Medal Final close with NPS Head Office on Monday 10th August 2026 at 12 noon. Entries received after this date will be refused.

The Champion and Reserve Champions will receive Gold Medal Rosettes.

THE MURRAY ARENA - NOT BEFORE 1.00pm

**NPS SCOTLAND/HARBRO MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN FINAL 2026
(Incorporating the NPS/RINGSIDE STUD M&M Open Ridden National Championship 2027)**

Judges: Miss D Chadwick, The Hedges, North Road, Bretherton, Near Leyland, Lancashire, PR26 9AY (R) and Mrs M Taylor, Gale House Farm, Bishopdyke Road, Cawood, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 3UB (C)

Only open to qualified ponies.

A standard cavesson noseband is the only type of noseband permitted in flat ridden classes.

Ridden stallions MUST display a stallion bridle marker available from the NPS office or from any other society.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

QUALIFYING CARD NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY.

The OWNER OF THE PONY must be or become a member of NPS Scotland before entering this Final.

Entry fee: Classes 6-11 £25.00. Prize money: 1st £20.00, 2nd £15.00, 3rd £10.00

6. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland
7. Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B
8. New Forest, Connemara
9. Fell, Dales
10. Welsh Section C, Welsh Section D
11. Highland

The First Placed Ridden Highland Pony will be awarded The Acorn Quaich kindly re-presented by Mrs Louise Fraser.

Championship for 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 6-11

Champion £100.00 and sash and the Perpetual Argaty Trophy. Reserve Champion £50.00 and sash

Champion and Reserve Champion eligible to compete in the NPS/Nipna Dales Pony Stud M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship following the conclusion of the Open Ridden section at the end of the day.

NPS/NIPNA DALES PONY STUD RIDDEN MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIP

Judge: Mrs C Frith, Smithy Cottage, Boreatton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2EP

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an NPS Qualifying or Life member in their NPS affiliated M&M Ridden Section. Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification. Ponies qualified are entitled to compete in either the NPS/Nipna Dales Pony Stud M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship to be held at the NPS Summer Championship Show in Malvern, or at the NPS Scotland Championship Show in Scotland.

Ponies eligible to compete will be the KILMANNAN NOVICE RIDDEN CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION, the MAGGIE MAY JUNIOR RIDDEN CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION and the HARBRO OPEN RIDDEN CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

THE BALVAIRD ARENA – 8.30am PROMPT

NPS SCOTLAND/KINGFISHER BUILDING PRODUCTS MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND WORKING HUNTER PONY FINAL 2026

Judges: Mrs C Frith, Smithy Cottage, Boreatton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2EP (C) and Mrs M Taylor, Gale House Farm, Bishopdyke Road, Cawood, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 3UB (J)

Only open to qualified ponies, 4 years of age and over. Ponies must be within the specified height range for their breed. Stallions **MUST** display a stallion bridle marker (see Notes for Exhibitors for further details).

Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle subject to rules 2.6.j, k & l NPS 2026 Rule Book page 9.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

It is strongly recommended that only a padded whip/baton is carried in Working Hunter Pony classes.

QUALIFYING CARD NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY.

The OWNER OF THE PONY must be or become a member of NPS Scotland before entering this Final.

Entry fee: Classes 12-15 £35.00. Prize money: 1st £25.00, 2nd £20.00, 3rd £15.00

These classes will run to the Rules of the NPS/Smithers Show Team M&M WHP National Championship Rules (page 55 NPS 2026 Rule Book).

12. Ponies not exceeding 122cms (12hh). Fences maximum 70cms (2'4")

13. Ponies exceeding 122cms (12hh) but not exceeding 133cms (13hh). Fences max 80cms (2'8")

14. Ponies exceeding 133cms (13hh) but not exceeding 143cms (14hh). Fences max 90cms (2'11")

15. Ponies exceeding 143cms (14hh). Fences max 100cms (3'3")

Championship for 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 12-15

Champion £100 and sash, the Kingfisher Trophy. Reserve Champion £50.00 and sash.

NOT BEFORE 1.00pm IN THE BALVAIRD ARENA

NPS SCOTLAND/TOWNHEAD PET N PONY IN HAND MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND IN HAND FINAL 2026 (Incorporating the NPS/ABSORBINE M&M In Hand Summer Championship 2027)

Judge: Miss D Spears, 2 Westfield Avenue, Deanshanger, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK19 6LJ

Only open to qualified ponies.

QUALIFYING CARD NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY.

The OWNER OF THE PONY must be or become a member of NPS Scotland before entering this Final.

Entry fee: Classes 16-23 £25.00. Prize money: 1st £15.00, 2nd £12.00, 3rd £10.00

In Hand stallions (2 years old and over) must be adequately bitted and are advised to display a stallion bridle marker.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

16. Stallions, large and small breeds, 4 years old and over.

17. Connemara, Fell, Dales, New Forest, Welsh Section C, Welsh Section D, mare or gelding, 4 years of age and over
This class may be split by breed depending on entries received.

18. Highland, mare or gelding, 4 years of age and over

19. Shetland, mare or gelding, 4 years of age and over

20. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B, mare or gelding, 4 years of age and over

Senior Championship for 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 16-20.

- 21. Yearlings, large and small breeds. Colts, fillies or gelding.
- 22. Small breeds colt, filly or gelding 2 and 3 years old. Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B.
- 23. Large Breeds colt, filly or gelding 2 and 3 years old. Connemara, Fell, Dales, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C, Welsh Section D.

Youngstock Championship for 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 21-23.

Overall In Hand Championship.

Champion £100.00 and sash. Reserve Champion £50.00 and sash.

The Overall In Hand Champion is also awarded The Nick Mason Salver

NPS/Blackertor & Sharptor Studs Mountain and Moorland In Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship

A Silver Medal Rosette is offered by the National Pony Society for the best registered pony owned by an NPS Qualifying or Life member in their NPS affiliated M&M In Hand Section. The Sponsor's Rosette is also awarded to the pony receiving the qualification. Membership cards must be presented in the ring to receive the medal and/or the qualification. Ponies qualified are entitled to compete in either the NPS/Blackertor & Sharptor Studs M&M In-Hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship to be held at the NPS Summer Championship Show in Malvern, or at the NPS Scotland Championship Show in Scotland. Qualifiers may only compete in one Blackertor & Sharptor Studs Final.

THE LYNEDOCH ARENA – 8.30am PROMPT

**NPS SCOTLAND/MAGGIE MAY MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND JUNIOR RIDDEN FINAL 2026
(Incorporating the NPS M&M Junior Ridden National Championship 2027)**

Judge: Mrs J McNaught, Netherbrae, 30 Burn Road, Darvel, Ayrshire, KA17 0DB (R) and Mrs BK Gibb, East Kingsford, Kingswells, Aberdeen, AB15 8QR (C)

Only open to qualified ponies, 4 years of age and over.

To be shown in any suitable bridle subject to rules 2.6.j, k & l detailed on page 9 2026 NPS Rule Book.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

QUALIFYING CARD NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY.

The OWNER OF THE PONY must be or become a member of NPS Scotland before entering this Final.

Entry fee: Classes 24-26 £25.00. Prize money: 1st £20.00, 2nd £15.00, 3rd £10.00

24. Registered Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Connemara and Welsh Section D, mares and geldings four years old and over, exceeding 138cms but not exceeding 148cms (except for Welsh Section D and Dales). Riders must not have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
25. Registered Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Connemara and Welsh Section C mares and geldings four years old and over, not exceeding 138cms. Riders must not have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
26. Registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A and Welsh Section B mares and geldings four years old and over. Riders must not have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Championship for 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 24-26

Champion £100.00 and sash and the Maggie May Trophy. Reserve Champion £50.00 and sash.

Champion and Reserve Champion eligible to compete in the NPS/Nipna Dales Pony Stud M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship following the conclusion of the Open Ridden section at the end of the day.

THE LYNEDOCH ARENA - NOT BEFORE 11.00am

**THE NPS/BLACKERTOR & SHARPTOR STUDS M&M IN HAND SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIP
(SCOTLAND) FINAL 2026**

Judge: Miss D Chadwick, The Hedges, North Road, Bretherton, Near Leyland, Lancashire, PR26 9AY

Only winners of In Hand Silver Medal Rosettes throughout the season compete. A pony can only attend one M&M In hand Silver Medal Rosette Championship Final in a season either at the NPS Summer Championships at Malvern or at the NPS Scotland Championships at Scone Palace International Horse Trials.

All In Hand stallions and colts 2 years old or over must be adequately bitted and are advised to display a stallion bridle marker available from the NPS office or from any other society.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

The owner's membership card must be presented in the ring to be awarded the rosette.

Whiskers are not to be trimmed for any breed.

Separate entry to NPS at The RASE Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG is required. Tel: 01420 88333. Email: admin@nationalponysociety.com Website: www.nationalponysociety.org.uk
Entries for this Silver Medal Final close with NPS Head Office on Monday, 10th August 2026 at 12 noon. Entries received after this date will be refused.

The Champion and Reserve Champions will receive Gold Medal Rosettes.

THE LYNEDOCH ARENA - NOT BEFORE 12.30pm

NPS SCOTLAND/ACHILTY STUD RIDING PONY AND HUNTER PONY IN HAND FINAL 2026

Judge: Miss E Briant, Ivy House Farm, Grittenham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 4JU

Only open to qualified ponies. Ponies may only compete in either class 27 or class 28.

QUALIFYING CARD NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY.

The OWNER OF THE PONY must be or become a member of NPS Scotland before entering this Final.

All In Hand stallions and colts 2 years old or over must be adequately bitted and are advised to display a stallion bridle marker.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

Entry fee: Classes 22-23 £25.00. Prize money: 1st £25.00, 2nd £20.00, 3rd £15.00.

Special rosettes will be awarded to the best yearling, 2 year old, 3 year old and 4 year old and over in each class.

27. Riding Ponies not exceeding 148cms at maturity. All ages.

28. Hunter Ponies not exceeding 153cms at maturity. All ages.

Championship for 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 27-28

Champion £100.00 and sash. Reserve Champion £50.00 and sash.

THE LYNEDOCH ARENA - NOT BEFORE 2.00pm

NPS SCOTLAND/CRAIGCLOWAN SCHOOL MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND LEAD REIN AND FIRST RIDDEN FINAL 2026

Judges: Mrs C Frith, Smithy Cottage, Boreatton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2EP (C) and Miss E Briant, Ivy House Farm, Grittenham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 4JU (R)

Only open to qualified ponies, 4 years of age and over.

Sensory hairs should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.

QUALIFYING CARD NUMBER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY.

The OWNER OF THE PONY must be or become a member of NPS Scotland before entering this Final.

Entry fee: Classes 29-30 £25.00. Prize money: 1st £25.00, 2nd £20.00, 3rd £15.00

29. Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein Final.

Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 122cms, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Riders must be at least 3 years old on the day of the class, but not to have attained their 9th birthday by the 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

The First Placed Lead Rein Pony will be awarded The Pumhill Tirella Trophy kindly presented by Mrs Lynn Robertson.

30. Mountain and Moorland First Ridden Final.

Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 128cms, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday by 1st January in the current year. Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle subject to rules 2.6.j, k & l detailed on page 9 2026 NPS Rule Book.

The First Places First Ridden Pony will be awarded The Poppet Trophy kindly presented by The Stewart Family.

Championship for 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 29-30

Champion £100.00 and sash and the Netherbrae Quaich. Reserve Champion £50.00 and sash.

NPS SCOTLAND SUPREME SCONE PALACE PONY OF THE YEAR 2026
Kindly sponsored by Friends of NPS Scotland

Judge : TBC

All Champion and Reserve Champion ponies from every Ridden and In Hand Section eligible to compete.

Supreme Champion £150.00 and sash
Reserve Supreme Champion £100.00 and sash

NPS SCOTLAND NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS

ENTRIES MAY BE MADE ONLINE VIA THE [ENTRYMASTER LINK](#) ON THE SCONE PALACE INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS AND NPS SCOTLAND WEBSITE

All Competitors are assumed to have read these notes and questions arising out of the Show will be determined by reference to these notes.

CLASSES TO BE JUDGED UNDER THE RULES OF THE NPS: Exhibitors are deemed to be conversant with these Rules. For full details please visit www.nationalponysociety.com or contact the NPS Office at RASE Centre, Unit 60, 6th Street, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG. Tel: 01420 88333.

- **The OWNER OF THE PONY** must be or become a member of **NPS Scotland** before entering these Finals.
- **EQUINE INFLUENZA** vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all horses/ponies competing in NPS affiliated classes.
- **ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATES.** Closing date will be Monday, 10th August 2026 at 2359hrs for all qualifiers held before this date. This date will be strictly adhered to. No late entries accepted. Entries may only be made online via the NPS Scotland [Entrymaster](#)
- **EXHIBITOR NUMBERS:** These will be sent to competitors, along with e-admission and lorry passes and other relevant information prior to the show date.
- **PRIZE MONEY:** Prize money is to be collected from the NPS Scotland Secretary's Tent adjacent to the showing rings. Prize money **not** claimed either on the day of the show or within 30 minutes of the awarding of the rosettes in the last class of the day will be forfeited.
- **SCORESHEETS:** Only the WHP score sheets will be available to view by exhibitors. At Finals, NPS Scotland reserves the right to have (use) unofficial mark sheets for the judges' reference only. These marks sheets will NOT be for public display. Please refer to Rule 4.6(k) page 19 2026 Rule Book.
- **SENSORY HAIRS** should not be trimmed, clipped, shaved or removed other than for veterinary purposes. These are defined as the hard hairs located on the pony's muzzle and around the eyes. Trimming of ear hair should be minimised.
- **IN-HAND STALLIONS AND COLTS:** Handlers of Stallions and Colts in In-Hand Classes must be 14 years old or over before 1st January in the current year. All In-Hand stallions and colts 2 years old or over **must** be adequately bitted and are advised to display a stallion bridle marker.
- **RIDDEN STALLIONS:** Ridden stallions **must** display a stallion bridle marker. In M&M classes, riders of stallions must be 12 years old or over when riding small breeds (Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh A & B). When riding large breeds (Highland, Fell, Dales, Connemara, New Forest Welsh C & D) riders of stallions must be 14 years old or over.
- **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. The adverse use of schooling whips or any other whip or cane is not permitted within any area of the showground.
- **SPURS** are **not** allowed in any ridden class. Correctly secured current British standard skull caps/riding hats must be worn at all times when mounted.
- **WHP CLASSES** - In the Working Hunter Pony Classes (12-15), riders may ride up to two ponies of the same height in a class, and both ponies can go forward for show and conformation judging. There must be no change of rider between phases. (NPS 2026 Rule Book Rule 4.7(h) page 20).
- **HATS.** Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats that meet one of the following current Safety Standards/specifications **MUST** be worn by Riders of all ages. Hat Standards accepted as of 1st January 2026 are as follows: PAS015 2011, VG1 2014-12, EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 & 2023, SNELL E2016 or 2021 onwards.
- **JEWELLERY.** The wearing of any sort of jewellery when handling or riding a horse/pony is not recommended and if done at any NPS activity, is done at the risk of the member/their parent/guardian.
- **SOLID METAL CURB CHAINS,** frequently covered in leather, are not permitted.
- **BITS** - Only smooth rounded mouthpieces on bits are acceptable. Bits with wire mouths, square mouths, or those that have been modified from the manufacturer's original form are not acceptable in NPS classes.
- **BITLESS BRIDLES AND RUNNING GAGS ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

- **NOSEBANDS** - A standard cavesson noseband is the only type of noseband permitted in flat ridden classes. Crank nosebands are not permitted in any class.
- **THE JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** A judge may order that a pony that constitutes a danger must leave the ring. An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony bred, sold, leased, produced, broken or trained by the Judge, and /or his/her immediate family or his/her employer.
- **TIMETABLE: EXHIBITORS ARE ASKED TO NOTE THE TIMETABLE.** Whilst every effort is made, the Organisers cannot be held responsible if classes clash. Judges will not wait or delay classes if a competitor entered in that class is competing in another.
- **CLASSES.** The Committee reserves the right to divide, cancel, or amalgamate any class where deemed necessary.
- **OBJECTIONS** – Objections or protests must be made in writing giving full name and address within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the first class concerned and lodged at the Show Secretary's Office, and accompanied by a £100.00 fee, which will only be refunded in the event of the objection being upheld.
- **SUBSTITUTION** – No nomination entries will be accepted and no substitution of animals will be allowed.
- **REFUNDS** – no refund of entry fees will be given under any circumstances.
- **HEIGHT:** The Organisers follow the rules of the Joint Measurement Scheme. Exhibitors without a JMS Certificate must be prepared to have ponies measured on the day of the Show.
- **SOUNDNESS** – All animals must be sound. If, in the opinion of any Judge, a pony is considered to be unsound, the Exhibitor will be given the option of withdrawing the exhibit from the class. The Judges' decision is final.
- **DISEASE** – Any animal found suffering from a contagious or infectious disease is to be removed from the Showground immediately at the request of the Veterinary Surgeon.
- **DOPE TEST** – The Committee reserve the right to have any animal tested.
- **CONTROL** – Any animal not under control **MUST** be removed from the Showground immediately when so requested by an Official.
- **DOGS:** Dogs **must** be on a lead and under control at all times whilst on the Showground, in the Stabling, Campsite and parking areas. Owners must clean up after their dogs. Owners whose dogs are found loose or fouling without cleaning up will incur £10 fines which will be donated to the Event Official Charity.
- **LIABILITY:** Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers, Blair Castle Estate Ltd, nor any Agent, employee or representative of these bodies accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, illness to horses, riders, owners, grooms, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any way whatsoever.
- **INSURANCES:** All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their animals. They are therefore strongly advised to take out a third- party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad and to keep the policy up to date.
- **LOSS OR DAMAGE:** The Organisers accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss, injury or damage, however caused, to any person, animal or property in the Showground, in stables or in car parks.
- **NPS SCOTLAND MEMBERSHIP WILL BE SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY IF:**
If there is any money owing or if any trophies belonging to NPS Scotland are not returned by the requested date.
- **CLOSING OF CLASSES:** The class is closed and ponies will **NOT** be allowed into the ring when:
 - (a) In-Hand – when the last pony has done its individual trot around the ring before being lined up.
 - (b) Ridden (including First Ridden) – when the class goes into trot.
 - (c) WHP – 2 minutes after the last pony has jumped.
 - (d) Lead Rein- when the last pony has done its individual trot around the ring before being lined up.

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS FROM SCONE PALACE INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS

All competitors are assumed to have read these notes. Any questions arising out of the Show will be determined by reference to these notes.

EQUINE INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

All horses and ponies entering the venue must be vaccinated against equine influenza according to standard British Horseracing Authority guidelines, with the last vaccination having been administered no more than 365 days prior to entry to the venue. All animals must have completed the primary course of two vaccinations. The last vaccination must have been administered at least 7 days before entering the venue.

Random passport checks will be implemented to verify vaccination status. Any animal identified without a valid vaccination protocol or if the owner/rider is unable to produce a valid passport will result in immediate ejection of that animal from the venue. No refunds will be issued in respect of entries or stabling.

ENTRIES/REFUNDS

Entries close on Monday 10 August – no late entries will be accepted. Entry fees cannot be refunded under any circumstances after closing date.

ENTRIES MAY BE LIMITED IN SOME CLASSES AT THE ORGANISERS DISCRETION

COLLECTING RING/WARM UP ARENA

Ponies must remain in the collecting ring/warm up arena until called forward. Any areas between the arenas are to be always kept clear. This includes pedestrians, whether they be competitors or general public. No dogs or pushchairs to be allowed into this area. Please note that there is a good 5-10 min walk to the collecting ring/warm up arena.

PROTECTIVE HEADWEAR of the appropriate standard must be worn by everyone, whether or not a competitor, whenever mounted anywhere at this event. Harnesses must always be correctly adjusted and fastened.

CONTROL OF ANIMALS: Any competitor/owner who cannot adequately control their animal may be required to immediately leave the parkland, on the direction of an Official. No refunds will be issued in respect of entries or stabling.

DOGS: Dogs **must always be on a lead and under control** whilst on the Parkland, in the Stabling, Campsite and parking areas. Owners must clean up after their dogs. Owners whose dogs are found loose or fouling without cleaning up will incur £20 fines which will be donated to the Event Official Charity.

STABLING: A limited number of stables are available for competitors. Stables will be available from Wednesday 26th August 2026. Due to a limit on the number of stables available, competitors will only be able to book a stable for the night before OR the night after they compete. There will be the opportunity when booking a stable to request additional nights. If there is availability, these will be allocated once entries close.

Stabling will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Stable bookings must be made at time of entry.

Bookings close **Monday 10th August 2026**, or when all stables are filled; strictly **no** applications will be accepted after this date. No refunds will be given for stabling cancelled after the closing date.

Please contact the Horse Trials Office if you need to resell your stable. Competitors are **not** permitted to sublet stables or resell stables without prior written permission from the Organisers. This is to ensure we have the correct contact details in case of veterinary emergencies.

Ponies may not be kept in horseboxes overnight. **Pens are not permitted overnight or during the day. Anyone erecting pens will be asked to remove them.**

Straw is supplied for bedding; competitors requiring shavings are welcome to bring their own or purchase them at the event. Hay and mucking-out tools are not supplied. For those who have booked stabling for the night prior to

their competition day, access to the site will be possible from 4pm the day before your competition. **All stables MUST be vacated and mucked out by 2pm on the day of departure.**

CAMPING: Only competitors who have booked stables are permitted to stay overnight in their horseboxes. Competitors who have not booked stabling must leave the parkland at the end of the show day.

Competitors requiring an additional pass for a car and caravan or tent must contact the Horse Trials Office in advance. Caravans or cars without the correct pass will be redirected to a Car Park or the Event campsite, where they will be required to purchase parking or pitch rental, if available. There is no camping permitted in any Car Parks.

ALL competitors, riders and owners **must** obey the instructions to enter and leave the site and follow directions given for horsebox parking by the stewards and officials in charge of this area.

To comply with the Fire Services' instructions, if you are sleeping in your trailer/lorry, there **must** be a **4-metre gap** in each direction from your trailer/horsebox

Excluding competitors staying in their horsebox, there is **no camping/tents permitted in the lorry parking – this will be enforced.**

Diesel generators are permitted, providing they are correctly earthed, sited away from flammable materials, and fuel is safely stored. The Organisers may check generators and remove any deemed unsafe. Generators should not be run during Quiet Hours. **Petrol generators are not allowed under any circumstances.**

Campers are requested to respect other guests and keep noise (including generator noise) to a reasonable level – Quiet Hours will be in effect between 11pm and 7am.

DISRUPTIVE OR ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

If in the opinion of the Organisers, any competitor or any member of their group is found to be disruptive or behaving in a way which may be detrimental to the event or other competitors, they will be asked to leave the venue. **THIS INCLUDES UNDERAGE DRINKING.** No refunds will be given for stabling or entry fee.

LIABILITY: Except for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers, Scone Palace International Horse Trials, nor any Agent, employee or representative of these bodies accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, illness to horses, riders, owners, grooms, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any way whatsoever.

INSURANCES: All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents, or their animals. They are therefore strongly advised to take out a third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad and to **keep the policy up to date.**

LOSS OR DAMAGE: The Organisers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss, injury, or damage, however caused, to any person, animal, or property in the parkland, in stables or in car parks.

CHILDREN: children under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult while riding/handling horses or ponies, except for while competing in a class.

CURFEW: There is a curfew on riding each evening from 7pm throughout the event. This includes warm-up arenas and hacking as well as competition arenas. Horses and ponies may still be exercised in hand or lunged after this time. Anyone found riding after curfew may be asked to leave the venue. No refunds will be given for stabling or entry fee.

ADMISSION

Two **passes** will be allocated for the first entered pony, with one additional pass for each additional horse or pony thereafter. Children under the age of 16 do not require a pass. One vehicle pass will be allocated per entry form.

Each additional vehicle or person must purchase the correct tickets through the [website](#). Lorries or trailers that do not contain a horse will not be allowed into the horsebox parking.

Please note, if you are stabling the night after your competition you will not be able to gain access to the event without purchasing further tickets.

LORRY PASSES AND TICKETS will be collected on arrival with your competitor pack. E tickets and vehicle passes will be sent to you from 12 August. Please ensure your email details are correct when entering.

DATA PROTECTION

By entering any class through the Entrymaster System, you agree to the following:

- To allow the data provided on the entry form to be processed and stored electronically for the purposes of managing your competition entry and to it being shared with third party organisations for verification of qualifying status and results etc. e.g., for affiliated or related championships and finals.
- To the owner's/competitor's name and horse's details to be displayed in the official catalogue, and to be released to appropriate third parties.
- To receive specific updates regarding this and future classes at Scone Palace. You can unsubscribe at any time by emailing info@sconehorsetrials.com
- To be aware that there will be an official photographer at this show and all the affiliates, NPS Scotland, and Scone Palace International Horse Trials reserve the right to use photographs taken at this Show in any publications/websites/social media sites.
- That they have read and agree to the Rules as laid down in the relevant 2025 Rule Book and Notes for Competitors.

We take the security of your personal data very seriously and commit to not using it for any other purpose without your further consent. The full privacy policy can be read at www.sconehorsetrials.com or by requesting a copy from Scone Palace International Horse Trials by email – info@sconehorsetrials.com

Important Competitor Notice

Please note: ALL exhibitors are requested to carefully follow directions to the lorry parking area. Please also ensure you allow enough time to familiarise yourself with the layout so that you present yourself at your ring in time for your class.

Whilst the running order of this timetable will not change, please note that once entries close and class numbers are known, 'not before' times MAY be adjusted. Exhibitors will be made aware of any changes to class start or 'not before' times in correspondence sent to them prior to the event and also on the NPS Scotland and Scone Palace Horse Trials websites and relevant social media pages.

NPS Scotland Finals and Silver Medal Championships 2026

The Murray Arena– 8.30am prompt	The Lynedoch Arena – 8.30am prompt	The Balvaird Arena – 8.30am prompt
NPS Scotland/Kilmanman Stud M&M Novice Ridden 2026 Classes 1-5 Judges – Miss E Briant MVO (C) and Miss D Spears (R)	NPS Scotland/Maggie May M&M Junior Ridden Final 2026 Classes 24-26 Judges: Mrs J McNaught (R) and Mrs BK Gibb (C)	NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products M&M WHP Final 2026 Classes 12-15 Judges: Mrs M Taylor (J) and Mrs C Frith (C)
<u>Not before 11.30am</u> NPS/Nipna Dales Pony Stud M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette (Scotland) Final 2026 Judge: Miss D Spears	<u>Not before 11.00am</u> NPS/Blackertor & Sharptor Studs M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette (Scotland)Final 2026 Judge: Miss D Chadwick	<u>Not before 1.00pm</u> NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet n Pony M&M In-Hand Final 2026 Classes 16-23 Judge: Miss D Spears
<u>Not before 1.00pm</u> NPS Scotland/Harbro Open Ridden Championship 2026 Classes 6-11 Judges: Miss D Chadwick (R) and Mrs M Taylor (C)	<u>Not before 12.30pm</u> NPS Scotland/Achilty Stud Riding Pony/Hunter Pony In-Hand Championship Final 2026 Classes 27-28 Judge: Miss E Briant MVO	
NPS/Nipna Dales Pony Stud M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Judge: Mrs C Frith NPS Scotland/Kilmanman Novice Ridden Champion and Reserve, NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Ridden Champion and Reserve and NPS Scotland/Harbro Open Ridden Champion and Reserve eligible to compete Immediately followed by: Supreme Pony of the Show Judge: TBC	<u>Not before 2.00pm</u> NPS Scotland/Craigclowan School M&M Lead Rein and First Ridden 2026 Classes 29-30 Judge: Mrs C Firth (C) and Miss E Briant MVO (R)	