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**CLASS SPECIFICATIONS AND
ABBREVIATIONS**

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SHOW ENTRIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

55. All ponies must be correctly entered in their registered names and in the name of the adult Owner as registered with the I.P.S. The name and age of the rider should also be stated.
56. Substitution of entries is permitted at the discretion of relevant Show Committee.
57. It is the responsibility of the competitor or competitor's parent or guardian to ensure that the rider enters in the correct class/classes and to ensure that they fulfil eligibility requirements to enter said class. This is not the responsibility of the Entry Secretary.

CLASSES

60. *a)* All pony classes at Shows affiliated to the I.P.S. shall be carried out and judged in accordance with the Society's Rules and Regulations.
- b)* No rider under 5 years on 1st January of current year may compete in any class with the exception of the Lead Rein Classes for which the minimum age is 3 years on 1st January of current year. In the Intermediate Classes the minimum age for participation is 14 years on the 1st January of the current year.
- c)* Shows may run Dressage Classes under Irish Dressage Society rules. Shows may run Side-Saddle Classes under Irish Side-Saddle Association rules.
- d)* In the event of a fall of a rider in any class, the combination is eliminated and must leave the arena dismounted. If a rider wishes to compete in any other class on the same day they must be checked and approved to ride by an onsite medic.

POINTS SYSTEM

61. Points will be calculated from 1st March to 30th September and Showing Cards MUST be returned by the date printed thereon.

A Points System is in operation as set out below:-

a) Novice Classes

1st: - 4 points **2nd:** - 3 points **3rd:** - 2 points **4th:** - 1 point

Open Classes

1st: - 8 points **2nd:** - 5 points **3rd:** - 3 points **4th:** - 2 points

Higher points will be awarded at selected Shows as decided by the I.P.S. Council from time to time. All ponies not previously registered with the I.P.S. are deemed OPEN until proven otherwise (which is the responsibility of the owner). Points will only be awarded to fully paid-up members of the I.P.S. Results for all Affiliated Shows are recorded. Should those ponies subsequently register with the IPS, these Points will determine Open/Novice status.

Any Novice pony that has been placed 1st at a major Show – RDS, RIHS, HOYS, Balmoral and any BSPS Championship Show – will automatically be denoviced.

The onus is on the Owner/Agent to maintain up-to-date records of points and to desist from entering Novice Classes when the pony has attained Open status in its age category.

Regardless of the number of Novice or Open classes a four-year-old pony may win, it retains its Novice status at the commencement of its five-year-old year.

- b)** Only ONE Show per day will count towards Points Awards but ALL points will be retained for Open/Novice status.
- c)** For the National Awards ONLY, ponies must be declared for either -
 - (i) Show Starter Stakes OR 133 cms. Show Hunter
 - (ii) Working Starter Stakes OR 133 cms. Working Hunter
- d)** All Novice Ridden Classes, including Mini Show Pony, Mini Show Hunter and Intermediate, are confined to ponies, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old, that have not gained 50 points. All ponies, 8 years old and over, will be deemed to be Open. *This does not apply to Working Hunter/Performance ponies that have not attained 50 points in any Working Hunter Class . No points will be awarded in Special or Unaffiliated Classes such as Local, Pony Club or Family Pony .*
- e)** Any Class specified as a Combined Class is classified as Open and only Open points will be awarded. Therefore, a Novice pony competing in a Combined Class will receive Open points.
- f)** Every owner is responsible for keeping a record of the points earned by their animal for the purpose of determining its status and in order to ensure that it is not entered in, and does not compete in, any competition for which it is ineligible. A fine of €50 will be imposed on a competitor who continues to compete in Novice Classes when their pony has attained Open status. However, ponies that are Novice in a particular category at the start of the current year may enter the Novice class in that category in the Hunter Pony Championships and I.P.S. Championship Show regardless of change of status. Novice Working Hunter Courses must ONLY be walked by competitors and trainers at the Championship Show – ponies are not allowed in the arena.
- g)** Novice classes are confined to ponies that have not been placed 1st at a majot show – RDS, RIHS, HOYS, Balmoral and any BSPS Championship Show. :Ponies that have competed as a five-year-old in any country other than Ireland will be classified according to their placings in that country. A pony that changes from one height class to another keeps its Novice or Open status from the original height class.
- h)** Ponies competing in ALL classes must be properly turned out. In addition, all classes with the exception of Pure Breed classes, Performance Jumping and Equitation, MUST be plaited.

BREEDING AND YOUNGSTOCK SECTION

62. Ponies in the Breeding & Youngstock classes must be shown without hind shoes and those, one-year-old and over, must wear a bit. The pony must be led off a leather or chain coupling attached to both sides of the bit or directly off the noseband.
63. To be eligible for Championships, ponies must be registered with the I.P.S. Points from ten (10) shows ONLY will be taken into account for the IPS National Awards for Mares with Foals at foot, in-foal Mares and 1-3 year old Youngstock. Points must be recorded on the Showing Card. In the event of a tie, the pony with the most Championships will be deemed overall Champion.
64. Ponies in any of the Breeding and Youngstock Classes must be led by a competent handler over 16 years on 1st January of current year. Handlers aged 14 or 15 years on 1st January of current year may also lead ponies in Youngstock classes once a written request has been submitted to Council and subsequently agreed for that year. Handlers aged 14 and 15 years may not lead colt or stallions with the exception of colt foals. Mares being shown in Brood Mare Classes **MUST NOT** be shown under saddle at the same Show on the same day.
65. **138 cms. Pony Stallion.** Pony Stallion, 3 years old and over, not exceeding 138 cms. and entered in a Stud Book as follows:-
(a) Weatherbys (including purebred Arabs)
(b) Arab Stud Book or Anglo Arab Stud Book
(c) Part-Bred Arab Stud Register
(d) Any recognised Pony Stud Book or Register
66. **158 cms. Pony Stallion.** Pony Stallion, 3 years old and over, exceeding 138 cms. but not exceeding 158 cms., with Stud Book qualification as in Number 65.
- When one class is required the wording is as follows:-
67. **Pony Stallion, not exceeding 158 cms.** Pony Stallion, 3 years old and over, not exceeding 158 cms. with Stud Book qualification as in Number 65.
68. **Show Pony Brood Mare.** Pony Brood Mare, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 148cms., in foal to or with her own foal at foot by a Pony Stallion not exceeding 158 cms. with Stud Book qualification as set out below. In the case of a Brood Mare without a foal at foot, covering sire must be named and official Pregnancy Certificate produced. Brood Mares may not be shown for more than two years in succession without a foal at foot. Mares entered in this class must not be shown under saddle at the same show on the same day.
Pony Stallion qualification:-
(a) Weatherbys (including purebred Arabs)
(b) Arab Stud Book or Anglo Arab Stud Book
(c) Part-Bred Arab Stud Register
(d) Any recognised Pony Stud Book or Register

Classes may be separated into height categories if there are enough entries.

69. **Foals, produce of Mares in Class 68** Sire of foal to be named. Foal to be led.

SHOW PONY YOUNGSTOCK CLASSES

70. **Show Pony Youngstock, 1 y.o., not exceeding 140 cms.** 1 y.o. Colt, Gelding or Filly, not exceeding 140 cms., likely to make a child's Riding Pony.
71. **Show Pony Youngstock, 2 y.o., not exceeding 143 cms.** 2 y.o. Colt, Gelding or Filly not exceeding 143 cms., likely to make a child's Riding Pony.
72. **Show Pony Youngstock, 3 y.o., not exceeding 145 cms.** 3 y.o. Gelding or Filly not exceeding 145 cms., likely to make a child's Riding Pony.
73. **Intermediate Youngstock Show Riding Type.** 1 or 2 Colt, Gelding or Filly or 3 y.o. Gelding or Filly, not exceeding 155 cms. at 3.y.o., like to make a Riding Pony.

SHOW HUNTER PONY BREEDING AND YOUNGSTOCK CLASSES

74. **Show Hunter Pony Brood Mare, not exceeding 153 cms.**
Pony Brood Mare, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 153 cms., likely to produce a child's Hunter Pony. Qualifications as in Number 68. In the case of a Brood Mare without a foal at foot, covering sire must be named and official Pregnancy Certificate produced. Brood mares may not be shown for more than two years in succession without a foal at foot. Mares entered in this class must not be shown under saddle at the same show on the same day.
75. **Foals, produce of Mares in Class 74.** Sire of foal to be named. Foal to be led.
76. **Show Hunter Pony Youngstock, 1 y.o., not exceeding 145 cms.** 1 y.o. Colt, Gelding or Filly, not exceeding 145 cms., likely to make a child's Hunter Pony.
77. **Show Hunter Pony Youngstock, 2 y.o., not exceeding 148 cms.** 2 y.o. Colt, Gelding or Filly, not exceeding 148 cms., likely to make a child's Hunter Pony.
78. **Show Hunter Pony Youngstock, 3 y.o., not exceeding 150 cms.** 3 y. o. Gelding or Filly, not exceeding 150 cms., likely to make a child's Hunter Pony.
79. **Intermediate Youngstock Show Hunter Type.** 1, 2 or 3 y.o. Gelding or Filly, not exceeding 155 cms. at 3 y.o.
80. **Breeding Championship and Youngstock Championship Classes:**
Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the respective classes.

N.B. Sections 73 and 793 are NOT eligible for Youngstock Championships.

MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND YOUNGSTOCK CLASSES

81. **Mountain & Moorland Youngstock, 1 y.o. Small Breeds:** Colt, Gelding or Filly. Small Breeds to include Welsh Sections A & B, Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor and Kerry Bog Pony
82. **Mountain & Moorland Youngstock, 2 y.o. Small Breeds:** Qualifications as per Number 81.
83. **Mountain & Moorland Youngstock, 3 y.o. Small Breeds:** Gelding or Filly. Qualifications as per Number 81.
84. **Mountain & Moorland Youngstock, 1 y.o. Large Breeds:** Colt, Gelding or Filly. Large Breeds to include Welsh Sections C and D, Connemara, Highland, New Forest, Fell and Dales.
85. **Mountain & Moorland Youngstock, 2 y.o. Large Breeds:** Qualifications as per Number 84.
86. **Mountain & Moorland Youngstock, 3 y.o. Large Breeds:** Gelding or Filly. Qualifications as per Number 84.

If classes are amalgamated, yearlings must stand separately.

SHOW PONY RIDING SECTION

87. **Novice Show Pony Riding Classes** are only open to:-
- a) Ponies, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points in any Ridden Class at IPS and IPS Affiliated Shows and all ponies, 8 years old and over, that have not gained 30 Points in any Ridden Class.
 - b) Novice ponies may only wear a snaffle bridle with a suitable snaffle bit.
 - c) If unlisted or unapproved bits are used, the Judge will take into consideration the severity of the bit and mark/place accordingly.
88. **Open Show Pony Classes**, suitable bits and double or pelham bridles are permitted – the only conditions being that:
- (i) the double bridle must have two reins leading from the hands to the bit
 - (ii) the pelham bridle must have two reins leading from the hands to the bit or a single rein with leather “roundings”

Riding Classes are those Show Pony Riding Classes for which both Novice and Open Classifications are currently included in the list of I.P.S. specifications.

SHOW PONY LEAD REIN CLASSES

89. a) Ponies must be shown in snaffle bridles. They must be led by persons aged 16 years and over and should be on a loose rein and will be required to trot.
- b) The attendant must affix the lead rein to the noseband on which it must remain while the pony is in the ring.
- c) The reins must go directly from the bit to the rider's hand. A balancing strap may be attached to the front of the saddle. The ability of the rider should be taken into consideration when judging this class. Knots on individual reins are permissible. However, reins may NOT be knotted together in order to shorten them. Grazing reins are not allowed.
- d) Riders will not be asked to dismount.
90. **Open Show Pony Lead Rein Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 8th birthday on 1st January of current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other class with the exception of any other Lead Rein, Beginner First Ridden, Working Hunter Lead Rein or Beginner Cradle Stakes Classes.
91. **Novice Show Pony Lead Rein Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old, that have not attained 50 points in any ridden class and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any ridden class. Ponies not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 8th birthday on 1st January of current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other class with the exception of any other Lead Rein, Nursery First Ridden, Working Hunter Lead Rein or Nursery Cradle Stakes Classes.

SHOW PONY FIRST RIDDEN CLASSES

92. No cantering allowed except for individual performances. Ponies must leave the ring at a walk or a trot.
93. **Beginner Show Pony First Ridden Class.** For mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday on 1st January of the current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other class at all IPS Area Shows (Spring, Summer and Championship Shows) with the exception of any other Lead Rein, Beginner First Ridden, Working Hunter Lead Rein or Beginner Cradle Stakes Classes. There are no restrictions to how many years a rider can compete in Beginner classes, however, age restrictions must be adhered to. The ability of the rider must be taken into consideration when judging this class. If there is no Beginner First Ridden Class on the schedule of all other Affiliated Shows, riders may compete in a First Ridden Class and points will be awarded. However, for National Awards the rider must declare for either Beginner First Ridden or First Ridden Class. Riders in Beginner Classes may only compete in 50 cms. and 60 cms. Performance Jumping Classes.

94. **Novice Show Pony First Ridden Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old, that have not attained 50 points and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any ridden class. Ponies not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 10th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider may not compete in any class for ponies exceeding 123 cms. at the same show on the same day.
95. **Open First Ridden Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 10th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider may not compete in any class for ponies exceeding 123 cms. at the same show on the same day.
96. **Mini Championship Class:** Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the Show Pony Lead Rein (Novice and Open); Beginner Show Pony First Ridden, Show Pony First Ridden (Novice and Open); Show Hunter Lead Rein (Novice and Open); Beginner Show Hunter First Ridden, Show Hunter First Ridden, 123 cms. Show Hunter (Novice and Open), Beginner Cradle Stakes, Open Cradle Stakes, Performance Cradle Stakes and Open Working Hunter Lead Rein.

NOVICE SHOW PONY RIDING CLASSES

97. **Novice 148 cms. Show Pony Riding Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any Ridden Class, exceeding 138 cms. but not exceeding 148 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 17th birthday on 1st January of current year.
98. **Novice 138 cms. Show Pony Riding Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any Ridden Class, exceeding 128 cms. but not exceeding 138 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 15th birthday on 1st January of current year.
99. **Novice 128 cms. Show Pony Riding Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any Ridden Class, *exceeding 123 cms. but* not exceeding 128 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 13th birthday on 1st January of current year.

When only one class is required, the wording is as follows:-

100. **Novice Show Pony Riding Class not exceeding 148 cms.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any Ridden Class, *exceeding 123 cms. but* not exceeding 148 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders of correct age.

When two classes are required the wording is as follows:-

101. a) **Novice Show Pony Riding Class exc. 128 cms. but not exc. 148 cms.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any Ridden Class, exceeding 128 cms. but not exceeding 148 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders of correct age.
b) As Number 99..
102. **Novice Show Pony Championship Class.** Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the Novice 128 cms., 138 cms. and 148 cms. Classes.

OPEN SHOW PONY RIDING CLASSES

103. **Open 148 cms. Show Pony Riding Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 138 cms. but not exceeding 148 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 17th birthday on 1st January of current year.
104. **Open 138 cms. Show Pony Riding Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 128 cms. but not exceeding 138 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 15th birthday on 1st January of current year.
105. **Open 128 cms. Show Pony Riding Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, *exceeding 123 cms. but* not exceeding 128 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 13th birthday on 1st January of current year.

When only one class is required the wording is as follows:-

106. **Open Show Pony Riding Class not exceeding 148 cms.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, *exceeding 123 cms. but* not exceeding 148 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders of correct age.

When two classes are required the wording is as follows:-

107. a) **Open Show Pony Riding Class exc. 128 cms. but not exc. 148 cms.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 128 cms. but not exceeding 148 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders of correct age.
b) As Number 105

Open Show Pony Championship Class. Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the Open 128 cms., 138 cms. and 148 cms. Classes.

108. **Pairs Class:** For ponies, mares and geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 153 cms. To be ridden by riders of correct age.

SHOW HUNTER PONY RIDING SECTION

- 109.** A Points scale, similar to that used in Show Pony Classes, is in operation for Show Hunter Pony Classes.
- 110.** **Novice Show Hunter Pony Classes** are open only to:-
- a) Ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points in any Ridden Class and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gain 30 points in any Ridden Class at Shows affiliated to the Irish Pony Society including I.P.S. Shows Confined to ponies that have not been placed 1st at any major Show – RDS, RIHS, HOYS, Balmoral and BSPS Championship Shows
 - b) Novice ponies may only wear a snaffle bridle with a suitable snaffle bit
 - c) If unlisted or unapproved bits are used, the Judge will take into consideration the severity of the bit and mark/place accordingly.
- 111.** **In Open Show Hunter Pony Classes**, suitable snaffle bits and double or pelham bridles are permitted - the only conditions being that:
- (i) the double bridle must have two reins leading from the hands to the bit
 - (ii) the pelham bridle must have two reins leading from the hands to the bit or a single rein with leather “roundings”

SHOW HUNTER MINI CLASSES

- 112.** **Open Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 3rd birthday but not their 8th birthday on 1st January of current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other class with the exception of any other Lead Rein, Beginner First Ridden, Hunter Pony Lead Rein or Beginner Cradle Stakes Classes.
- 113.** **Novice Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points in any Ridden Class and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any Ridden Class. Ponies not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 3rd birthday but have not attained their 8th birthday on 1st January of current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other class with the exception of any other Lead Rein, Beginner First Ridden, Hunter Pony Lead Rein or Beginner Cradle Stakes Classes.

In these classes the judge will be looking for a pony suitable to take its rider hunting on a lead rein.

- 114. Beginner Show Hunter First Ridden Class.** For mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday on 1st January of the current year. . Riders in this class may not compete in any other class at all IPS Area Shows (Spring, Summer and Championship Shows) with the exception of any other Lead Rein, Beginner First Ridden, Working Hunter Lead Rein or Beginner Cradle Stakes Classes. There are no restrictions to how many years a rider can compete in Beginner classes, however, age restrictions must be adhered to. The ability of the rider must be taken into consideration when judging this class. If there is no Beginner First Ridden Class on the schedule of all other Affiliated Shows, riders may compete in a First Ridden Class and points will be awarded. However, for National Awards, the rider must declare for either Beginner First Ridden or First Ridden Class. Riders in Beginner Classes may only compete in 50 cms. and 60 cms. Performance Jumping Classes.
- 115. Novice Show Hunter Pony First Ridden.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points in any Ridden Class and ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any Ridden Class. Ponies not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 10th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider may not compete in any class for ponies exceeding 123 cms. at the same show on the same day.
- 116. Open Show Hunter Pony First Ridden.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 10th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider may not compete in any class for ponies exceeding 123 cms. at the same show on the same day.
- 117. Open 123 cms. Show Hunter Pony Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 11th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider may not compete in any class for ponies exceeding 123 cms. at the same show on the same day.
- 118. Mini Championship Class:** Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the Lead Rein (Novice and Open); Beginner Show Pony First Ridden; Show Pony First Ridden (Novice and Open), Show Hunter Lead Rein (Novice and Open); Beginner Show Hunter First Ridden, Show Hunter First Ridden (Novice and Open); 123 cms. Show Hunter (Novice and Open), Beginner Cradle Stakes, Cradle Stakes, Performance Cradle Stakes and Open Working Hunter Lead Rein.

NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY RIDING CLASSES

- 119.** For wording of classes, see Open Show Hunter Pony Classes and substitute 'NOVICE' in place of 'OPEN'. Ponies in the Novice Classes must be 4, 5, 6 or 7 years old and not have won 50 points in any Ridden Class at Shows affiliated to the Irish Pony Society including I.P.S. Shows and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not

gained 30 points in any Ridden Class and confined to ponies that have not been placed 1st at any major show – RDS, RIHS, HOYS, Balmoral and any BSPS Championship Show..

OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY RIDING CLASSES

120. **Open 153 cms. Show Hunter Pony Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143 cms. but not exceeding 153 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 20th birthday on 1st January of current year.
121. **Open 143 cms. Show Hunter Pony Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133 cms. but not exceeding 143 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 17th birthday on 1st January of current year.
122. **Open 133 cms. Show Hunter Pony Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 123 cms. but not exceeding 133 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 14th birthday on 1st January of current year.
123. When only one or two classes are required, the same heights may be used as in Numbers 158 and 159 but substitute "SHOW" in place of "WORKING".
124. **Open Show Starter Stakes Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 12th birthday on 1st January of current year.
125. **Starter Stakes Championship:** Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the Working Starter Stakes Classes (Novice and Open) and 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the Show Starter Stakes Classes (Novice and Open).
126. **Championship Classes.** Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the 133 cms., 143 cms. and the 153 cms. Classes.

COLOURED PONY SECTION

The definition of a “coloured” horse or pony is one whose coat colour is either white with black (piebald) or white and any other colour (skewbald), e.g. bay, roan, chesnut; with a patch of naturally occurring white coat. This white patch must be on the body above the level of the stifle or elbow, excluding any face markings. Any white marking below this does not qualify. Manes and tails may also be white or have white in them. Appaloosa OR animals with belly markings only do not qualify.

127. **For Coloured Ponies**, 4 years old and over, mares and geldings, not exceeding 133 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 14th birthday on 1st January of current year.
128. **For Coloured Ponies**, 4 years old and over, mares and geldings, exceeding 133 cms. but not exceeding 158 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 25th birthday on 1st January of current year.

PART-BRED SECTION

For ponies registered in any recognised Breed Society Part-bred Register, e.g. Welsh Part-bred Register (WP-BR), Arab Horse Society Part-bred Register (PBAR) or Dartmoor Pony Society Part-bred Register (DPSPBR)

129. **Registered Lead Rein Class** for ponies, 4 years old and over, mares and geldings, not exceeding 123 cms.
130. **Registered Part-bred Ponies**, 4 years old and over, mares or geldings, not exceeding 128 cms.
131. **Registered Part-bred Ponies**, 4 years old and over, mares or geldings, exceeding 128 cms. but not exceeding 138 cms.
132. **Registered Part-bred Ponies**, 4 years old and over, mares or geldings, exceeding 138 cms. but not exceeding 158 cms.
Riders in the above four classes must be of correct age for the height of the pony they are riding.

EQUITATION RIDING CLASSES

133. *a)* These classes are judged on the rider's ability only
b) Riders may only compete in one Equitation Riding Class at any one show
c) No martingales permitted
d) Snaffle bits as permitted for Novice ponies may only be used
e) Riders will be tested in two phases: Collectively and Individually
f) Marks will be based on the following:
- (i) Performance as above
 - (ii) Position and seat of rider
 - (iii) Correct use and effectiveness of aids

In the event of a tie, the riders' marks for effectiveness and position and seat will be the deciding factor

The following will incur elimination:

- Fall of horse or rider
- Premature departure from arena

134. Lead Rein Equitation Riding Class for ponies not exceeding 123 cms. Riders who have not attained their 8th birthday on 1st January of the current year.
135. First Ridden Equitation Riding Class for ponies not exceeding 123 cms. Riders who have not attained their 10th birthday on 1st January of the current year.
136. Equitation Riding Class for ponies not exceeding 133 cms. Riders who have not attained their 14th birthday on 1st January of the current year.
137. Equitation Riding Class for ponies not exceeding 143 cms. Riders who have not attained their 17th birthday on 1st January of the current year.
138. Equitation Riding Class for ponies not exceeding 153 cms. Riders who have not attained their 20th birthday on 1st January of the current year.
139. Equitation Riding Class for ponies not exceeding 158 cms. Riders who have not attained their 25th birthday on 1st January of the current year.
140. However, at the discretion of the Show, if there are insufficient entries, the following Classes may be used:
 - a) For ponies not exceeding 138 cms. with riders not exceeding 17 years on 1st January of current year
 - b) For ponies exceeding 138 cms. but not exceeding 158 cms. with riders exceeding 17 years but not exceeding 25 years on 1st January of current year

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

141. Riders, 18 years and under, must be JUNIOR MEMBERS, Riders over 18 years and up to 25 years must be ADULT MEMBERS.
142. A Points scale, similar to that used in Show Pony Classes, is in operation for Intermediate Classes. Novice Intermediate Classes are open ONLY to animals that comply with the restrictions applying to the corresponding pony categories (see Numbers 87, 110 and 151). The same combination cannot compete in both the Pony Section and Associated Horse Classes at the same show on the same day.
143. Where possible, the Intermediate Working Hunter competitors and 153 cms. Working Hunter competitors should not jump the same course.

OPEN INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

144. **Open Intermediate Show Riding Type.** For mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 146 cms. and not exceeding 153 cms. Riders competing in this Class must have attained their 14th birthday on 1st January of current year.
145. **Open Intermediate Show Riding Type.** For mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 153 cms. and not exceeding 158 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday but not attained their 25th birthday on 1st January of current year.
- OR Mixed Height Class**
146. **Open Mixed Heights Intermediate Show Riding Type.** For mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 146 cms. and not exceeding 158 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday but not attained their 25th birthday on 1st January of current year.
147. **For Open Intermediate Show Hunter and Open Intermediate Working Hunter Classes,** please substitute either description in place of 'Show Riding Type' *but using the relevant pony heights for these classes, i.e. 148 cms. but not exceeding 158 cms. in each case.*

NOVICE INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

148. For wording of classes, see Open Intermediate Classes and substitute 'NOVICE' in place of 'OPEN' but the age of the ponies in the Novice Intermediate Show Hunter Type and Show Riding Type is 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not attained 50 points and all 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any Ridden Class. All Working Hunter ponies must not have attained 50 points in any Working Hunter Class.
149. **Intermediate Championships:** Open to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in 158 cms. Intermediate Working Hunter, 158 cms. Intermediate Show Hunter, 158 cms. Intermediate Show Riding Type.

WORKING HUNTER PONY SECTION

150. A Points scale, similar to that used in Show Pony Classes, is in operation for Working Hunter Pony Classes.
- a) Stallions may compete in Working Hunter, Performance and Performance Jumping Classes having first obtained permission from the I.P.S. Council.
- b) A fall of a rider in the IN-HAND phase may result in elimination. However, this is at the discretion of the Judge as a fall may be due to ground conditions and not as a result of the pony's behaviour.

151. **Novice Working Hunter Pony Classes** are open only to:-
- a) Ponies that have not attained 50 points in Working Hunter Pony Classes at Shows affiliated to the Irish Pony Society and confined to ponies that have not been placed 1st in any Open Class at any major show – RDS, RIHS, HOYS, Balmoral and any BSPS Championship Show
 - b) A pony that has not achieved 140 SJI points in Show-jumping
 - c) A pony that has not competed at Eventing Ireland Pony 100cms. level or higher
Stallions may compete in 143 cms., 153. and 158 cms. Working Hunter Classes provided prior permission has been sought and granted by the I.P.S. Council.
152. **In Novice Working Hunter Classes,** a snaffle bit combined with a suitable noseband must be used, otherwise 15 penalties will be deducted from the score in Phase 1.
153. **In Open Working Hunter Pony Classes,** suitable bits including double or pelham bridles and two or three-ring snaffles are permitted – the only conditions being that:
- a) the double bridle must have two reins leading from the hands to the bit
 - b) the pelham bridle must have two reins leading from the hands to the bit or a single rein with leather “roundings”
 - c) the three-ring snaffle may be used, the conditions being that
 - (i) either the reins are attached to the 1st or 2nd ring

OR

 - (ii) the reins are attached to the 1st and 3rd rings with leather “roundings”
 - d) For wording of classes, see Open Working Hunter Pony Classes and substitute NOVICE' in place of 'OPEN'.

OPEN WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES

154. **Open 153 cms. Working Hunter Pony Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143 cms. but not exceeding 153 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 20th birthday on 1st January of current year.
155. **Open 143 cms. Working Hunter Pony Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133 cms. but not exceeding 143 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 17th birthday on 1st January of current year.
156. **Open 133 cms. Working Hunter Pony Class.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 123 cms. but not exceeding 133 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 14th birthday on 1st January of current year.
- When only one class is required the wording is as follows:-*
170. **Open Working Hunter Pony Class not exceeding 153 cms.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 153 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders of correct age.

When two classes are required the wording is as follows:-

158. **Open Working Hunter Pony Class, exc. 133 cms. but not exc. 153 cms.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133 cms. but not exceeding 153 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders of correct age.

a) **As Number 156**

159. When only one or two classes are offered, ponies must jump in height order and fences must be altered for each height category.

160. **Championship Classes:** Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the 133 cms., 143 cms. and 153 cms. classes.

CRADLE STAKES AND WORKING STARTER STAKES CLASSES

161. **Open Working Hunter Lead Rein.**

In this Class, the Judge will be looking for a pony suitable to take its rider hunting on a lead rein.

This is NOT a Handy Pony Competition but, in their individual show, ponies will be asked to negotiate small obstacles to a maximum height of 12”(30 cms.) such as bending poles, ground poles, zig zags, etc. No cross poles are allowed.

A smooth and steady round suitable for the pace of the leader and ability of child is required. Canter is not permitted.

For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 3rd birthday but not their 8th birthday on 1st January of current year. Riders in this Class may not compete in any other Class with the exception of any other Lead Rein, Beginner First Ridden, and Beginner Cradle Stakes Classes.

162. **Beginner Cradle Stakes.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 9th birthday on 1st January of current year. The rider may not compete in any other class at all IPS Area Shows (Spring, Summer and Championship Shows) with the exception of any other Lead Rein or Beginner First Ridden Class. There are no restrictions to how many years a rider may compete in Beginner Classes but must adhere to age restrictions. However, the ability of the rider should be taken into account when judging this class. If there is no Beginner Cradle Stakes on the schedule of all other Affiliated Shows, riders may compete in an Open Cradle Stakes and points will be awarded. However, for National Awards the rider must declare for either Beginner Cradle Stakes or Open Cradle Stakes. Riders in Beginner Classes may only compete in 50 cms. and 60 cms. Performance Jumping Classes.
Fences in this class not to exceed 30 cms.

- 163. Open Cradle Stakes.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 11th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider may only compete in First Ridden and 123 cms. classes at the same show on the same day.
- 164. Open Working Starter Stakes.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133 cms., suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 12th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider may not compete in any class under 123 cms. at the same Show on the same day.
- 165. Novice Working Starter Stakes.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133 cms., that have not attained 50 points in Working Hunter Pony Classes, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 12th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider may not compete in any class under 123 cms. at the same Show on the same day.
- 166. Starter Stakes Championship:** Confined to 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the Working Starter Stakes Classes (Novice and Open) and 1st and 2nd prizewinners in the Show Starter Stakes Classes (Novice and Open).

PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER PONY SECTION

- 167.** For Novice and Open ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over. Heights of ponies and relevant ages as per all Working Hunter Pony Classes. These classes will be judged and marked on performance only, as per Phase 1 of Working Hunter Pony Classes. Points obtained in this category will be used for Annual Awards only and will not affect status in Novice and Open Working Hunter classes.
- a)** In the event of a tie, the pony with the highest way of going marks will be awarded first place in the first instance. If there is a further tie thereafter, the judge's decision will be final.
 - b)** The Performance Working Hunter Pony Championship will be decided on the first two ponies from all Performance Classes (excluding Performance Cradle Stakes) taking the "way of going" mark into account.
- 168.** For wording of Class Specifications see Rules 154-166 and substitute 'WORKING HUNTER' with 'PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER'.

PERFORMANCE JUMPING SECTION

- 169.** For Novice and Open ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over. Riders must be correct age for height of pony being ridden. The pony/rider combination may compete in only two Performance Jumping Classes on the same day.
- a) **Class specifications:** The fences are to be set at the relevant height, e.g. 50 cms., 60 cms., 70 cms., 80 cms., 90 cms., 1 metre
 - b) A class of 1.10m can be included in the Performance Schedule
 - c) Double is not to be included

N.B. This Section does not have a Championship. Placings for Championship will be determined on marks.

DERBY WORKING HUNTER COMPETITION

- 170.** For ponies, mares or geldings, 4 years old and over, with the same height and rider age criteria as in Working Hunter Classes. This competition is open to Starter Stakes (at the organiser's discretion), 133 cms., 143 cms., 153 cms. and 158 cms. categories only.

By the very name, this competition envisages a much longer course of varied fences – at least 75% of which must be knockable.

In the case of the Starter Stakes Class, a water hazard may be included at the organiser's discretion.

A Panel Course Builder must be used for safety reasons and the fences conform to the correct dimensions for the size of the class. The permanent fences – not knockable, are judged as hazards. No plus marks given but penalties are applicable.

TOM ROBINSON GOLD CUP

171. This competition is to be run in three sections:-

a) *Dressage:*

An approved BHS or Dressage Ireland Test as determined by relevant Show Committee

b) *Working Hunter:*

Jumped over a Working Hunter course of not less than ten (10) obstacles (which must include a double) set at appropriate heights for the class specification.

c) *Show-Jumping:*

Jumped under guidance of SJI rules – over two rounds with the second being against the clock

Points awarded in each section:

PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
1 st	100	10 th	30	19 th	9
2 nd	87	11 th	26	20 th	8
3 rd	76	12 th	23	21 st	7
4 th	67	13 th	20	22 nd	6
5 th	58	14 th	17	23 rd	5
6 th	51	15 th	15	24 th	5
7 th	45	16 th	13	25 th	4
8 th	39	17 th	12		
9 th	34	18 th	10		

Highest points to be the winner.

Rosettes 1st – 4th presented in heights 133 cms., 143 cms., 153 cms., and 158 cms.
(16 rosettes)

Rosettes 1st – 6th presented in each height overall category discipline – Dressage, Show-jumping and Working Hunter (18 rosettes)

Rosettes 1st – 6th presented to overall Tom Robinson Gold Cup (6 rosettes)

Individual height category competition:

- In the event of a tie in the WHP competition, the highest jumping mark will be placed higher. If still a tie, then the highest way of going mark will be placed higher.
- In the event of a tie in the Dressage competition, the highest Collective mark will be placed higher.
- In the event of a tie in the Showing Jumping competition, then the fastest time will be placed higher.
- If riders still remain on the same points, each will be allocated points for their relevant placing and more than one rider can receive the same points. However, the next placing will then be skipped.

Overall Gold Cup competition:

- The overall Gold Cup will be decided by ascertaining the highest mark in each of the three disciplines all of the height categories. In the event of a tie in the Gold Cup placings, the highest Working Hunter jumping mark will be placed higher. If still a tie, then the highest way of going mark will be placed higher.
- Eliminated rider/riders that have fallen in any Phase will only be allowed continue with the other Phases at the discretion of the medical team. They will be eligible for placing and prizes only in the Phases that were completed but will not be eligible for overall placings.

MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND/PURE BREEDS SECTION

General Rules

172. The minimum age for Lead Rein riders is 3 years on 1st January of current year. Mares and Geldings in the following Classes 181 – 194 may be ridden by riders of any age exceeding 5 years on 1st January of current year.

Ponies must be registered with their respective Breed Society Stud Books to compete in Mountain and Moorland Classes.

173. Part-Breds are NOT eligible.
174. Applications for registrations must be accompanied by a copy of the Breed Society Certificate/Passport.
175. All I.P.S. Mountain and Moorland Classes are open to Mares, Stallions and Geldings with the exception of Lead Rein and First Ridden classes in which Stallions may not compete.
All stallions must have obtained prior permission from I.P.S. Council to compete at an IPS or IPS Affiliated Show. Riders must have attained their 12th birthday on 1st January of current year when riding stallions not exceeding 137.2 cms. Stallions in excess of 137.2 cms. must be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday on 1st January of current year.
176. Breed Society Numbers must be stated when entering Mountain and Moorland classes.
177. In all Mountain and Moorland Classes, ponies are restricted to the height limits laid by their appropriate Breed Societies.

Breed standards for all Welsh ponies competing overseas:-

Section A - 121.9 cms.

Sections B & C - 137.2 cms.

Connemara ponies competing in Mountain and Moorland Classes must not exceed 148 cms. in order to conform with Breed standards. This height restriction does not affect either Connemara Classes or any other Classes.

178. Judges MUST penalise ponies that have been excessively clipped or trimmed. Ponies MUST not be plaited.
179. Tack: As per usual Classes.
180. Adults who are eligible to compete under class specifications may only ride or school ponies on which they are competing at shows. However, ponies 133 cms. and under may be ridden in by rider members not exceeding 16 years on 1st January of the current year.

OPEN MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND/PURE BREEDS CLASSES

181. **Open Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein Class.** For Mares and Geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123 cms. Riders not to have attained their 8th birthday on 1st January of current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other class at the same show on the same day with the exception of any other Lead Rein, Beginner First Ridden, Working Hunter Lead Rein and Beginner Cradle Stakes Classes.
182. **Open Mountain and Moorland Beginner First Ridden Class.** For Mares and Geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128 cms. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday on 1st January of current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other class with the exception of any other Lead Rein and Beginner Cradle Stakes Classes. There are no restrictions to how many years a rider can compete in the Beginner Classes however they must adhere to age restrictions.
183. **Open Mountain and Moorland First Ridden Class:** For Mares and Geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128 cms. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday on 1st January of current year. The same combination of pony and rider riding a 123cms. pony may not compete in any other Class for ponies exceeding 123 cms. at the same show on the same day, Ponies exceeding 123 cms. but not exceeding 128 cms. may compete in the Novice/Open 128 cms. Show Pony class and M & M 128 cms. class.
184. **Open Mountain and Moorland Mini Championship.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in Mountain and Moorland Lead Rein, Mountain and Moorland Beginner First Ridden and Mountain and Moorland First Ridden Classes.
- N.B.** *Criteria for competing stallions in both M & M and Connemara Classes as per IPS Rules, e.g. riders must have attained their 12th birthday on 1st January of current year when riding stallions not exceeding 137.2 cms. Stallions in excess of 137.2 cms. must be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday on 1st January of current year. This applies to Classes 175 - 188*
185. **Open Mountain and Moorland Ridden Class.** For mares, stallions or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128 cms. Riders any age over 5 years..

186. **Open Mountain and Moorland Ridden Class.** For mares, stallions or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 128 cms. but not exceeding 138 cms. Riders any age over 5 years.

187. **Open Mountain and Moorland Ridden Class.** For mares, stallions or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 138 cms. Riders any age over 5 years.

When only class is required, the wording is as follows:-

188. **Open Mountain and Moorland Ridden Class.** For mares, stallions or geldings, 4 years old and over. Mixed height. Riders any age over 5 years.

189. **Open Mountain and Moorland Ridden Championship.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in the Mountain and Moorland Ridden Classes.

190. **Open Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Class.** For mares, stallions or geldings, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128 cms. Riders any age over 5 years.

191. **Open Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Class.** For mares, stallions or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 128 cms. and not exceeding 138 cms. Riders any age over 5 years.

192. **Open Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Class.** For mares, stallions or geldings, 4 years old and over, exceeding 138 cms. Riders any age over 5 years.

When only one class is required the wording is as follows:-

193. **Open Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Class.** For mares, stallions or geldings, 4 years old and over. Mixed height. Riders any age over 5 years.

194. **Open Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony Championship.** Open to ponies that have been placed 1st or 2nd in the Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony Classes.

NOVICE MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND/PURE BREEDS CLASSES

For wording of classes, see Open Mountain & Moorland/Pure Breeds Classes and substitute 'NOVICE' in place of 'OPEN'.

195. Novice Ridden M. & M. Classes are confined to ponies 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not gained 50 points in Ridden Connemara, Ridden M. & M., Show Pony or Show Hunter Classes and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any ridden class.

196. Confined to ponies that have not been placed 1st at any major show – RDS, RIHS, HOYS, Balmoral and any BSPS Championship Show.

197. Novice M. & M. Working Hunter – confined to ponies that have not gained 50 points in Working Hunter or M. & M. Working Hunter Classes.

Height of fences:

- ❖ M. & M. ponies not exceeding 128 cms.
- ❖ Height and Spread – Min .470m, Max .580m
- ❖ M. & M. ponies not exceeding 138 cms.
- ❖ Height and Spread – Min .610m, Max 760m
- ❖ M. & M. ponies exceeding 138 cms.
- ❖ Height and Spread – Min .760m. Max .840m

CONNEMARA CLASSES

198. **Novice Ridden Connemara.** Confined to ponies 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old that have not gained 50 points in Ridden Connemara, Ridden M. & M., Show Pony or Show Hunter Classes and all ponies 8 years old and over that have not gained 30 points in any ridden class.. Riders any age.
199. **Open Ridden Connemara.** 4 years old and over, riders under 16 years on 1st January of current year.
200. **Open Ridden Connemara.** 4 years old and over, riders over 16 years on 1st January of current year.
201. **Novice Connemara Working Hunter.** Confined to ponies, 4 years old and over, that have not gained 50 points in Connemara Working Hunter, M & M Working Hunter or any Working Hunter class excluding Performance or Performance Jumping. Riders any age.
202. **Open Connemara Working Hunter.** 4 years old and over, riders under 16 years on 1st January of current year.
203. **Open Connemara Working Hunter.** 4 years old and over, riders over 16 years on 1st January of current year.

Recommended height of fences:

- ❖ Open Connemara WHP as per Open 143 cms. WHP
- ❖ Min .840m Max .990m Spread Min .840m Max 1.065m
- ❖ Novice Connemara WHP as per Novice 143 cms. WHP
- ❖ Min .685m Mas .840m Spread Min .685m Max .840m

- N.B.** *Criteria for competing stallions in both M & M and Connemara Classes as per IPS Rules, e.g. riders must have attained their 12th birthday on 1st January of current year when riding stallions not exceeding 137.2 cms. Stallions in excess of 137.2 cms. must be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday on 1st January of current year. This applies to Classes 175 - 188*

YOUNG HANDLERS CLASSES

The following Classes are to be judged under the following headings:-

- *Control of pony*
- *Skill in showing animal in walk, trol and stand for conformation*
- *Courtesy and Sportsmanship*
- *Turnout and attire of both handler and animal*
- *Knowledge of breeding of animal and potential*

Ponies entered in these Classes must also be entered in their relevant Riding Classes on the same day.

204. Young Handlers Class for ponies, 4 years old and over, to be shown in-hand by children from two age categories:

a) 8 to under 13 years on 1st January of current year

b) 13 to 17 years

Handlers must wear the correct dress, with the correct jacket, for their chosen category, including the recommended hat.

The marking sheet will include the types of pony i.e. Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony.

ASSOCIATE HORSE CLASSES

I.P.S. Affiliated Shows may run Associate Horse Classes in the following categories:

a) Associate Show Hunter and b) Associate Working Hunter

Competitors in I.P.S. Associate Classes must have achieved their 18th birthday on 1st January of current year.

The same combination cannot compete in both the Pony Section and the Associate Horse Classes at the same show on the same day.

All competitors in these Classes must -

- (a) be I.P.S. members and their animals registered with the Society
OR (b) take temporary membership and registration on the day of the Show paying the excess amount above the entry fee

In all Associate Horse Classes, animals may be ridden by the Judge. In the Working Hunter section, this will be in Phase 2. When this happens, marks out of 20 will be awarded.

The method of judging shall be under I.P.S. Show Hunter/Working Hunter Rules (221-234) replacing the word “pony” with “horse” where relevant.

Spurs are allowed.

Passports must be available for inspection and animals may be measured.

A Points System is in operation as set out below:-

	<u>Open Classes</u>	<u>Novice Classes</u>
1 st Prize	6	4
2 nd Prize	5	3
3 rd Prize	4	2
4 th Prize	6	1

A horse will be deemed to be Open when it has attained 30 points.

ASSOCIATE SHOW HUNTER

- 206. Heavyweight:** Mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying over 14 stones
- 207. Middleweight:** Mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying over 12 stones 7 lbs. but not exceeding 14 stones
- 208. Lightweight:** Mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying up to 12 stones 7 lbs.
- 209. Small Hunter:** Mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148 cms. but not exceeding 158 cms.
- 210. Cobs:** Mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148 cms. but not exceeding 155 cms.
- 211. Coloured:** Mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148 cms.

ASSOCIATE WORKING HUNTER:

- 212. Novice:** Mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, exceeding 158 cms. that has not achieved 30 SJI points, 10 novice points in Horse Trials, or been a previous winner of a Performance Class at Balmoral Show or RDS Horse Show as at 1st January of current year
Fences to be no higher than 1 metre with a maximum spread of 1 metre
- 213. Open:** Mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, exceeding 158 cms. that have Attained 150 or over SJI points in Show-jumping or have achieved Advanced Level in Horse Trials as at 1st January of current year
Fences to be no higher than 1.20 metre with a maximum spread of 1.20 metre

WORKING HUNTER PONY COURSES

247. **Courses:** Must have a minimum of EIGHT fences and include changes of direction and spreads. Originality is to be encouraged in the use of fair hunting type fences.

BOUNCE FENCES ARE NOT PERMITTED.

ONLY ONE OXER MAY BE USED IN A COMBINATION.

NO CROSS POLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE OPEN WORKING HUNTER LEAD REIN CLASS

- a) **Open Courses:** At least one correctly spaced double is expected. Water should be included where possible and a treble may be used especially where the standard is expected to be high.
- b) **Novice Courses:** May include a double and/or treble.
248. **Starter Stakes:** Must have eight fences but may include a double only.
249. **Cradle Stakes:** Must have eight fences but may include a double only.
250. **Water Tray/Jump:**
Cradle Stakes courses must not include either a water tray or water jump. Courses for Starter Stakes and higher may use a water tray and/or a water jump/hazard. The water tray for Starter Stakes must not exceed 24".
251. **Practice Fences:** Course builders should ensure that practice fences are flagged with red and white flags and that practice fences do not exceed the maximum height for the competition in progress. The practice fence must be jumped in the direction in which it is flagged i.e. red flag on the right and white flag on the left. It is forbidden that it be taken in the opposite direction. Poles and other elements of fences/obstacles must be held by fence wings and supported ONLY by pole cups.

Safety Cups MUST be used for the back wings of all spreads. A maximum of two persons over the age of 16 years are allowed in the warm-up arena with each competing rider. A groom "Safe Zone" with barriers should be erected between practice fences for grooms to remain until required to safely adjust fence heights. Riders are not permitted to wear hoodies in the warm-up arena or while mounted at competitions.

Where flags are used on a course, please note that the red one is passed to the right hand side of the competitor and the white one to the left.

Starting and Finishing:

The rider may be allowed one circle before commencing and after finishing his round. The START and FINISH should be clearly marked on the Course.

WORKING HUNTER PONY COURSES

Dimensions of Fences, Spreads & Water

		<u>Heights</u>	<u>Spreads</u>
<u>OPEN CLASSES</u>			
Lead Rein (no cross poles)	Min	.150m(0'6")	N/A
	Max	.300m(1'0")	N/A
Beginner Cradle Stakes	Min	.300m(1'0")	N/A
	Max	.455m(1'6")	N.A
Cradle Stakes	Min	.455m(1'6")	.455m(1'6")
	Max	.610m(2'0")	.760m(2'6")
Starter Stakes	Min	.610m(2'0")	.530m(1'9")
	Max	.760m(2'6")	.840m(2'9")
133cms W.H.P.	Min	.760m(2'6")	.685m(2'3")
	Max	.915m(3'0")	.990m(3'3")
143cms W.H.P.	Min	.840m(2'9")	.840m(2'9")
	Max	.990m(3'3")	1.065m(3'6")
153cms W.H.P.	Min	.915m(3'0")	1.065m(3'6")
	Max	1.065m(3'6")	1.220m(4'0")
<u>OPEN INTERMEDIATE</u>			
	Min	.990m(3'3")	.990m(3'3")
	Max	1.140m(3'9")	1.220m(4'0")
<u>NOVICE INTERMEDIATE</u>			
	Min	.840m(2'9")	.840m(2'9")
	Max	.990m(3'3")	.990m(3'3")
<u>NOVICE CLASSES</u>			
133cms W.H.P.	Min	.610m(2'0")	.610m(2'0")
	Max	.760m(2'6")	.760m(2'6")
143cms W.H.P.	Min	.685m(2'3")	.685m(2'3")
	Max	.840m(2'9")	.840m(2'9")
153cms W.H.P.	Min	.760m(2'6")	.760m(2'6")
	Max	.915m(3'0")	.915m(3'0")
Novice Starter Stakes	Min	.455m(1'6")	.455m(1'6")
	Max	.610m(2'0")	.760m(2'6")

WATER WIDTH

133cms W.H.P.	1.830m	6'0"
143cms W.H.P.	2.440m	8'0"
153cms W.H.P.	3.050m	10'0"

<u>INTERMEDIATE W.H.P.</u>	3.050m	10'0"
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CONNEMARA CLASSES

Open Connemara Classes	Min .840m(2'9")	.840m (2.9")
	Max .990m(3'3")	1.065m(3'6")
Novice Connemara Classes	Min .685m(2'3")	.685m(2'3")
	Max .840m(2;9")	.840m(2'9")

MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND CLASSES

NOVICE CLASSES

Not exceeding 123 cms.	Min .470m	Max .580m
Not exceeding 138 cms.	Min .610m	Max .690m
Exceeding 138 cms.	Min .760m	Max .840m

OPEN CLASSES

Cradle Stakes	Min .470m	Max .530m
Starter Stakes	Min .470m	Max .660m
Not exceeding 123 cms.	Min .530m	Max .740m
Not exceeding 138 cms.	Min .690m	Max .840m
Exceeding 139 cms.	Min .840m	Max .990m

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