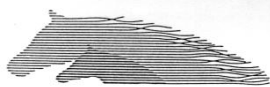


Clifden High Performance Connemara Class 2014



The Final will be held in Clifden on the 22nd August 2014 featuring a prize fund of

€3,000

The Connemara Pony Breeders Society in conjunction with the Irish Pony Society are running this class with the aim of displaying the versatility of the Connemara pony highlighting the performance aspect of the pony over fences with emphasis on ride ability, scope, versatility and suitability for child or adult.

The Final will take place on Day Three of the Annual Connemara Pony Show in Clifden on Friday the 22nd August 2014 and there will be 7 shows holding qualifiers for the Final. The prize fund will be 3000 euro for the class. The entry fee for the qualifier will be €20 per pony. Entry fee for the final is €40 per pony

The 7 shows hosting the Qualifiers are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Qualifier</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Sunday 1 st June	IPS Hunter/Pony Whit Show at Coilog Equestrian Centre, Crosspatrick, Kilmeague, Co Kildare	Yvonne Byrne 087 2070217
Sunday 15 th June	Galway County Show, Ballybrit Racecourse, Galway	Pascal Crawford 087 1252867
Saturday 28 th June	Charleville Show, Charleville, Co Cork	Eleanor Fleming 087 9444083
Sunday 20 th July	Kildare/North Leinster IPS Rathbawn Show, Thomastown, Naas, Co Kildare	Yvonne Byrne 087 2070217
Sunday 27 th July	Kildare/North Leinster IPS Area Show, Tattersalls, Co Meath	Yvonne Byrne 087 2070217
Sunday 27 th July	South East Clare Show, Bridgetown, Co Clare	Helen Wixted 087 7972414
Thursday 31 st July -Saturday 2 nd August	IPS Championship Show, Cavan Equestrian Centre, Latt, Co Cavan	See show Secretary

Three Connemara ponies from each qualifier will qualify. The Qualifiers and the Final will be primarily run under the Irish Pony Society Rules for working hunters so the scoring system will be the same. At the Final ponies will be asked to jump a course of 10-12 fences that will include a double or treble up to a max height of 110cm and 110 wide and a min height of 95cm high and 95cm wide.

At the qualifiers ponies will be asked to jump a min of 8 fences including a double at a min height of 95cm high and 95cm wide, a minimum of three fences at the qualifiers should be built to a height of 110 cm high and 110cm wide. Each fence will be marked out of 10 and then a mark out of 20 will be awarded for way of going. The total is then divided by 2 and penalties are then deducted. A knock -10, refusal 1st -15, 2nd -20, 3rd Elimination. This will complete phase 1. Ponies competing in the Final that jump a clear round in the first phase of the competition will be allocated a **20 point bonus**.

For phase 2 each pony will be asked to show walk, trot, canter and gallop. Judge will want to see canter on both reins with a simple change of canter lead through trot. Then the pony will be stripped and judged for movement, conformation and type. The total marks for phase two will be 45 consisting of 10 each for manners and performance, 10 each for movement and conformation and 5 for type.

Rules for Final and Qualifiers

1. Open to Connemara ponies in possession of a CPBS passport, aged 4 yrs old and over. Passports will be checked.
2. Stallions must be ridden by a rider that has attained their 14th birthday before the 1st Jan 2014.
3. Bitless bridles and gags not allowed. Pelham and three ring snaffles as per I.P.S rules.
4. Boots must be removed for Phase 2. Only front boots allowed in Phase 1
5. No spurs
6. Passports of qualifying ponies will be checked at qualifier and must be presented at Final. Micro chips will be checked at the final.
7. Running martingales only
8. Children who have not attained their 16th birthday before the 1st Jan 2014 must wear a body protector.

9. A rider may compete **no more than two ponies** at a qualifier, but only one rider pony combination may qualify and compete in the final

It is recommended that if you wish to compete at the High Performance final that you attend as many of the qualifiers as possible in preparation. Ponies that have previously qualified may compete in other qualifiers HC (Hors Concourse)

For more information please contact the CPBS on 095 21863 or carol@cpbs.ie or visit www.cpbs.ie , or Pat Geoghegan 087 2552399