

Connemara Pony Breeders' Society

Connemara Pony Performance Mare Loose Jumping Championship

Aim

To promote and provide an outlet for four year old mares likely to make high class show jumpers or eventers. To identify performance mares at a young age that may be suitable for the broodmare herd.

Rules

1. The competition is open to four year old registered Connemara mares measuring 148cms or under. Ponies will be measured at qualifying centres.
2. Passports will be checked at qualifiers and final and must be in the name of the owner.
3. Two qualifiers will be held. A maximum of ten mares will qualify in total. Owners will be notified of their result following the second qualifier. Owners will be able to view their points at each qualifier.
4. The final will take place in Clifden, Co. Galway on Wednesday 19th August at 9.30am.
5. The mares will be assessed on their jumping ability, conformation and temperament / ease of working with.
6. The fences at the qualifying centre will not exceed 1m x1m. The fences at the final will not exceed 1.10m x 1.10m. A provision will be made for 138cms ponies, these will be loose jumped after the 148cms ponies. The maximum height at qualifying centres will be 90cms x90cms. The maximum height of fence at final will be 1m x 1m.
7. Excessive use of whip will be penalised. There must be no contact of whip with pony. Handler may not enter chute after pony.
8. No boots, bandages or plaits permitted.
9. Entry fee for qualifier is €25. Entry fee for final is €30.
10. Following the competition a special slot will be allocated at the Connemara Pony Sales on Saturday 22nd August for mares that competed at the final with the goal of increasing export value.
11. Closing date for entries is Friday 10th July.
12. A training day will be organised before the qualifiers if there is sufficient interest.

Qualifiers

Tuesday 21st July Boswell Equestrian Centre, Ashford, Co. Wicklow @ 7pm

Thursday 23rd July Creagh Equestrian Centre, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway @ 7pm

Final

The ten mares will be marked as follows at the final:

- 20 points – Functional Conformation
- 10 points - Canter
- 20 points - Technique
- 20 points - Scope
- 10 points - Power
- 10 points - Balance
- 10 points - Attitude
- 30 points - Jumping Talent/Potential
- 20 points – Temperament / Ease of working with including catching, loading in horse box, lifting hooves, backing, leading and standing still.

Total 150 points

No points for un-natural and exaggerated performances. Economy of effort in jumping will be rewarded.

In the event of a tie, the pony with the highest score for 'Technique' will be the winner.

Prize Fund

Total : €5000

1st €1500 (€300 of which goes to the Breeder if bred in Ireland)

2nd €1000 (€200 of which goes to the Breeder if bred in Ireland)

3rd €750 (€100 of which goes to the Breeder if bred in Ireland)

4th €500

5th €400

6th €300

7th €200

8th €150

9th & 10th €100