**IRISH CONNEMARA GREEN HUNTER RULES 2016**

**OPEN TO** 4yr.old Registered Connemara Ponies.

Riders over 14yrs on 1st January 2016. Ponies must be registered in current owner’s name.

 Microchips will be checked at qualifiers, please ensure to bring passport for pony.

**PHASE 1**.

Ponies will be required to jump a course of 8 fences, (including a double), over a maximum height of 80cms.

**PHASE 2.**

RIDE AND CONFORMATION. The ponies will walk, trot, and canter as a group, then line up. The Judge will then ride each pony at a walk, trot, canter and, (at the judge’s discretion) extended canter. The pony will then be stripped, and shown in hand.

Bits. Simple snaffles (as per IPS rules) excluding Unjointed snaffle.

NO change of saddlery is allowed during competition with the exception of overreach boots and / or tendon boots, which may be used for Phase 1 only. Disregard for this rule **will** lead to elimination.

BANDAGES are not allowed.

SPURS are not allowed.

WHIPS not to exceed 75cms

Running martingales only, are permitted, but judges should pay particular attention to their effectiveness. Any suitable noseband is acceptable.

The course may be inspected mounted. No animals are allowed to practise over any part of the course before the commencement of the class, as this will lead to immediate elimination.