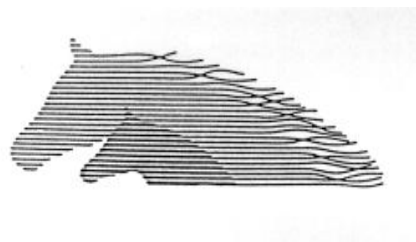


Clifden High Performance Connemara Class 2016



The Final will be held in the Showground's, Clifden on the 19th August 2016 featuring a prize fund of

€3,000

The Connemara Pony Breeders Society run 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, Co Galway on Friday the 19th August 2016. There will be 9 shows holding qualifiers nationally for the final. The entry fee for the qualifiers is €25 per pony (enter for qualifiers with the show hosting the qualifier) Entry fee for the final is €40 per pony.

Three Connemara ponies from each qualifier to qualify for the final. 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 110cm wide and a min height of 95cm high and 95cm wide.

Qualifiers

At the qualifiers ponies will be asked to jump a minimum of 8 fences including a double at a minimum 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. The 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 January 2016.
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 2016 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)