

Wednesday 17th August

Connemara Pony Performance Mare Loose Jumping Championship @ 11.00am

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

The competition is open to four year old registered Connemara mares measuring 148cms or under. Ponies will be measured at qualifying centres.

Passports will be checked at qualifiers and final and must be in the name of the owner.

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.

The final will take place in Clifden, Co. Galway on Wednesday 17th August at 11am.

The mares will be assessed on their jumping ability, conformation and temperament / ease of working with.

Loose Jumping Format

Lead your pony into the ring/arena, and stand him/her, side on to the judge for conformation assessment, and in-hand movement (walk away and trot back). When the judge advises, release your pony, the trained arena team will take over, guiding your pony forward, but they will not touch or chase your pony. Then, when the judge indicates, catch your pony, and leave the ring/arena. The fences at the qualifying centre will not exceed 1m x 1m. 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 x 90cms. The maximum height of fence at final for 138cms ponies will be 1m x 1m.

No boots, bandages or plaits permitted.

Entry fee for qualifier is €25. Entry fee for final is €30.

Qualifiers

Saturday 9th July Creagh Equestrian Centre, Ballinasloe Co. Galway @ 2.30pm

Sunday 26th July Midlands Connemara Pony Show, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath @ 3.30pm

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 : €3000

1 st	€900	(€100 of which goes to the Breeder if bred in Ireland)
2 nd	€600	
3 rd	€400	
4 th	€300	
5 th	€200	
6 th	€100	
7 th	€100	
8 th	€100	
9 th	€100	
10 th	€100	