

# NPS Scotland



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## NPS Scotland Championships Rules 2024

The following rules clarify areas particular to NPS Scotland qualifier shows and Championships. We also follow the Rules of the National Pony Society 2024 which can be found at [www.npsscotland.co.uk](http://www.npsscotland.co.uk)

Exhibitors are deemed to be conversant with these rules.

1. All Mountain & Moorland Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective stud book. Part bred, X registered ponies, ponies in the appendices of their main stud book and Eriskay ponies are not eligible.
2. In Mountain and Moorland classes riders of stallions must be 12 years old or over when riding small breeds (Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh A & B). For large breeds (Highland, Fell, Dales, Connemara, New Forest, Welsh C & D) riders of stallions must be 14 years old or over.
3. A child must have attained their 12th birthday as of the 1st January in the current year to either strip or lunge pony at a NPS show, except for stallions where age will same as in the Rule Book to ride a stallion.
4. Handlers of stallions or colts must be 14 years old or over.
5. Please note NO Stallions can compete or qualify for the Junior Ridden Classes.
6. Handlers of ponies in In Hand classes must be at least 5 years of age and those who are 14 years and under must wear a correctly secured skull caps/riding hat that meets the current standards.
7. All ridden ponies must be shown off the lead rein except in the specified Lead Rein Qualifier Class.
8. Cavasson nosebands are the only nosebands permitted in flat ridden class
9. **NPS Scotland Kilmannan Novice Ridden and Picton Classes**  
Ponies can compete as novices in this competition for two consecutive years provided they do not submit an entry to the final in the first year.
10. Whiskers are not to be trimmed for any breed. This rule is now mandatory.
11. **Open Working Hunter Pony M&M Classes**

### **NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products Mountain & Moorland Open WHP Championship**

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class4
Height of Ponies	Ponies not exceeding 122cms	Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms	Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms	Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148 (except for Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction).
Min Height of Jumps	55 cms	65 cms	75 cms	85 cms

Max Height of jumps	70 cms	80 cms	90 cms	100 cms
Max. Spread of jumps	55 cms	65 cms	75 cms	85 cms

12. Shows, especially those held early in the year, may reduce the heights and spreads shown above in order to encourage riders to compete, but competitors that qualify must be aware that the jumps will be as above for the Finals at Blair.
13. The course will consist of a minimum of seven fences, one of which must be a spread, a change of direction must be included. If a hazard is included, it will be numbered and judged as a fence. A water tray jump will be included at the final.
14. It is not mandatory for ponies to be stripped at qualifier shows but all ponies will be stripped at the finals (Novice Ridden, Junior Ridden, Open Ridden and Working Hunter Pony)

#### Qualification

15. Qualification in the M&M In Hand Section may go Champion, Reserve Champion, and 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion. This excludes the NPS Scotland Spring and Summer Shows where 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners will qualify.
16. Qualification for M&M Novice, Junior, Open, WHP, Lead Rein, First Ridden and Riding pony/Hunter pony classes may go to no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place.
13. Ponies may only qualify **once** for each NPS Scotland Competition Final.
14. Ponies that take a second qualifier for the same section **will be disqualified** from entering the final.
15. It is the **responsibility of the exhibitor** to ensure that their jockey/handler is aware of their pony's qualification status.
16. **A Judge is not obliged to award an NPS Scotland Finals qualification if he/she feels that the pony is not of a sufficient standard.**

#### Entries

17. Entries will only be accepted via our on-line entry system, Entry Master.
18. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to keep the qualification card safely** as it is essential to complete your entry. Paper entries will not be accepted.
19. **Closing Dates for Entries - All entries will close on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024.** No Late entries will be accepted.  
  
Please refer to NPS Scotland website for directions on "**How to submit your entry**" using the Entrymaster system.
20. The OWNER of the pony must be or become a member of NPS Scotland to enter the Finals.
21. The Finals will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23rd August 2024.