

# NPS Scotland



Thank you for accepting our invitation to host the NPS Scotland Championship Qualifiers for 2024.

In order for uniformity we request that the following wording is used in your schedule before you send it for approval to us.

**All Shows** please ensure the following paragraph is inserted within their schedule...

## **NPS SCOTLAND QUALIFIERS – RULES 2024**

**To be run under NPS SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES 2024. These rules clarify areas particular to NPS Scotland. We also run to the Rules of the National Pony Society. Copies of these rules can be found on our website [www.npsscotland.co.uk](http://www.npsscotland.co.uk)**

**Exhibitors are deemed to be conversant with these rules.**

Listed below are the different qualifiers with their relevant schedule wording

1. **In Hand M & M Classes** - NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet N Pony In Hand Mountain & Moorland Championship
2. **Novice Ridden M & M Classes**
  - (A) NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden M & M Championship (**NPS Scotland Affiliated Show ONLY**)
  - (B) NPS/Picton Novice Ridden National Championship (**NPS Main body Affiliated Show**) combined with the NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden M & M Championship
3. **Junior Ridden M & M Classes**
  - (A) NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Open Ridden Championship (**NPS Scotland Affiliated Show ONLY**)
  - (B) NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Open Ridden Championship (**NPS Scotland Affiliated Show ONLY**) Junior Ridden Qualifier held within Open Ridden Classes
  - (C) NPS/Ryehouse Native Show Team M & M Junior Ridden Championship (**NPS Main body Affiliated Show**) combined with the NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Open Ridden Championship
  - (D) Any Junior ridden classes held within a HOYS qualifier will adhere to HOYS rules.
4. **Open Ridden M&M Classes**
  - (A) NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds Open Ridden M & M Championship (**NPS Scotland Affiliated Show ONLY**)
5. **Open Working Hunter Pony M & M Classes**
  - (A) NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products M & M Open WHP Championship
6. **Open Mini M & M Classes**
  - (A) NPS Scotland/Kilgraston School M & M Lead Rein Championship
  - (B) NPS Scotland/Kilgraston School M & M First Ridden Championship
7. **Open Riding & Hunter Pony In Hand Classes**
  - (A) NPS Scotland/NFU Mutual Open In Hand Riding Pony/Hunter Pony Championship

## 1. In Hand M&M Classes

### NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet n Pony In Hand Mountain & Moorland Championship.

Four classes as follows (may be amalgamated into two classes, either spilt by age or by Breed size (large and small)):

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Yearlings, 2 & 3-year old Ponies	Ponies 4 years old & over	Yearlings, 2- & 3-year old ponies	Ponies 4 years old & over
Dartmoor Exmoor Shetland Welsh A Welsh B	Dartmoor Exmoor Shetland Welsh A Welsh B	Connemara Dales Fell Highland New Forest Welsh C Welsh D	Connemara Dales Fell Highland New Forest Welsh C Welsh D

### Sample classes with schedule wording

#### REGISTERED MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND IN HAND

**Judge:**

### NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet n Pony In Hand Mountain & Moorland Championship.

Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

#### SENIOR IN HAND CLASSES

- Class 30**      **Large M & M 4 yrs and Over, Mare or Gelding**
- Class 31**      **Highland 4 yrs and Over, Mare or Gelding**
- Class 32**      **Small M & M 4yrs and Over, Mare or Gelding**
- Class 33**      **M & M Stallion (Large/Small Breeds) 4 yrs & Over.**

**Senior Championship.**

#### YOUNGSTOCK IN HAND CLASSES

- Class 34**      **Large Registered M & M Yearling**
- Class 35**      **Small Registered M & M Yearling**
- Class 36**      **Large Registered M & M 2 or 3 yrs**
- Class 37**      **Small Registered M & M 2 or 3 yrs**

**Youngstock Championship.**

#### OVERALL MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND IN HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

**In Hand M&M Championships: The Champion & Res. Champion** in all Mixed pure-bred M & M or Breed Championships will qualify for the Final at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. Qualification may go to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion)

## Novice M&M Ridden Classes

### 2 (A). NPS Scotland ONLY Affiliated Shows

#### **NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden Mountain and Moorland Championship**

Two classes as follows (Large and Small Breeds) or 5 classes as show below in 2 (B)

Class 1	Class 2
Dartmoor	Connemara
Exmoor	Dales
Shetland	Fell
Welsh A	Highland
Welsh B	New Forest
	Welsh C
	Welsh D

### Sample classes with schedule wording

#### **MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN**

**Judge:**

#### **NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship**

Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

- i Won an open affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class
- ii Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, BSPS Lemeiux Final or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes
- iii Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden final at the NPS Summer Championship show and the NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Finals (Blair) (N.B. 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).
- iv. If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show, Olympia or RIHS in its second year it is de-noviced and cannot compete in the Kilmannan Final at Blair Final.

The 2 highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23rd August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place.** This can be either mixed M. & M. or Breed Classes

**Class 1 Small Breeds (Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & Welsh)**

**Class 2 Large Breeds (Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C & Welsh D)**

**Championship.**

## **2 (B) NPS (Main Body) Affiliated Shows**

### **NPS/ Picton Novice Ridden National Championship**

Five Classes as Follows: -

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Dartmoor Exmoor Shetland	Welsh A Welsh B	New Forest Connemara	Dales Fell Highland	Welsh C Welsh D

### **Sample classes with schedule wording**

#### **MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN**

**Judge:**

### **NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship**

Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

- i Won an open affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class
- ii Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, BSPS Lemeiux Final or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes
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- iv. If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show, Olympia or RIHS in its second year it is de-noviced and cannot compete in the Kilmannan Final at Blair Final.

A minimum of 6 ponies must be stripped in qualifying rounds. All ponies will be stripped in the Final.

The 2 highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place.** This can be either mixed M. & M. or Breed Classes

**Class 14 Fell, Highland, & Dales**

**Class 15 New Forest & Connemara**

**Class 16 Welsh C & Welsh D**

**Class 17 Welsh A & Welsh B**

**Class 18 Dartmoor, Exmoor & Shetland**

**Championship.**

## Junior Ridden M&M Classes

At the NPS Scotland Blair Finals there will be 2 classes

- 3 (A) NPS Scotland ONLY Affiliated Shows can hold either 2 classes (as below) or 3 Classes as 3. (C) or award qualifiers within Open Ridden Classes as 3. (B)**

### **NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Open Ridden Championship**

Class 1	Class 2
Dartmoor Exmoor Shetland Welsh A Welsh B	Dales (may exceed 148 cms) Fell Highland New Forest Connemara Welsh C Welsh D (may exceed 148 cms)
Rider Class 1 –under 14 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> January in the current year	Rider Class 2 – under 18 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> January in the current year

### **Sample classes with schedule wording**

#### **MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND JUNIOR RIDDEN**

**Judge:**

### **The NPS Scotland / Maggie May Junior Open Ridden Championship**

Mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. **Please note NO Stallions are allowed in the Junior Classes.**

The highest placed pony, in each Junior Ridden Class not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

**Class 24** Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B mares and geldings four years old and over. Riders aged 10 years but under 14 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year

**Class 25** Open to registered Dales (may exceed 148 cms), Fell, Highland, New Forest, Connemara and Welsh Section C and Welsh D(may exceed 148 cms), mares and geldings four years old and over. – Riders aged 10 years but under 18 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year

**Championship.**

### 3.(B) Junior Qualifiers within Open Ridden Classes

#### **NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Open Ridden Championship**

For shows that are not able to hold Separate Junior Classes, a qualifier can be awarded to the highest placed Junior within each Open Ridden Class provided that the pony is a mare or gelding and the Junior is the correct age for the pony they are riding (Small Breeds under 14 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year, Large Breeds under 18 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year)

#### **schedule wording**

The highest placed Junior Ridden pony, in each Open Ridden Class not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

### 3.(C) **NPS (Main Body) Affiliated Shows will hold 3 classes as below**

#### **NPS/Cooper Family M&M Junior Ridden Championship**

Class 1	Class 2 (not exceeding 138 cm)	Class 3 (exceeding 138 but not exceeding 148cms)
Dartmoor Exmoor Shetland Welsh A Welsh B	Dales Fell Highland New Forest Connemara Welsh C	Dales (may exceed 148 cms) Fell Highland New Forest Connemara Welsh D (may exceed 148 cms)
Rider Class 1 – Under 14 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> January in the current year	Rider Class 2 – under 18 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> January in the current year	Rider Class 2 – Under 18 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> January in the current year

#### **Sample classes with schedule wording**

#### **MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND JUNIOR RIDDEN**

**Judge:**

#### **NPS/Cooper Family M&M Junior Ridden Championship**

#### **The NPS Scotland / Maggie May Junior Open Ridden Championship**

Mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. **Please note NO Stallions are allowed in the Junior Classes.**

The highest placed pony, in each Junior Ridden Class not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

**Class 54** Open to registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A, Welsh Section B mares and geldings four years old and over. Riders must not have attained their 14th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

**Class 55** Open to registered Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Connemara and Welsh

Section C mares and geldings four years old and over, not exceeding 138 cm. Riders must not have attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year.

**Class 56** Open to registered Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Connemara and Welsh Section D, mares and geldings four years old and over, exceeding 138 cm but not exceeding 148cms (except for Welsh Section D and Dales). Riders must not have attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year.

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**3 (D)** Any Junior Ridden M & M classes being held with a HOYS qualifier will adhere to HOYS rules.

**4. Open Ridden M&M Classes**

**4 (A).** NPS Scotland ONLY Affiliated Shows can hold either 2 or 5 classes (as shown below)

**NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds Open Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship.**

Class 1 SMALL BREEDS	Class 2 LARGE BREEDS
Dartmoor	Dales
Exmoor	Fell
Shetland	Highland
Welsh A	New Forest
Welsh B	Connemara
	Welsh C
	Welsh D

OR

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Dartmoor	Welsh A	Dales	New Forest	Welsh C
Exmoor	Welsh B	Fell	Connemara	Welsh D
Shetland		Highland		

**Sample classes with schedule wording**

**MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND OPEN RIDDEN**

**Judge:**

**NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds Open Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship.**

Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

The 2 highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23<sup>RD</sup> August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place.**

- Class 19**      **Welsh A & B**
  - Class 20**      **Dartmoor, Exmoor, and Shetland**
  - Class 21**      **Welsh C & D**
  - Class 22**      **Dales, Fell and Highland**
  - Class 23**      **New Forest and Connemara**
- Championship.**

## 5. Open Working Hunter Pony M&M Classes

### **5 (A).      NPS Scotland ONLY Affiliated Shows**

<b>NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products Mountain &amp; Moorland Open WHP Championship.</b>
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	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

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.

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.



### Sample classes with schedule wording

#### MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND WORKING HUNTER PONY

Judges:

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

Stallions, mares and geldings **five** years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

The 2 highest placed ponies, in each class not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Class 10 Ponies not exceeding 122cm**

**Class 11 Ponies exceeding 122cm but not exceeding 133cm**

**Class 12 Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm**

**Class 13 Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148cms (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction).**

**Championship**

### 6. Open Mini M & M Classes

**6 (A). NPS Scotland ONLY Affiliated Shows**

**NPS Scotland/ Kilgraston School M&M Lead Rein Championship**

Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit with the lead rein attached to the noseband.

Ponies must not be cantered.

Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.

Handles on saddles are permitted.

Ponies will not be stripped.

### Sample classes with schedule wording

#### MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND MINI RIDDEN SECTION

Judge:

**NPS Scotland/ Kilgraston School M&M Lead Rein Championship**

The 2 highest placed ponies in the Lead Rein Class not already qualified will go forward to the final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

**Class 27 NPS Scotland/ Kilgraston School M&M Lead Rein Class**

Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 122 cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books: Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B. To be shown in a snaffle bit.

Rider must be at least 3 years old on the day of the class and not to have attained their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday by the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year

**6 (B). NPS Scotland ONLY Affiliated Shows**

**NPS Scotland/ Kilgraston School M&M First Ridden Championship**

Ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show.

Ponies will not be stripped.

Ponies may not be ridden side saddle.

Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle.

**Sample classes with schedule wording**

**MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND MINI RIDDEN SECTION**

**Judge:**

**NPS Scotland/ Kilgraston School M&M First Ridden Championship**

The 2 highest placed ponies in the First ridden class not already qualified will go forward to the final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23rd August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

**Class 28 NPS Scotland/ Kilgraston School M&M First Ridden Class**

Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 128cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books: Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B

Riders not to have attained their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year

**Mini M & M Championship**

**7. Open In-Hand Riding Pony/Hunter Pony Classes**

**(A). NPS Scotland ONLY Affiliated Shows**

**NPS Scotland/NFU Mutual Open In-hand Riding Pony/Hunter Pony Championship**

4 Classes as below or split further by age or height. Shows should hold at least two classes per section of either Hunter Ponies and Riding Ponies, or 2 mixed Classes

<u>Class 1</u> Hunter Ponies	<u>Class 2</u> Hunter Ponies	<u>Class 3</u> Riding Ponies	<u>Class 4</u> Riding Ponies
Yearlings, 2 & 3-year old Ponies	Ponies 4 years old & over	Yearlings, 2- & 3-year old ponies	Ponies 4 years old & over

Or Mixed Classes as below

<u>Class 1</u> Hunter Ponies/Riding Ponies	<u>Class 2</u> Hunter Ponies/Riding Ponies
Yearlings, 2 & 3-year old Ponies	Ponies 4 years old & over

**Hunter Pony.** Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings not to exceed 153 cms at maturity

**Riding Pony.** Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, not to exceed 148 cms at maturity.

**Sample classes with schedule wording**

**RIDING AND HUNTER PONY IN HAND**

**Judge:**

**NPS Scotland/NFU Mutual Open In-hand Riding Pony/Hunter Pony Championship**

The highest placed pony, in each open in-hand Riding Pony or Hunter Pony Class (foal classes excluded) not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4<sup>th</sup> place**

**Class 38 Riding/Hunter Pony yearling colt, filly or gelding, any height**

**Class 39 Riding/Hunter Pony 2- or 3-year-old filly, colt or gelding. Any height**

**Class 40 Riding/Hunter Pony 4yrs old & over. Any height**

**OVERALL RIDING/HUNTER PONY IN HAND CHAMPIONSHIP**