



Highland Pony Society **Junior Awards 2026**

Notes for Show Secretaries

The Society are developing our initiative to encourage and recognise our Junior members and the next generation of Highland Pony Enthusiasts. Last year all shows affiliated to the HPS received Junior Award Cards to be presented to any Juniors aged under 18 (on 1st January) showing a Highland Pony. For 2026 we have introduced a Young Handler Championship final which will be held at the end of the season. All Juniors showing a Highland pony In Hand will automatically qualify for the final where there will be prizes and rosettes for all finalists. There is no additional burden or costs to shows. Our only request is that the Award cards are presented by Judges in the ring and that a few sentences are added to your schedule.

The Junior Award Cards should be awarded to all Junior Competitors competing with a registered Highland Pony at your show. The recipients are invited to return the cards to the HPS office to claim their rosettes, find out a bit more about what the Society can offer them and to register their entry into the Young Handlers Final if applicable.

Please note that the final is for exhibitors competing In Hand only. The final is not open to ridden animals. However Juniors competing in ridden classes are still eligible to receive a Junior Award Card.

The cards are applicable as follows:

- Juniors aged under 18 on 1st January showing a registered Highland pony at a show affiliated to the Highland Pony Society.
- The Junior does not need to be a current member of the Highland Pony Society.
- Eligible classes may be for Highlands only or mixed M&M breeds.
- The cards may be awarded in In Hand or Ridden Classes including but not limited to classes aimed at juniors e.g. Junior ridden, Young Handlers etc.
- There is no limit to the number of cards that may be awarded in a class.
- More cards are available if needed.

The Young Handler final will be held at the CSHPC Summer Show on Sunday 6th September 2026 at Strathallan Castle, Auchterarder, Perthshire. All Junior Award Card recipients who have competed in In Hand classes will qualify.

Below I have included some wording which may copied into your schedule.

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Information for the Schedule

- This show is a qualifier for the exciting new 2026 Highland Pony Society Junior Handler Final.
- All Juniors aged under 18 on 1st January showing a pure bred registered Highland pony in an In Hand class at a show affiliated to the Highland Pony Society will receive a Junior Award Card and automatically qualify for the final.
- Juniors do not need to be a member of the Highland Pony Society to qualify or to enter the final.
- The Final will be held at the CSHPC Summer Show on Sunday 6th September 2026 at Strathallan Castle, Auchterarder, Perthshire.
- Entry to the final is free.

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