

Highland Pony Society



BREED SHOW SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026

Strathallan Castle
Auchterarder
PH3 1JZ

Features

HOYS Ridden M&M Qualifier
HOYS Price In Hand Semi Final Qualifier
NPS Scotland Qualifiers
NPS Qualifiers
Veteran Horse Society Golden Tickets
Prize Money to all Champions / Reserves

Entries Close – Tuesday 23rd June

Online Entries via EntryMaster: highlandps.entrymaster.online

No late entries / No entries on day.

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ENTRIES

All entries must be received by midnight on 23 June 2026. Entries are online via EntryMaster only. No late entries will be accepted. In the event of the show being cancelled, 20% of entry fees will be retained. In the event of postponement, entries will be carried forward to the rearranged show date and no refunds will be given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is mandatory for all ponies entering the Highland Pony Society Breed Show 2026 to be vaccinated against equine influenza with the last vaccination having been administered no more than 365 days prior to the event. All ponies entered must have completed at least the primary course of two vaccinations, the latter of which must have been administered by 3 July 2026. Foals at foot are exempt from this requirement. **Spot checks will be carried out. Any owner whose pony/ponies are not appropriately vaccinated will be asked to leave the showground.**

Any animal not sufficiently under control shall be removed from the Show Ring immediately at the request of a Judge, Steward or Society official.

	SECTIONS	JUDGE	START TIME
I	In Hand	Mr C Grant	8.30am
II	Ridden Classes	Mrs K Bowling-Hartenfield: Hoys Q (ride), Open Ridden, Juniors, Veterans, Supreme Ridden Championship. Miss P Rennie: Hoys Q (conf), Nursery Novice & Novice Ridden, NPS Silver Medal Supreme Ridden Championship.	8.30am
III	Working Hunter	Miss M Grant	11.30 am
IV	Dressage	Mrs T Blowman	9.30am – 11.30am 12.00 pm – 2.00pm
V	Working Harness	Mrs S Ormiston MVO	Following Young Handlers
VI	Young Handlers	Mrs S Ormiston MVO	Following Youngstock Champ
VII	Driving	Mrs A Barron	Following In Hand Champ

Exhibitors are asked to note the Timetable at the end of schedule as there have been some significant changes to the running order particularly relevant to the In Hand Section

POINTS AWARDS (Points may only be accrued from one class in each section, highest place counts.)

Overall Points Champion of Sections I to V - Dalbrack Trophy

Overall Points Reserve of Sections I to V – Clandon Stud Performance Salver

Overall (home produced) Points Winner of Sections I to V Trailtrow Rosebowl (pony must be bred, owned, exhibited, handled and ridden by family members)

Overall Points from Ridden, WHP and Dressage classes - Sidlaw Ranger Salver

Best Overall Working Hunter & Dressage – Kincardine Trophy

ON THE DAY

The Society invites all members to enter and welcomes their families, friends and visitors to enjoy the Show and view the excellent breeding standards, qualities and versatility of pedigree Highland ponies registered with the Highland Pony Society.

Mobile snack bars will be on site where food and drinks may be purchased.

Perth Equine Vets will be on call if veterinary services are required during the event. Tel: 01738 259427

Farrier in attendance.

BREED SHOW RULES

- 1 Competition is open to current HPS members only with the exception of Horse of the Year Show National Pony Society M&M Ridden Highland Pony of the Year Qualifier.
- 2 Only registered Highland ponies in the HPS Full Register or in Appendices A, B or C, and eligible foals in classes 9 and 10 may compete. Height must not exceed 14.2hh (148cms).
- 3 At the time of entry, the exhibitor must be recorded by the HPS as the registered owner or loanee of the pony.
- 4 All competing Highland pony stallions (In Hand, Ridden, WHP etc) aged 4yrs and over must be licensed with the Highland Pony Society.
- 5 A pony may compete in a maximum of two classes in Sect II. Junior riders may additionally enter the Junior Ridden class.
- 6 Ages will be determined based on foals being classified as one year old on 1st January following date of foaling.
- 7 Foals entered at this show must be at least 3 weeks old on the day of the show.
- 8 No entry accepted without the full registered name and pedigree of the animal.
- 9 No substitution of entries or change of classes allowed after the closing date.
- 10 All ponies in Novice classes must be shown in a snaffle bit.
- 11 Ponies entered in classes 18 or 19 (Nursery Novice) must not have been shown under saddle prior to 1st January 2026.
- 12 Please note that pens are for mares and foals only – exhibitors will be asked to remove any animals other than mares and foals occupying the pens.
- 13 All vehicles must be clean and must comply with the current DEFRA and SEERAD bio-security recommendations. No animal suffering from infectious disease will be allowed to compete. Any such animal must be removed from the showground.
- 14 The Show Committee comprises the President and/or Vice President, one current Council member and the Show Secretary. The decision of the Show Committee is final.
- 15 Protests along with £25, which may be forfeited if the protest is dismissed, must be lodged with the Secretary in writing within 30 minutes of completion of the relevant class.
- 16 The Highland Pony Society shall not be liable for any loss or damage to person, animal or property which exhibitors or general public may sustain at the show.
- 17 The Highland Pony Society reserves the right to combine or split classes as necessary.
- 18 Competitors entering in more than one Section must accept the risk that timing may prohibit them from competing in simultaneous classes. There will be no waiting for individual competitors with the exception of ponies which are required for a Championship. These ponies will be allowed to enter/exit their ring when the relevant judge deems it appropriate.
- 19 Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats that meet one of the following current Safety Standards MUST be worn by all Riders and Young Handlers. PAS015 2011, VG1, (BS) EN1384 2023, ASTM F1163 2015 & 2023, SNELL E2016 onwards, AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards.
- 20 Driving exhibitors **must** only exercise / warm up in the designated areas and **not** on the driveway running past the showfield.
- 21 Ponies should not be left unattended tied to a horsebox or trailer.

Entry Fees

Classes 1 to 10	Entries, which are free of charge, must in made in advance
Classes 11 – 17	£10
Class 22	£30 members and £65 non-members* (including £20 Horse of the Year Show contribution)
Class 18-21, 23-24 26-31& 36-37	£10
Classes 25, 33 & 34-35	Entries, which are free of charge, must in made in advance

***Highland Pony Society Membership** is available via the website at <https://www.highlandponysociety.com/item/memberships/>

Catalogues

Paid in advance when entering will be £4. On the day £5.

Prize Money

Class 33 Working Harness 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £50, 3rd Prize £25
Medal Champions: £100 **Medal Reserves** £50 **Other Champions** £50 **Reserves** £25

Directions:

Strathallan is 5 miles from the A9 between Stirling and Perth. The postcode is **PH3 1JX**.

Stabling is available on the show field. There are 18 temporary stables. Cost is £50 per night to include straw and the use of the box on show day is included. Overnight stables take priority but if there are un-booked stables remaining day boxes may be available Please contact Strathallan directly to book. Tel: 07889 676 687 or email info@strathallancastle.co.uk

CLASSES

SECTION I – IN-HAND Judge: Mr C Grant

- 1) **Filly** – 3 years old
- 2) **Gelding** – 3 years old
- 3) **Colts and Stallions** – 2 / 3years old
- 4) **Filly** – 2 years old
- 5) **Gelding** – 2 years old
- 6) **Filly** – Yearling
- 7) **Colt or Gelding** Yearling
- 8) **Brood Mare with foal at foot** Entry in this class automatically provides entry free of charge in either Class 9 or 10. Pens will be provided for brood mares with foals at foot.
- 9) **Filly foal**
- 10) **Colt foal**

HPS Youngstock Champion – Holmedown Trophy for the youngstock champion from classes 1-7, 9-10.

HPS Best Foal – Strathmore Shield

HPS Best 3yr old Filly bred by Exhibitor – George M Baird Memorial Trophy

HPS Best 2 & 3yr old Colt or Stallion – Na Dailach Trophy

HPS Best Youngstock Gelding for best gelding under 4 yrs of age in classes 12,15 &17 - Castle Green Cup

HPS Best 2yr old Filly – Ryedale Elsa Rosebowl

HPS Best 1yr old Filly – Alltnacailleach Trophy

Rules for Youngstock Qualifiers (Classes 1 to 7 & 9-10) are given at the end of the schedule

- 11) **Yeld Mare** – 4 years and over – entered In Hand only
- 12) ***Veteran** –Mare, gelding or stallion aged 15 and over. Ponies in this class are eligible for the In Hand Championship but may not enter any other In Hand class.
- 13) **Junior Gelding** – 4 to 6 years inclusive
- 14) **Yeld Mare** – 4 to 6 years inclusive – competing in performance section
- 15) **Yeld Mare** – 7 years and over – competing in performance section
- 16) **Senior Gelding** – 7 years and over
- 17) **Licensed Stallion** – 4 years and over

* The highest placed pony from the first four will qualify for the VHS Golden Ticket Supreme Final. Rules on page 10 .

CHAMPIONSHIPS and AWARDS

HPS Overall In-Hand Champion – Brittany Ferries Trophy, HPS Gold Medal, sash, champion rosette.

Classes 1 – 8 and 11 - 17 are qualifiers for the NPS/Absorbine M&M In Hand Summer Championship.

NPS/Blackertor & Sharptor Studs M&M In Hand Silver Medal Rosette.

Qualifies for the NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet n Pony M&M In Hand Championship at Scone Palace on Friday 28 August 2026

HPS Reserve In-Hand - Mendick Quaich, sash and rosette

HPS Opposite Sex to In Hand Champion – Ballinton Trophy

HPS Champion Licensed Stallion – Monarch of Millfield Memorial Trophy

HPS Best In Hand Gelding competing in Classes 2,5,7,13 & 16 – The Tormaukin Trophy

HPS Best Yeld Mare competing in classes 14 & 15 – Piper’s Quaich

HPS Best Yeld Mare competing in class 11 – Laurel of Langley Quaich

HPS Best Brood Mare – Jane Dawson Memorial Trophy

HPS Best Mare & Foal Combination (judged on points) – Tarnach Trophy

The winner from each of Classes 1 to 7, 9 &10 will qualify for the 2026 **Highland Pony Society Youngstock Championships** to be held on 6 September 2026 at the Central Scotland Highland Pony Club Show at Strathallan Castle, Perthshire or at the NPS Great British In Hand Show on 13 September 2026 at Vale View Equestrian, Melton Mowbray . If this pony has already qualified then it goes to the second placed pony but no further.

The NPS M&M Breed Champions Prelim Rounds Qualifier for the Great British In Hand Show – 13th September 2026, Vale View, Melton Mowbray

PRICE FAMILY SUPREME IN-HAND HORSE OR PONY OF THE YEAR SEMI FINAL – The Overall Champion from the In Hand Section will be eligible to compete in the Supreme In-Hand Semi Final, provided it has not already won a Supreme In-Hand qualifier in 2026. **Please see page 11 of the schedule for full details**

SECTION II - RIDDEN

**Judges: Mrs K Bowling Hartenfield
Miss P Rennie**

**Classes 22 (Ride), 23, 24, 25 & 26,
Classes 22 (Conf), 18, 19, 20 & 21, NPS Silver Medal**

A pony may enter a maximum of two classes in this section. Junior riders may also compete in Class 25.

Nursery Novice Ridden

A Nursery novice pony is one that has not been shown under saddle prior to 1st January 2026.

- 18)** Ponies under 143cms. 4yrs and over.
- 19)** Ponies 143cms to 148cms. 4yrs and over.

Novice Ridden

Qualifier NPS / Picton Stud M&M Novice Ridden National Championship

(To be run under National Pony Society Rules 2026)

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over.

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st 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, LIHS or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes*
- iii. Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden final at the NPS Summer Championship show (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, LIHS or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Picton Final.*

Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.

NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 year

Qualifier NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship

The 2 highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 28 August 2026. Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place.

- 20)** Ponies under 143cms. 4yrs and over.
- 21)** Ponies 143cms to 148cms. 4yrs and over.

Novice Championship

The first and second placed ponies in Classes 18, 19, 20 and 21 will be required to come forward for the Novice Championship.

AWARDS

Best Nursery Novice Ridden – Millhorn Tankard – Classes 18 - 19

Best Novice Ridden – Yestreen of Caenlochan Memorial Trophy – Classes 20 – 21

Horse of the Year Show National Pony Society M&M Ridden Qualifier

- 22)** **Horse of the Year Show National Pony Society M&M Ridden Highland Pony of the Year Qualifier.** Stallions, mares and geldings, four years old and over, not exceeding 148cm. Full information and rules are given on Page 9 of this schedule.

Open Ridden

Ponies will be ridden by the Judge.

(To be run under National Pony Society Rules 2026 - see notes at the end of the schedule).

NPS/Ringside Stud M&M Open Ridden

Open to registered pure-bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings five years old or over.

NPS/WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship Qualifier– wear white arm bands..

NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years

NPS Scotland/Harbro Open Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship

Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over. Rider any age, except stallions. The owner must become a member of NPS Scotland to enter the final. To be shown in any suitable bridle. A minimum of 6 ponies must be stripped in qualifying rounds. All ponies must be stripped in the NPS Final. The 2 highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 28 August 2026. Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place.

- 23)** Under 143cms – 5yrs & over
- 24)** 143cms to 148cms – 5yrs & over

The highest placed pony aged 15yrs and over in classes 23 and 24 will receive a special rosette.

Open Championship

The first and second placed ponies in Classes 23 & 24 will be required to come forward for the Open Championship.

The winners of classes 25 and 26 are eligible for the Supreme Ridden Championship.

Junior Ridden

25) Junior Open Ridden. Riders to be aged 12 to under 18yrs on 1 January in the current year.

Qualifier for the NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Ridden Championship The **two** highest placed pony, in each Junior Ridden Class not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 28th August 2026. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place**

Qualifier for NPS M&M Junior National Championship. See rules at the end of this schedule.

NPS/ WTJ Insurance Brokers Ltd Home Produced Ridden Championship Qualifier – wear white arm bands.

NPS/Fiona Cork Saddles Young Rider Championship Qualifier – for rider up to 25 years

AWARD Junior Ridden Trophy – Trailtrow Tarskavaig Trophy and winner's sash kindly sponsored by Gillian & Kirstin McMurray.

Please note No Stallions are allowed in the Junior Classes.

Entries are free of charge and must be submitted in advance.

(Junior classes are not eligible for points awards).

Veteran Ridden

26) Mare, gelding or stallion aged 15yrs and over.

The highest placed pony from the first four will qualify for the VHS Golden Ticket Supreme Final. Rules on page 8.

Supreme Ridden Championship

First and second placed ponies in the HOYS class, the Novice Champion and Reserve and the Open Champion and Reserve and the first placed Junior and Veteran will be required for the Supreme Ridden Championship which will take place immediately after the Veteran ridden class.

To be judged by Mrs K Bowling-Hartenfield & Miss P Rennie

AWARDS

HPS Supreme Ridden Champion – HPS Gold Medal, sash, rosette and The Compton Cup.

The NPS/Nipna Dales Pony Stud M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette is offered for the best registered pony in the NPS affiliated classes (Open, Novice & Junior)

HPS Reserve Supreme Champion - Clandon Ridden Trophy and Sash

HPS Novice Ridden Champion – Ellister Islay Trophy

HPS Novice Champion and Open Champion will each receive a champion rosette and sash

HPS Reserve Novice Champion and Reserve Open Champion will each receive a rosette and sash

These awards are decided by the judges based on the results of the ridden classes and need not come forward for the Championships in relation to these awards unless invited.

Best Ridden under 143cms – Sheila M Smith Memorial Trophy

Best Ridden 143cms to 148cms – Badenoch Quaich

Best Ridden mare under 143cms – Cara of Carrick Memorial Bowl

Best Ridden mare – The Mackoinneach Cup

Best Owner/Rider - www.horseconnections.co.uk - Macallum of Millfield Quaich

Best Ridden Stallion – Glenmuir Buzzard trophy

SECTION III WORKING HUNTER PONY

Judge: Ms M Grant

To be run under NPS Rules.

The HPS does not accept any liability for incorrect entries to this section. Subject to the stated maximum height/width restrictions, the judge and course builder will consider weather and ground conditions when determining the height and width of fences.

Animals may be entered in a maximum of two classes in this section and they must be consecutive.

- 27) 50cm WHP** – ponies, 4 years old or over. Riders aged 12 or over. Maximum height of fences 50cm.
- 28) 60cm WHP** –ponies, 4 years old or over. Riders aged 12 or over. Maximum height of fences 60cm
- 29) 70cm WHP** –ponies, 4 years old or over. Riders aged 12 or over. Maximum height of fences 70cm

CHAMPIONSHIPS and AWARDS

HPS WHP Champion - Fourmerk Quaich, HPS Silver Medal, sash and rosette

HPS WHP Reserve Champion – Sash and rosette

Trowan Callan Trophy for highest placed rider under 18 on day of the show

SECTION IV – DRESSAGE

A pony may enter two classes in this dressage section. No competitors aged under 12.

Intro Judge: Mrs Tia Blowman

30) Intro 1

This is an unaffiliated class to encourage ponies at the very beginning of their dressage career. It is preferred that ponies which have previously entered Prelim should not compete in this Intro class.

Prelim and Novice Judge: Mrs Tia Blowman

Class 31 and 32 are qualifiers for the **National Pony Society Supreme Dressage Championship 2026/27.**

See rules on page 9.

31) Prelim 01

It is preferred that ponies which have previously competed at Elementary level and above, should not compete in the Prelim class.

32) Novice 01

NB: Dressage will take place between 9.30 and 11.30 and between 12.00 and 2.00. Competitors from any class may Come forward during these times. Times should be nominated on the day, in the Secretary's tent prior to 9.30am or with the Dressage Steward if after this time. It is the responsibility of competitors to check in with the Dressage steward and to be at the dressage arena at their chosen time. To be run under British Dressage Rules.

AWARDS

Best Intro Dressage Pony (Class 30) - The Craigellachie Rosebowl

Best Prelim Dressage Pony (Class 31) – Acorn Quaich

Best Novice Dressage Pony (Class 32) – Central Scotland Quaich & Sovereign of Forglen Novice Dressage Trophy

Trowan Moulin Trophy for the rider aged under 18yrs on day of the show with the highest percentage gained in Classes 31 or 32.

An HPS silver medal will be awarded for the highest percentage gained in Classes 31 or 32.

SECTION V – WORKING HARNESS

Judge: Mrs S Ormiston MVO

- 33) Working Harness** – all types of working harness, excluding private driving.

AWARDS

Best in Harness – Stalkers' Cup

An HPS bronze medal will be awarded if there are six or more entries forward on the day.

A bottle of whisky will be presented to the first six exhibits.

SECTION VI –YOUNG HANDLERS

Judge: Mrs S Ormison MVO

Young Handlers classes are free of charge. Entries to be submitted in advance.

To be judged on handler ability, ring craft and turn out of pony and handler.

- 34) Young Handler 8yrs to 12yrs** on day of the show. Mares and geldings only. Ponies to be 5yrs and over (Approved hard hats must be worn)
- 35) Young Handler 13yrs to 16yrs** on day of the show. Mares and geldings only. Ponies to be 5yrs and over (Approved hard hats must be worn)

Qualifier for the exciting new **HPS Junior Handler Final** to be held at CSHPC Show on 6th September 2026 here at Strathallan Castle and at a Southern venue to be confirmed. All Junior members forward automatically qualify.

CHAMPIONSHIP & AWARDS

Best Young Handlers – Oakcroft Trophy and Oakcroft Quaich

Champion Young Handler – Sashes & rosettes kindly sponsored by Shirley Clarke, Kershope Stud.

SECTION VII –Driving

Judge: Mrs Audrey Barron

- 36) Long Reining Class**
Open to all – Ridden, Driven or In Hand ponies. All competitors enter ring at walk then short trot. Line up in centre of ring then short individual show.
- 37) Driving Class**
Driven highland pony. Single, pair or tandem put to a suitable safe vehicle. This class may be divided into traditional or exercise vehicle if sufficient entries forward.

Please note that Driving Exhibitors may only exercise / warm up in the designated area and not on the driveway running adjacent to the show field.

HPS YOUNGSTOCK QUALIFIERS

- Classes 1 to 7, 9&10 are all qualifiers for the 2026 Highland Pony Society Youngstock Championships.
- If already qualified, the card will pass to the second placed pony but no further.
- Two Championships will be held one on 6 September 2025 at the Central Scotland Highland Pony Club Show at Strathallan Castle, Perthshire or at the NPS GBIH Show on 13 September 2026 at Vale View Equestrian, Melton Mowbray. The qualifying exhibitor can select which Championship Show they wish to enter.
- Entry to the Championships is free.
- At the Youngstock Championships, the Champions and Reserves will receive rosettes and prize money of £100 and £50 respectively and all those forward at the finals will receive £15 and a finalist rosette. A sash and perpetual trophy will be awarded to each of the Champions.

NPS RULES PERTAINING TO QUALIFIERS

These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Books. Part bred are not eligible for Mountain & Moorland Classes.

Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members and at breed shows ponies can qualify for finals even if their owners are not members. Owners of qualified ponies must become adult Qualifying or Life members to enter the final of the competition at the NPS Summer Championship Show at Malvern from 5-7 August 2025. The highest placed pony, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified.

NPS Home-Produced Ridden Championship - Riders of Home-Produced ponies (see definition in the NPS Rules Book) can wear a white arm band in classes where this is indicated. These ponies are then eligible to qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show.

NPS Silver Medal Rosette Championships, Breed Show Rules - These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. At breed shows Silver Medals may be won by non-members. The owner of the qualified pony must become an Adult Qualifying or Life member to enter the final. If the Champion pony has previously qualified it is still entitled to the Silver Medal Rosette, but the qualification card goes to the Reserve Champion pony. The Silver Medal Rosette and the qualification card can be awarded no lower than first Reserve (third). Foals are not eligible for Silver Medal Championships.

Qualifier NPS / Picton M&M Novice Ridden National Championship

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over.

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

- Won an open affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class
- Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, LIHS or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes
- Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden final at the NPS Summer Championship show (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).
- If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show, LIHS or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Picton Final.

M&M Junior Ridden

Open to registered Highland mares and geldings four years old and over, not exceeding 148cms. Riders must not have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

NPS SCOTLAND QUALIFIERS – RULES 2026

To be run under NPS SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES 2026. 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 Exhibitors are deemed to be conversant with these rules.

A judge is not obliged to award an NPS Scotland Qualification if he/she feels that the pony is not of a sufficient standard.

SUPREME IN-HAND HORSE OR PONY OF THE YEAR The following class is a qualifier for the Supreme In-Hand Semi Final at the National Pony Society Great British In-Hand Show, 13th September 2026 at Vale View Equestrian Centre. Which is a qualifier for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, 7th – 11th October 2026. The objective of the competition is to find the supreme light horse or pony in-hand champion of the year, irrespective of breed or type (excluding heavy horses). The Champion horse or pony from the following sections, will be eligible to compete in the Supreme In-Hand Semi Final, provided it has not already won a Supreme In-Hand qualifier in 2026, (Youngstock, Female and Stallion Championships). If the Champion has already qualified for Horse of the Year Show 2026 or is ineligible, then the Reserve Champion may come forward to The NPS Great British In-Hand Show, provided it has not already qualified and is eligible. If both Champion and Reserve Champion have already qualified for Horse of the Year Show 2026 or are ineligible then the Semi-Final will not be represented at the NPS Great British In-Hand Show. Foal champions and geldings four years old and over are not eligible to compete or eligible to qualify for Horse of the Year Show. In the event of a horse/pony having been awarded more than one section Championship at this show, that horse/pony will represent both/all sections and the Semi-Final qualification will not pass down to the Reserve Champion in the 2nd and any subsequent sections. All classes are open to Yearlings, 2 year olds, 3 year olds, Stallions, broodmares and barren mares only. Broodmares must be with foal at foot or a relevant certificate of pregnancy. Mares which have not yet foaled or that have lost their foals are eligible to enter with a relevant certificate of pregnancy for the following year. There will be no direct entry into the Supreme In-Hand Championship Semi Final, all animals must be a section champion or reserve champion (as applicable). Judges need not be registered on any society Judge's panel but must possess sufficient experience to judge. Data given upon entry of this class is provided to

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NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY SUPREME DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026/27

The two highest placed ponies in Class 31 and 32 will qualify for the 2026 Final and also be eligible to be chosen to represent their Breed, NPS Area or other team in the Team Challenge which will be incorporated into the 2026 Championship Final. Qualifying rounds are open to competitors from the UK and elsewhere. All qualifiers will receive a qualification card. The Final will run in accordance with the 2026/2027 NPS Dressage Rules which will be available to all NPS Members. Ponies must be ridden at the Final by the qualifying rider. This rider must be a fully paid-up Dressage, Qualifying or Life member of the NPS for 2026 in order to compete at the Final. At the Final, the winners of each section for each Test will be invited to perform a 5-minute Freestyle to Music for the judging of the Overall NPS Supreme Dressage titles. Ponies may only compete in this section once, even if they have won both their Preliminary & Novice section Finals. **NPS – Team Challenge** A Team Challenge is incorporated in the 2026 Championship Final. Each Team to comprise four ponies and riders who have qualified for any section of the NPS Supreme Dressage Championships 2026. All four Team Ponies scores to count. Each Pony & Rider combination may only compete for one Team. There will be both Preliminary and Novice Team Championships plus overall Supreme Team awards for Teams competing in both Tests.

HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND RIDDEN PONY OF THE YEAR

This competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings, four years old and over, to be registered in, and complying with the showing requirements of, the main body of their respective stud books. Riders and Owners must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, UK Ponies & Horses, The Showing Register or BSPS. Ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies. Riders of stallions must have obtained their 12th Birthday (small breeds) or 14th birthday (large breeds) before 1st January in the current year.

Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Official Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the Official Identity Documents must be in the name of the legal owner within 30 days of ownership. This must be registered with the breed society, relevant studbook or ID issuing agency, dependant on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies. Riders must not compete in both the Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein/First Ridden Pony of the Year and the Mountain & Moorland Pony of the Year.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.

Marks will be awarded in the following way:

Show, freedom of action 50 maximum

Breed type and conformation 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest show, freedom of action mark will be deemed the winner. If there is still equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026. Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE DAY – VETERAN HORSE SOCIETY (VHS Golden Ticket)

The VHS has offered the Veteran Championship 2 Golden Tickets to attend the Supreme Veteran Horse of the Year 2026 Final. Those who receive a 'Golden Ticket' for the 'Veteran Horse Society Supreme Finals, in accordance to the relevant age section. Arena UK, Lincs. 4th August – 6th September 2026.

Qualifying rules apply, turnout Rules in accordance with the 2026 Rule Book and National Championship Rules 2026.

To enter the VHS Supreme Final you will need to enter within 21 days from qualification and become a member of the Society. Full information is available on their website or by contacting the VHS directly.

The Qualification is only presented to an amateur rider/handler and also not to those with foals at foot. If a Professional Producer or a mare and foal are placed Champion, the placing will remain, but qualification is to be handed down the line no lower than 4th place.

HPS Junior Handler Championship Final – **New for 2026**

HPS have introduced a brand new and exciting Junior Handler Championship Final and all competitors in classes 34 & 35 automatically qualify. There are two finals one in Scotland at the CSHPC Summer Show on 6th September 2026 at Strathallan Castle, Auchterarder, Perthshire and at a Southern venue to be confirmed.

Timetable

All times are approximate and classes will follow on.

Ring 1 / In Hand Starts 8.30am	Ring 2 / Ridden Starts 8.30am	Ring 3 / WHP Starts 11.30am
Judge: Mr C Grant	Judge: Mrs P Rennie	Judge: Ms M Grant
Classes 1 – 7 Youngstock Class 8 – 10 Mares / Foals Followed by Young Stock Championship Class 11 Yeld Mare (non-ridden) Class 12 Veteran	Classes 18 – 19 Nursery Novice Classes 20 – 21 Novice Ridden Overall Novice Championship	HPS WHP 11.30 am– 12.30pm Class 27 – 50cm HPS WHP 12.30pm-1.30pm Class 28 60cm
Judge: Mrs S Ormiston MVO	<i>Following on</i> Judges: Mrs P Rennie (con) Mrs K Bowling-Hartenfield (ride)	HPS WHP 1.30pm-2.15pm Class 29 – 70cm WHP Championship
Classes 34 – 35 Young Handlers followed by YH Championship	Class 22 - HOYS	
Following on Judge: Mrs S Ormiston	Followed by Judge: Mrs K Bowling-Hartenfield	
Class 33 Working Harness	Classes 23 – 24 (Open) Open Championship	
Following on Judge: Mr C Grant	Followed by Judge: Mrs K Bowling-Hartenfield	
Class 13 Junior Gelding Class 14 Junior Mare <i>(Performance)</i> Class 15 Senior Mare <i>(Performance)</i> Class 16 Senior Gelding Class 17 Stallions Followed by Senior In Hand Championship Followed by Supreme In Hand Championship	Class 25 – Junior Open Ridden Class 26 – Veteran Ridden Judges: Mrs P Rennie Mrs K Bowling-Hartenfield Supreme Ridden Championship	
Following on Judge: Mrs A Barron		
Class 36: Long Reining Class 37: Driving		
Dressage Judge: Mrs T Blowman Dressage will run between 9.30am and 11.30am and between 12.00pm and 2.00pm. Entrants from classes 30,31 & 32 may choose a slot within these times. Times to be nominated at the Secretary's Tent prior to 9.30 and with the Dressage Steward after 9.30.		



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