

Caithness Riding Club Spring Showing Weekend



Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April 2024 Incorporating NPS Blair Qualifiers To be held in Caithness Indoor School, Halkirk

Section A - Saturday 9:00am - WH Section - Judge: - Mrs J Barry

Working Hunter Ponies not exceeding 15hh

Class 1	Lead Rein (tiny jumps)
Class 2	45cm
Class 3	60cm
Class 4	70cm - NPS M&M Open Blair Q for ponies not exceeding 122cm
Class 5	70cm
Class 6	80cm - NPS M&M Open Blair Q for ponies not exceeding 133cm
Class 7	80cm
Class 8	90cm - NPS M&M Open Blair Q for ponies not exceeding 143cm
Class 9	90cm
Class 10	100cm - NPS M&M Open Blair Q for ponies exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 148cm (with the exception of Welsh Sec D and Dales for which there is no height restriction)
Class 11	100cm

*****Working Hunter Pony Championship*****

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

Rules, Heights and Spreads for classes 5 - 8 see below

	Min	Max	Max. (spread)
Class 4	55 cm	70 cm	55 cm
Class 6	65 cm	80 cm	65 cm
Class 8	75 cm	90 cm	75 cm
Class 10	85 cm	100 cm	85 cm

Stallions, mares and geldings **five** years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion.

Rider any age, except stallions (see rules). Riders may only ride one pony in each class.

The owner does not have to be an NPS Scotland member for the pony to enter this competition, but the owner must become a member to enter the final.

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.

Ponies may be shown in any suitable bridle.

All ponies forward for final judging must be stripped.

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 23th August 2023.

Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place

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Working Hunter Horse exceeding 15hh

Class 12	60cm
Class 13	70cm
Class 14	80cm
Class 15	90cm
Class 16	100cm - Dodson & Horrell/BHS Scotland Riding Club Working Hunter Series 2024
Class 17	110cm

***** Working Hunter Horse Championship*****

Dodson & Horrell/BHS Scotland Riding Club Working Hunter Series 2024

Mare or gelding, four years old and upwards, 15hh and over. Riders eighteen years or over.
The qualified riders MUST be a member of a British Riding Club by the time of the final.

THE COURSE

1. At least 8 and not more than 12 fences, with changes of direction, must be set in a ring large enough to permit jumping fluently at a fair hunting pace.
2. Fences should be rustic or as natural as possible, not easily dislodged, of solid appearance and well filled and dressed, for example with shrubs as wings.
3. The course must be available for inspection by the judge well in advance of the time set for the class. Competitors must not be allowed to walk the course until the judge has given permission.
4. Maximum height 3ft 3ins (1.00m), maximum spread 3ft 6ins (1.05m), except open ditch and water. As this is a qualifier for a national final, the course should be set at, or near, maximum unless the judge considers that the ground makes this unsafe. Normally at least one upright and one spread must be at maximum. If there is a class prior to this class at your show, there should be a change in track made.
5. A combination should normally be included, either as a straight double or as a related distance or offset double. Straight double distances, measured from the last element of the first fence to the first element of the second, should be 25ft (7.60m) or 35ft (10.60m) for uprights, slightly less for spreads.
6. There should be suitable variation in the fences.

JUDGING AND MARKING

7. The jumping phase should be judged first, followed by ride and conformation. Where two judges are officiating, and the jumping and ride are to be judged simultaneously, then the two phases must take place in separate rings.
8. An efficient marking steward must be appointed, and the judge must use the scorecard overleaf, marking as follows.
9. Faults for jumping are awarded as follows:
 - Fence knocked down - 10 faults
 - 1st refusal - 15 faults
 - 2nd refusal - 20 faults
 - 3rd refusal - Elimination
 - Fall of horse and / or rider - Elimination
 - Landing with fore feet in the water - 10 faults
 - (Dropping hind feet in the water should not incur faults, but may involve loss of style points.)
10. Total jumping faults are deducted from 40 to give total jumping points (this may be a minus score).
11. Points for style and presence whilst jumping are awarded from 0 to 20. A fluent smooth round at a fair pace earns high points; poor jumping style, propping into fences, lack of control, etc, should receive low points.

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12. 40 points are awarded for ride and conformation. If there are two judges, judge A awards 20 for ride; judge B awards 20 for conformation.

13. It is the responsibility of the judge to ensure that the score card is correctly totalled, and in cases of doubt, to interpret these rules in the spirit of the competition.

14. All horses with clear rounds and any other horses the judges may require, should go forward to the ride and conformation judging (strip tack and ride each horse). Horses with minus scores will not be required for this phase of the class.

15. Where two judges are officiating, one judge marks the riding and the other the conformation. It should be possible for the marker to mark for both judges.

QUALIFIERS

16. The first THREE qualify for the final, even if they did not jump clear. If one of the first three has already qualified the qualification can be passed down to fourth place provided they have jumped clear.

The qualified riders MUST be a member of a British Riding Club by the time of the final.

This competition series is run under Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (SHB GB), the governing body of all hunter and sports horses classes. It is the responsibility of organisers and competitors to be familiar with these rules; they can be found at <http://www.sporthorsegb.co.uk>.

Please be aware of rules :

50 H - All ridden hunters must be shod all round. No pads or surgical shoes are allowed.

50i - No hind boots or bandages of any description are allowed in the collecting ring, warm up or in the actual class in Working Hunter and Ridden Sport Horse classes.

50 j - The Society discourages the showing of over fat horses and Judges will take this into consideration when making their awards.

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Section B - Sunday 9.00 am - In Hand Section - Judge: - Mrs B K Gibb

Class 18	In hand C&T Horse/Pony (not included in championship)
Class 19	Youngstock
Class 20	Cob Type
Class 21	Horse over 14.2hh
Class 22	Veteran – 15 years and over
Class 23	Coloured Horse/Pony

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

Class 24	Hunter Pony not exceeding 153cm (Youngstock not to exceed 153cm at maturity)
Class 25	Riding Pony not exceeding 148cm (Youngstock not to exceed 148cm at maturity)

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 Friday 23th August 2023.

Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place

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.

Class 26	M&M Small Breeds
Class 27	M&M Large Breeds

****Mixed breed M&M Championship - the First two from class 26 and 27 to come forward for this Championship****

Handler any age, except stallions (see rules). Foals are not eligible.

The Champion & Res. Champion in all Mixed pure-bred M&M or Breed Championships will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23th August 2023. **Qualification may go to 3rd in the Championship (i.e. 1st Reserve Champion)**

*******In hand championship for classes 18 - 27*******

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Section C - Sunday Ridden Section to start after end of Section B - Judge: - Mrs B K Gibb

- Class 28 Ridden Horse/Pony Condition and Turnout (not included in championship)
- Class 29 **NPS Scotland/Kilgraston School M&M Lead Rein (see rules below)**
- Class 29A* Lead Rein Pony not exceeding 122cm – not to have attained their 9th birthday by 1st Jan
- Class 30 **NPS Scotland/Kilgraston School M&M First Ridden (see rules below)**
- Class 30A* Ridden pony not exceeding 128cm
- Class 31 Ridden pony not exceeding 138cm
- Class 32 Ridden pony not exceeding 148cm
- Class 33 Ridden Cob
- Class 34 Ridden Horse not exceeding 158cm
- Class 35 Ridden Horse exceeding 158cm
- Class 36 Novice Ridden Horse/Pony 4/5 year old (Born in 2015 or 2016)
- Class 37 **NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden Small Breed M&M Pony**
- Class 38 **NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden Large Breed M&M Pony**
- Class 39 **NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds Open Small Breed Ridden M&M Pony**
(Incorporating junior Ridden Qualifier for Riders aged 10 years but under 14 years on 1st January in the current year)
- Class 40 **NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds Open Large Breed Ridden M&M Pony**
(Incorporating junior Ridden Qualifier for Riders aged 10 years but under 18 years on 1st January in the current year)

Classes 29 & 29A, 30 & 30A will be amalgamated - it will be noted on the programme with an ** that you are have entered in the Qualifying class - ie: please only enter class 29 or 29A (not both)
The Q tickets will be given to the 2 highest placed M&M entered in class 29 & 30

*******Ridden Pony Championship *******

*******Ridden Horse Championship*******

Class 29 - rules **NPS Scotland/Kilgraston School M&M Lead Rein Championship**

Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 122 cm, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books: Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B
Rider must be at least 3 years old on the day of the class and not to have attained their 9th birthday by the 1st January in the current year

The owner does not have to be an NPS Scotland member for the pony to enter this competition, but the owner must become a member to enter the final.

Ponies will not be stripped. 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.

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 23th August 2023

Class 30 - rules **NPS Scotland/Kilgraston School M&M First Ridden Championship**

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 12th birthday by 1st January in the current year

The owner does not have to be an NPS Scotland member for the pony to enter this competition but the owner must become a member to enter the final.

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.

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 23th August 2023.

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Class 37 & 38 - Rules NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden M&M Pony

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 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, Olympia 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, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23th August 2023

Class 39 & 40 - Rules NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds Open Ridden M&M Pony

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

Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2).

The owner does not have to be an NPS Scotland member for the pony to enter this competition, but the owner must become a member 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 Blair Castle International Horse Trials on Friday 23th August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place.**

NPS Scotland/Maggie May Junior Open Ridden Championship

For shows that are not able 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 1st January in the current year, Large Breeds under 18 years on 1st January in the current year)

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 23th August 2024. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place**

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Catering will be available on site.

NPS Scotland Finals (Blair Castle) Rules 2024

TO BE RUN UNDER NPS SCOTLAND FINALS (BLAIR CASTLE) RULES 2024 which are on the NPS Scotland website www.npsscotland.co.uk These rules clarify areas particular to NPS Scotland. We also run to the Rules of the NPS and again these can be found on our website.

Exhibitors are deemed to be conversant with these rules.

Additional Information

- A maximum of 2 entries per horse/pony for Working Hunter. *Class 1 - Lead rein - If entering lead rein working hunter you will not be eligible to enter any other working hunter class with the same pony/rider combination. Lead rein riders to be 9yrs or under on day of show.
- Riders can only ride one horse/pony in each working hunter class.
- A maximum of 1 entry per horse/pony for In-hand **PLUS** you can enter the C&T class.
- A maximum of 1 entry per horse/pony for Ridden **PLUS** you can enter the C&T class.
- All entries are at the committee's discretion; some classes may be split or amalgamated if needed.
- Classes will run in catalogue order as above and the show will start at 9am prompt on both days.
- Hard hats conforming to current BRC standards must be worn at all times when mounted anywhere in the show field, whether competing or not. Juniors must also wear hard hats conforming to current BRC standards when in collecting rings/warm up areas whether mounted or not. Body protectors if worn, must also comply with current BRC standards.
- The Show Committee or any of its assistants or stewards shall be in no way responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may happen to Exhibitors or their assistants or other member of the public, or to any animal or property or to any vehicle brought into the Showground or leaving same.
- The Judge's decision is final.
- All animals must be sound. If, in the opinion of the Judge, an animal is considered to be unsound, the Exhibitor will be asked to withdraw from the Class. The Judge's decision is final.
- Objections shall be made in writing within thirty minutes of the event concerned and lodged with the Secretary, together with the sum of **£20.00** which shall be returned if the objection is upheld.
- Anyone conducting themselves in a disorderly manner or contravening the BRC Code of Conduct for Members and Representatives will be asked to leave the Showground and may be referred to the BRC Discipline Committee.

The championships will be at the discretion of the judge if they want 1st place prize winners or 1st and 2nd placed prize winner

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**PLEASE NOTE THE GATE TO THE CAR PARK MUST REMAIN CLOSED AT ALL TIMES -
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CLOSE IT BEHIND YOU WHETHER IT WAS ALREADY
OPENED OR NOT!**

- **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 15/04/2024**

- Ridden, C&T and In-hand classes - £5 for members and £7 for non-members.
- Working Hunter - £7 for members and £9 for non-members.

Entries will be taken on the day at £10 per class for members and £15 for non-members and must be entered with the show secretary before 9.00am each day

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