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SHOW 2024
15TH - 18TH MAY



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The Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland

Balmoral Show 2024

Eikon Exhibition Centre,

Balmoral Park, Halftown Road, Lisburn, BT27 5RL

Wednesday 15th – Saturday 18th May 2024 Opens 9.30am



WI Homeskills and Handcrafts Competitions

(All Classes below are open to both WI members and members of the public)

(1 entry per person, per class)

FLORAL ART:



Class 1 – Fresh floral summer wreath (9inch base)

Class 2 – Floral arrangement using driftwood (width not to exceed 30cm)

Class 3 – Miniature floral arrangement (5cm x 5cm x 5cm)

Class 4 – 3 homegrown herbs in a container

Class 5 – Succulents in a pot (growing pot not to exceed 15cm)

COOKERY:



Class 1 – Decorated child's birthday cake (dummy cake) – judged on decoration only

Class 2 – 3 mini quiches

Class 3 – Gluten-free chocolate sandwich cake (undecorated)

Class 4 – Bottle of summer cordial

Class 5 – Jar of spiced apple jelly

CRAFT:



Class 1 – Knitted cover for a plant pot (maximum size 8inch/20cm)

Class 2 – Macrame wall hanging (no more than 50cm wide)

Class 3 – Stuffed toy cat (any medium)

Class 4 – Key ring (any medium)

CHILDREN'S SECTION:



Age: 8 years and under - Age: 9 years – 12 years

Class 1 – 4 no-bake traybakes

Class 2 – Decorated flower pot

Class 3 – Decorated character jam jar



Fee: £1.00 per exhibit. Children's exhibit free.

Please return completed entry form, with fee, to WI Headquarters by: Friday, 22nd March 2024.

Exhibits to be brought directly to Balmoral, to be staged at the WI stand on Tuesday, 14th May 2024, from 12pm – 4pm.

Additional entry forms are available from WI Headquarters or downloadable from the WINI website: www.wini.org.uk/downloads



**BALMORAL
SHOW 2024
15TH – 18TH MAY**



EQUINE PRIZE SCHEDULE

Entries Open		21 February 2024
Irish Draught Classes	8am	
Connemara Classes	9am	
All Other Classes	10am	
Entries Close		20 March 2024

Entries will not be accepted in any circumstances if not received and paid in full on or before the above dates.

Intending exhibitors are requested to read the rules & regulations carefully and not to lodge entries unless they are prepared to comply strictly with these.

Enter online
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EQUINE JUDGES 2024

HORSES & PONIES	
Clydesdales, Farm Cart/Agricultural Vehicle, Heavy Trade Turnouts, Clydesdale Young Handlers	Robert Morton
Clydesdales Ridden	TBC
Breeding & Young Stock	Mrs Henrietta Knight Mr Angus McDonald
Hunters	Mr David Ingle Mr Oliver Hood
Performance Irish Draught	Mr Denis Dullea Ms Sue Deakin Michelle Underwood
Ridden Irish Draught	Ms Sue Deakin Michelle Underwood
Cobs & Maxi Cobs	Ms Vicky Smith Mrs Ann Leaver
Coloured Horses	Ms Katie Duxbury Mrs Anne Leaver
Ladies Hunters Astride, Riding Horses,	Ms Vicky Smith Mrs Anne Leaver
Ladies Side Saddle – Balmoral Classic Competition	Ms Vicky Smith Mrs Anne Leaver
Working Hunter Horses, inc Smalls and Cobs	Mr Hayden Hankey Mr Andrew Bowie
Hackneys, Private Driving & Light Trade Turnouts	TBC
Racehorse to Riding Horse	Mr Arthur Moore Mr Peter Buchanan
'Balmoral Star of the Future' Performance Horse Championships	Lt Col Tom Freyne
Mountain & Moorland	Jackie Beatham
Ridden Ponies	Mrs Joanne Pybus Mr Andrew Bowie
Working Hunter Ponies	Mrs Louise Gaunt Mrs Jackie Beatham
Connemara Ponies Inhand / Ridden Connemara Working Hunters	Mrs Madeleine Beckman Mrs Kay Gibb
Donkeys	Pam Moon
Referee Judge	Diane Gibson John Bamber
Champion of Champions	Mr Ken Fletcher

SHOW PROGRAMME 2024

(Correct at time of going to print)

Show Opening Hours

Wednesday and Saturday 9.30am – 6.00pm, Thursday 9.30am -8.00pm,

Fridays 9.30am – 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY MORNING 15 MAY		
8.00am	Arena 1	Hunter horses sponsored by Creightons
8.30am	Main Arena	SJ1 (National Show Jumping) – The Bluefrog 5-year-old Championship
9.00am	P & O Ferries Arena	Brood Mares. Followed by young stock yearlings including Championship.
9.30am	Poultry Pavilion	Decorated Eggs
	Poultry Pavilion	Poultry, Pigeons and Eggs sponsored by John Thompson & Sons Ltd
	Poultry Pavilion	Rabbits & Cavies
	Sheep Rings	Lley, Zwartbles, Hampshire Down sponsored by Smyths Daleside, Texel & Beltex sponsored by ABP
	Shearing Pavilion	YFCU Novice and Advanced Shearing championship followed by YFCU Wool Handling competition
10.00am	Cattle Rings 1-6	Beef Shorthorns sponsored by AbbeyAutoline. Aberdeen Angus sponsored by M&S. Hereford sponsored by Smyths Daleside. Irish Moiled. Dexters sponsored by FP McCann.
	Main Arena	SJ2 (National Show Jumping) – The Spillers 6- & 7-year-old Championship
11.30am	Main Arena	SJ3 (National Show Jumping) The 1.35m Championship. Sponsored by Orthoderm
12.00 noon	P & O Ferries Arena	Young stock 2-year-old horses including championship.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 15 MAY		
12.45pm	Main Aren	Bolddog Lings Motorcycle Display team
1.00pm	Arena 1	Hunter horses continued sponsored by Creightons
	Sheep Rings	Charollais Sheep sponsored by Smyths Daleside, Suffolk sponsored by ABP
	Shearing Pavilion	Junior Heats, Semi Final & Final
1.30pm	Cattle Ring 1 & 2	Limousin and British Blonde cattle sponsored by ABP.
	Sheep Rings	Dorset Horn & Poll, Minority Breeds & Ile De France Sheep
1.45pm	Main Arena	SJ4 (International Show Jumping) The Topspec International Speed
2.00pm	Pig/Goat Ring	Large White Pigs
	P & O Ferries Arena	Young stock 3-year-old horses including Championship
2.15pm	Cattle Ring 3 - 6	Charolais sponsored by ABP, Simmental sponsored by Norbrook, Salers, British Blue sponsored by Tesco

2.30pm	Pig/Goat Ring	Landrace pigs
3.00pm	Pig/Goat Ring	Traditional Breed pigs.
	Main Arena	Bolddog Lings Motorcycle Display Team
3.30pm	P & O Ferries Arena	Young Stock Championship
	Pig/Goat Ring	Pork pigs
	Arena 1	Ridden Irish Draught
3.45pm	P & O Ferries Arena	Young Stock Parade
	Main Arena	Small Hunter Championship sponsored by Creightons
4.00pm	Shearing Pavilion	YFCU Floral Art Competition
4.15pm	P & O Ferries Arena	Coloured horses sponsored by Bluefrog
4.30pm	Main Arena	SJ5 (International Show Jumping) The CRL - Clive Richardson Limited International Stakes
	Pig/Goat Ring	Pig Interbreed Individual Championship

THURSDAY MORNING 16 MAY

8.00am	P & O Ferries Arena	Connemara Inhand & ridden ponies sponsored by North Down Marquees
8.30am	Main Arena	Performance Irish Draught Horses
9.00am	Arena 1	Ladies Hunters Riding Astride sponsored by North Down Marquees
9.30am	Sheep Rings	Badger Faced Texel, Border Leicester, Valais Blacknose sponsored by Glenpark Estate, Bleu du Maine, Bluefaced Leicester & Jacob
	Shearing Pavilion	Intermediate Heats, followed by National Shearing heats, National Wool Handling heats, National Blade Shearing heats.
10.00am	Cattle Rings 5 & 6	Commercial Cattle sponsored by Tesco
	Cattle Rings 2 & 3	Beef Interbreed Performance Bulls sponsored by MCV Competitions.
10.30am	Cattle Rings 2 & 3	Beef Interbreed Performance Heifers sponsored by MCV Competitions.
	Pig/Goat Ring	Judging of Goats
	Arena 1	Riding Horse class sponsored by Event Technical Services
11.30am	Cattle Rings 2 & 3	Interbreed Stock Judging sponsored by Dunbia.
	Sheep Rings	Mule Sheep
12.00 noon	Main Arenan	Bolddog Lings Motorcycle Display team

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 16 MAY		
12.30pm	Sheep Rings	Greyface Sheep
	Arena 1	Side Saddle Balmoral Classic Competition sponsored by Botanica International
1.00pm	Main Arena	SJ6 (International Show Jumping) The Ryedale International Speed Challenge
1.30pm	Sheep Rings	Blue Texel, Kerryhill, Dutch Spotted, Rouge de L'Ouest, North Country Cheviot & Berrichon Sheep
	Shearing Pavilion	National Wool Handling Final, followed by Intermediate semi final, National Shearing semi final, Intermediate final and National Blade Shearing final.
2.00pm	Cattle Rings	YFCU Machinery Handling
	P & O Ferries Arena	Mountain & Moorland Pony Class (Small Breeds)
2.30pm	Main Arena	Supreme Hunter Championship sponsored by Creightons
	Arena 1	Connemara Working Hunter - Clifton High Performance Qualifier
3.15pm	Cattle Rings	YFCU Ladies Football
3.30pm	Shearing Pavilion	National Shearing Championship Final
	Arena 1	Connemara Working Hunter Ponies Phase 1 & 2 sponsored by North Down Marquees
	P & O Ferries Arena	Mountain & Moorland Pony Class (Large Breeds)
4.00pm	Main Arena	Horse Parade – Hunt to Lead the Parade
4.30pm	Main Arena	Horse Parade
5.00pm	P & O Ferries Arena	Dressage Display
	Main Arena	Band Performance
5.30pm	Cattle Rings	YFCU Tug of War
	Main Arena	SJ7 (International Show Jumping) The Connollys Red Mills International Spectacular
6.45pm	Main Arena	Bolddog Lings Motorcycle Display Team
7.30pm	Main Arena	Band Performance

FRIDAY MORNING 17 MAY		
8.30am	Main Arena	'Balmoral Star of the Future' Performance Horse Championship sponsored by Pure Jump Ltd
	Arena 1	Cob Working Hunter sponsored by Event Technical Services
9.00am	Cattle Ring 1-3	Dairy Young Handler Competition sponsored by Flogas
	Arena 1	Small Horse Working Hunter. Sponsored by Lowry/Boyd Families.
	P & O Ferries Arena	Clydesdale Ridden classes followed by Clydesdale in Hand classes sponsored by Ulster Bank. Clydesdale Young Handlers followed by Heavy Trade Turnouts and Farm Cart/Agricultural Vehicle class sponsored by Ulster Bank.
9.30am	Shearing Pavilion	Senior heats followed by Open Blade heats

10.00am	Cattle Ring 1 -4	Holstein sponsored by Smyths Daleside, Dairy Shorthorn sponsored by Linergy. Jersey Cattle sponsored by Flogas. Ayrshire sponsored by AHV International
10.30am	Ring 5	Limousin Young Breeders Stock Judging
10.45am	P & O Arena	Heavy Horse Parade
11.00am	Sheep Rings	Short Wool and Long Wool Championships sponsored by Eco Egg Shell followed by Sheep Inter Breed Individual Overall Championship Sponsored by ABP.
11.30am	P & O Ferries Arena	Hackney, Private & Light Trade Turnouts.
	Shearing Pavilion	Senior semi final followed by Ladies Shearing Competition sponsored by Lister
12.00 noon	Main Arena	SJ8 (International Show Jumping) ClipMyHorse.TV International Accumulator

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 17 MAY

12.30pm	Arena 1	Working Hunter Horses sponsored by Conn & Fenton Solicitors
12.45pm	Cattle Rings 1 - 4	Dairy Interbreed Cattle Pairs sponsored by Flogas, Groups Championships followed by Dairy Champion of Champions sponsored by John Thompson & Sons Ltd
1.30pm	Cattle Rings 5 & 6	Beef Pairs Championship – Native Breed sponsored by M&S
	Pig & Goat Rings	Pig Pairs
	Main Arena	Bolddog Lings Motorcycle Display Team
	Shearing Pavilion	Open Blade final followed by Senior final
2.00pm	Cattle Rings 5 & 6	Beef Pairs Championship – Continental Breed sponsored by M&S
	Cattle Rings 1-4	Dairy Presentation Award sponsored by John Thompson & Sons
	Pig & Goat Ring	Parade of Pigs
	Sheep Rings	Sheep Interbreed Pairs Championship sponsored by LMC
	P & O Ferries Arena	Donkey classes sponsored by Lowe Rental
2.30pm	Cattle Rings 5 & 6	Beef Groups Championship – Native Breed
	Main Arena	SJ9 (International Show Jumping) The International Grand Prix
	Shearing Pavilion	Novice and Open wool handling heats
3.00pm	Cattle Rings 5 & 6	Beef Group Championship – Continental Breed
	Sheep Rings	Interbreed Sheep Group of three Championship sponsored by Norbrook.
3.30pm	P & O Ferries Arena	Cobs Light and Heavyweight followed by Maxi Cobs.
	Cattle Rings 5 & 6	Beef Junior Champion of Champions sponsored by M&S
4.00pm	Cattle Rings 1 & 2	Beef Interbreed Champion of Champions sponsored by LMC
4.15pm	Main Arena	Bolddog Lings Display Team
5.00pm	Main Arena	Racehorse to Riding Horse sponsored by ITBA
6.00pm	Main Arena	Pony Club Games sponsored by UMEX.

SATURDAY MORNING 18 MAY		
8.30am	Main Arena	SJ10 Amateurs – Sponsored by Botanica
9.00am	Arena 1	Working Hunter ponies; Cradle stakes followed by starter stakes sponsored by Carr & Day & Martin
	P & O Ferries Arena	Ridden Ponies; lead rein followed by first ridden, mini championship, starter stakes and championship inc supreme mini championship
	Shearing Pavilion	Open heats
10.00am	Cattle Rings 4 – 6	Beef Young Handlers sponsored by M&S
	Shearing Pavilion	Novice & Open Wool Handling semi final
10.30am	Cattle Rings 1 – 3	YFCU Games
10.45am	Main Arena	SJ11 Schools Team Show Jumping sponsored by Bluegrass Horse Feeds
11.00am	Pig/Goat Ring	Goat Young Handlers
	Sheep Rings	Sheep Young Handlers sponsored by LMC
	Shearing Pavilion	Open semi final
11.30am	Arena 1	Working Hunter Pony [open] sponsored by Carr & Day & Martin
	Shearing Pavilion	Novice Wool Handling final
12.00 noon	Pig/Goat Rings	Pig Young Handlers Sponsored by Elite Sires
	Cattle Rings 1 -3	Beef Cattle Exhibitor Bred Pairs sponsored by Tesco

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 18 MAY		
12.45pm	Main Arena	SJ12 (National Show Jumping) The Karlswood Under 10's Championship
1.00pm	Cattle Rings 1 - 3	Beef Group of 5 Championship – Native Breed
	Shearing Pavilion	Open Wool Handling final, followed by Wool Handling Development Test - 3 way - France/Wales & Northern Ireland. Sponsored by Ulster Wool.
1.30pm	Cattle Rings 1 - 3	Beef Presentation Awards
	Sheep Rings	Pair of Ewe Lambs, Pair of Ram Lambs, Pair of Shearing Ewes – any Breed. Sponsored by Eco Egg Shell
1.45pm	Cattle Rings 1 -3	Beef Group of 5 Championship – Continental Breed sponsored by LMC
	Shearing Pavilion	Six Nations - Wool Handling Competition
2.00pm	Arena 1	Working Hunter Pony 143cm followed by 153cm and championship sponsored by Carr & Day & Martin
2.15pm	Main Arena	Bolddog Lings Motorcycle Display Team
2.30pm	Shearing Pavilion	Open Finals
	P & O Ferries Arena	Ridden ponies; Open show hunter starter stakes followed by open show hunter 133cm, open show hunter 143cm, open show hunter 143cm, open show hunter 153cm and open show pony.
2.45pm	Sheep Rings	Open Ewe Lamb any breed followed by Open Ram Lamb any breed

3.15pm	Main Arena	Mascott Race
3.30pm	Cattle Rings 1 – 6	Cattle Parade Assembly
3.45pm	Main Arena	Cattle Parade followed by Champion of Champions of the Show -Sponsored be AR Marquees
5.00pm	Main Arena	Bolddog Lings Display Team
5.45pm	Main Arena	Band Performance



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ENTRY FEES

(50% of entry fees will be refunded for all horse and pony classes who pay a stabling fee if cancelled before Thursday 28 March 2024)

	Entry Fees RUAS Member	Entry Fees Non-Member
Clydesdale in hand & Ridden Clydesdale	£35	£40
Hackney, Private Driving, Farm Carts/Agricultural Horses, Light & Heavy Trade Turnouts.	£35	£40
Donkeys	£15	£20
Clifden High Performance Qualifier	£25	£25
The above classes do not include stabling. If stabling is required, it must be booked with entry at a cost of £30 per night.		
Stabling for horses below is included in their entry fee, for the night before judging and the day of judging. If you require additional stabling this must be booked with your entries at a cost of £30 per night.		
Hunters	£95	£100
Breeding & Young Stock	£85	£90
Irish Draught; Ridden & Performance	£85	£90
Coloured Horses, Ladies Hunter Astride, Riding Horses, Side Saddle – Balmoral Classic Competition, Ridden Cobs.	£85	£90
Working Hunter Horses inc Cobs & Smalls	£85	£90
'Balmoral Star of the Future' Performance Horse Champion- ship	£90	£95
Racehorse to Riding Horse	£100	£110
Ponies (Ridden & Working Hunter)	£75	£80
Connemara Ponies	£75	£80
Mountain and Moorland	£75	£80
Young Handler Classes (Clydesdale & Donkeys)	£5	£5

CAR PARKING & ADDITIONAL WRISTBAND FEES

Car park tickets and additional wristbands should be ordered at the time of entry or up to Tuesday 9th April 2024. Anything ordered after this date will have an additional £3.50 surcharge added.

	Per Day	4 days
Brown Car Park (Situating beside stables)		
Car	£18	£60
Car & Trailer	£25	£85
Lorry	£35	£110
Pink (Residential Lorry Park) Includes Hook Up	N/A	£150
Tack Rooms (limited availability)	N/A	£40
Wristbands	£14	£50
Orange Car Park		
Car & Trailer	£10	£40
Lorry	£15	£60
Exhibitors should note that this car park is located back of the site (see map) and not easily accessible for Equine Exhibitors.		



PRIZE MONEY

The number of cash prizes to be awarded provided the Judges find sufficient merit

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Clydesdales Ridden and Inhand	£75	£60	£40	£30	-	-
Hackneys, Private Driving, Farm Carts, Agri Horses, Light & Heavy Trade	£75	£60	£40	£30	-	-
Donkeys	£30	£25	£20	£15	£10	£10
Hunters	£135	£110	£90	£80	£70	£60
Racehorse to Riding Horse	£500	£400	£300	£200	£100	-
Foals	£25	£20	£15	-	-	-
Ponies	£85	£75	£65	£55	£45	£40
All other Horse classes	£110	£90	£80	£70	£60	£50
Champion of Champions	£1000					



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CHALLENGE CUPS, MEDALS & SPECIAL PRIZES

All cups and trophies in the possession of the Society are available to be claimed by winners - see Regulation 28.

A number of cups and trophies are presented by breed clubs and other donors. These can be claimed from the appropriate club.

The Society reserves the right to withhold a cup if the Judges does not find sufficient merit.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS Sponsored by AR Marquees



1st Prize: - £1000

Judge: Ken Fletcher

This event takes place on Saturday 18 May 2024 at 4.30pm in the Main Arena directly after the cattle parade and will include Champions of each section as listed: -

S1 – Supreme Champion Hunter

S20 – Champion Young Stock

S60– Supreme Mini Pony

S97 – Champion Sheep

S99 – Champion Goat

S137 – Champion Pig

S141 – Champion Bird

S188 – Champion Rabbit

S190 – Champion Cavy

S301 – Champion Beef Breed

S339 – Champion Dairy Breed

HORSES

Equines may only be entered in one section; either horse or pony.

No horse will be admitted to the Showgrounds before Tuesday, 14 May 2024.

Horses can arrive on Tuesday 14 May between 9.00am and 9.00pm if they are showing on Wednesday 15 May.

All horses must arrive between 6.00am and 8.00am on the morning of judging or between 6.00pm and 9.00pm the evening before judging. Exhibitors cannot arrive outside these hours as they will be refused entry. At arrivals all equines are required to be presented at the vetting area with their passports. The animals' microchips will be scanned, up to date flu vaccines confirmed and height certificates verified where applicable. No equine will be admitted onto the show grounds without a passport.

Stabling is only available on the evening before your class. Stables (3m x 3m) will be provided for all equine classes with the exception of Clydesdale in hand, Ridden Clydesdales, Hackneys, Private Driving, Farm Cart/Agricultural horses, Trade Turnouts Light and Heavy, Donkeys and Clifden High Performance Qualifier Class. If a stable is required by an exhibit in the sections listed, it must be booked with the entry at a cost of £30 per night.

If you require additional stabling for extra nights, please book this with your entries at a cost of £30 per additional night.

Compulsory Vaccination against Equine Influenza - All equine animals wishing to compete at Balmoral Show must be vaccinated against equine influenza - no equine will be admitted to the show ground unless they have the following;

- A minimum of the Primary course consisting of 2 vaccinations, not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days apart (not within 7 days of the show).
- A booster must then be given 150 - 215 days after the 2nd primary vaccination (not within 7 days of the show).
- An annual booster must be given within 12 months of the previous vaccination (not within 7 days of the show).

All vaccinations must be properly documented in the animal's passport and signed by a veterinary surgeon and stamped with their official practice stamp to authenticate each vaccination.

Please note: Foals should be vaccinated from 5 months.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the above have been administered and all dates are correct.

Please see pages 68 - 70 for specific Equine Rules & Regulations and pages 62 to 67 for Exhibitor Rules & Regulations.

In classes where three entries or less have been received, where practicable, classes may be amalgamated within the section. Where this is not possible the class may be cancelled.



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Wednesday Horse Ring 1

Mr Oliver Hood, Norfolk (Judge)
Mr David Ingle, Northamptonshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £95, Non Member £100
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Glenallen Homes have sponsored the Hunter section for the best turned out hunter in each of the classes to the value of £50. Each of the best turned out winners are chosen by the judge.

The Hunter Supreme Championship will take place in the main Arena on Thursday 16 May at 2.30pm. Please note that the Champions and Reserve Hunters in S2 - S4 go forward for the Supreme Championship.

The Small Hunter Championship [S5] will take place in the Main Arena on Wednesday 15 May at 3.45pm.

Horses may be entered in ONE HUNTER CLASS ONLY [Classes 1 - 8] but, where eligible, may be entered in the Ladies Hunter Riding Astride, Side Saddle Balmoral Classic Competition, Horse Working Hunter, Ridden Irish Draught, Performance Irish Draught and 'Balmoral Star of the Future' Performance Horse Championship but not any other class.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

The Ridden Hunter Champion, Reserve Champion and Champion 4 year old Ridden Hunter can go forward to the Red Mills Champion of Champions Final.

Only Small Hunters in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in classes 7 & 8. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

CLASS

- 1 **MARE or GELDING, [Heavyweight] 4 years old, capable of carrying over 14st [89kg].**
- 2 **MARE or GELDING, [Heavyweight] 5 years old or over, capable of carrying over 14st [89kg].**
- 3 **MARE or GELDING, [Middleweight] 4 years old, capable of carrying 12st 7lb [80kg] and not exceeding 14st [89kg].**
- 4 **MARE or GELDING, [Middleweight] 5 years old or over, capable of carrying 12st 7lb [80kg] and not exceeding 14st [89kg]**
- 5 **MARE or GELDING, [Lightweight] 4 years old, capable of carrying up to 12st 7lb [80kg].**
- 6 **MARE or GELDING, [Lightweight] 5 years old or over, capable of carrying up to 12st 7lb [80kg].**
- 7 **MARE or GELDING, [Small] 4 & 5 years old, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.**
- 8 **MARE or GELDING, [Small] 6 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.**

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

Specials

- S1 CHAMPION PRIZES, £500 and £250-** for the Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Hunter. Presented by Creightons. [Classes 1 to 6 are eligible for this Championship]
- The Supreme Champion is eligible to go forward to the Balmoral Show Champion of Champions on Saturday 18th May in the main arena.
- S2 CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Heavyweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S3 CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Middleweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S4 CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Lightweight Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S5 CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Small Hunter. Presented by Creightons.
- S6 THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the best Hunter. Presented by Miss A D P McCammon, Holywood, in memory of all ranks of the Regiment who fell in the 1939-45 War.
- S7 THE SIR MILNE BARBOUR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP -** for the best Hunter 4 years old in classes 1,3 & 5 Presented by Mrs Elizabeth L M Barbour Paton.
- S8 THE PEARL CREIGHTON TROPHY -** for the highest placed ridden Hunter horse in classes 1 - 8, bred by exhibitor and continuously owned by the exhibitor up to the day of judging.



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ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

RIDDEN IRISH DRAUGHT

Wednesday Horse Ring 1

Mrs Sue Deakin, Warwickshire (Judge)
Miss Michelle Underwood, South Yorkshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90
 Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Entries will be limited to 15 in each class.

Horses in this section may be entered in the Hunter classes, Performance Irish Draught, Ladies Side Saddle - Balmoral Classic and Working Hunter class.

IDHS Limited has kindly donated a contribution towards the Irish Draught classes.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

First and second placed horses in the Ridden Irish Draught classes will qualify for IDHS (GB) Championship Challenge. Further information available from The Irish Draught Horse Society (GB).

CLASS

- 9 MARE or GELDING, 4 & 5 years old, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonized Irish Draught studbooks.**
- 10 MARE or GELDING, 6 years old and over, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonized Irish Draught studbooks.**

Special

- S9 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Irish Draught.
- S10 The Tully Trophy** - for the Champion Ridden Irish Draught. Presented by Nigel & Charlotte Moore

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ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

BREEDING & YOUNG STOCK

Wednesday Horse Ring 2

Ms Henrietta Knight, Oxfordshire (Judge)

Mr Angus McDonald, Angus (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

ANIMALS IN CLASSES 11 to 24 MAY BE ENTERED IN ONE CLASS ONLY

Foals at foot will automatically be entered into their class on the day of the Show. There is no need to fill in a separate entry form. All foals to be led.

BROOD MARES & FOALS

CLASS

- 11 **BROOD MARE**, [lightweight], thoroughbred and non thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, certified to foal in 2024 or with foal at foot.
- 12 **HUNTER BROOD MARE** (middleweight to heavyweight) to produce high class hunters, non thoroughbred entered in the Irish horse register and not in the draught section, certified to foal in 2024 or with foal at foot.
- 13 **Colt foal**. Progeny of mare in Class 11 & 12. [no entry fee].
- 14 **Filly foal**. Progeny of mare in class 11 & 12. [no entry fee].
- 15 **IRISH DRAUGHT MARE** - Class 1 and Class 2 mares registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonized Irish Draught studbooks, with foal at foot.
- 16 **Pure bred colt or filly progeny of mare in class 15**. [no entry fee]. This class will be split into colt and filly if there are sufficient entries.
- 17 **Half bred colt or filly progeny of mare in class 15**. [no entry fee].

Specials

- S11 **CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £50-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion non- thoroughbred Brood Mare. Presented by the Society.
- S12 **THE ANGELIQUE PERPETUAL TROPHY-** for the highest placed thoroughbred Brood Mare. Presented by Mrs Patricia Hanson.
- S13 **THE EDITH HARRIS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY-** for the best non-thoroughbred Brood Mare. Presented by Mr F G Harris, Ballygowan, in memory of his wife.
- S14 **CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion registered Irish Draught Mare. Presented by the Society.
- S15 **IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY PERPETUAL SILVER CUP-** for the best registered Irish Draught Brood Mare. Presented by the Irish Draught Society [NI].

YOUNG STOCK

Ms Henrietta Knight, Oxfordshire (Judge)
Mr Angus McDonald, Angus (Judge)

Wednesday Horse Ring 2

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

YEARLINGS

Important - exact date of birth of exhibit must be given on entry form for all yearlings.

CLASS

- 18 **COLT or GELDING, foaled in 2023, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred, entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**
- 19 **FILLY, foaled in 2023, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**

Special

- S16 **CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE-** for the best yearling. Presented by the Society. The Champion and Reserve Champion yearlings will be eligible to compete in the young stock championship and for the Sir Milne Barbour cup [Special 22] if applicable.

TWO YEARS OLD

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

CLASS

- 20 **GELDING, foaled in 2022, thoroughbred and non thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**
- 21 **FILLY, foaled in 2022, thoroughbred and non thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**

Special

- S17 **CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE-** for the best two year old. Presented by the Society. The Champion and Reserve Champion two year old will be eligible to compete in the young stock championship and for the Sir Milne Barbour cup [Special 22] if applicable.

THREE YEARS OLD

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85.00, Non Member £90.00

Stabling is included in the entry fee on the evening before the class only.

CLASS

- 22 **GELDING, [lightweight], foaled in 2021, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**
- 23 **GELDING, [middleweight to heavyweight], foaled in 2021, thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**
- 24 **FILLY, foaled in 2021 thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred entered in their respective stud book, likely to make a high class performer.**

Specials

- S18 CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE-** for the best three year old. Presented by the Society. The Champion and Reserve Champion three year old will be eligible to compete in the young stock championship and for the Sir Milne Barbour cup [Special 22] if applicable.

Overall Specials

- S19 CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE-** for the best one, two or three year old filly. Presented by the Society.

- S20 CHAMPION PRIZES, £300 and £150-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion young stock animals. Presented by the Society.

The Champion Young Stock animal is eligible to go forward to the Balmoral Show Champion of Champions on Saturday 18 May in the Main Arena.

- S21 THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the best one, two or three year old. Presented by Miss A D P McCammon, Holywood, in memory of all ranks of the Regiment who fell in the 1939-45 War.

- S22 THE SIR MILNE BARBOUR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the best animal, bred by exhibitor, in Classes 18-24. Presented by the Society.



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Wednesday Horse Ring 2

Ms Katie Duxbury, Lancashire (Judge)

Ms Anne Leaver, Lancashire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Horses in class 25 will NOT be eligible to be entered in any other Showing class or Pony class but may be entered in the Horse Working Hunter and Ladies Hunters Riding Astride and Ladies Side Saddle - Balmoral Classic Competition.

Coloured horses must be plaited.

CLASS

- 25 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms, to be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.**

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ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

PERFORMANCE IRISH DRAUGHT

Thursday Main Arena

Mrs Sue Deakin, Warwickshire (Judge)

Mr Denis Dullea, Cork (Judge)

Miss Michelle Underwood, South Yorkshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Entries will be limited to 35 entries between class 26 and 27.

A maximum of 3 Stallions will be allowed to compete in each class. Stallions will not be allowed to stable overnight and must arrive the morning of the class between 6am & 8am. Stallions must leave once the class has finished provided, they are not required for the horse parade. Riders/Handlers must wear a green sash whilst riding/leading the stallion through the show grounds. (These are available from the veterinary declaration area).

IDHS Limited has kindly donated a contribution towards the Irish Draught classes.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Riders may only ride a maximum of two horses in each class. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all scores for this rider, in this class being considered null & void.

Aim

To demonstrate the ability, temperament and suitability of the Irish Draught horse for the amateur riding market. The Irish Draught is the foundation of the Irish sport horse. It should have good movement, rideability, bravery and be capable of participating competently in all equestrian activities. It should be strong, intelligent, willing, sensible and have a kind disposition. A performance element has been included in these classes to demonstrate and showcase the performance potential of the Irish Draught.

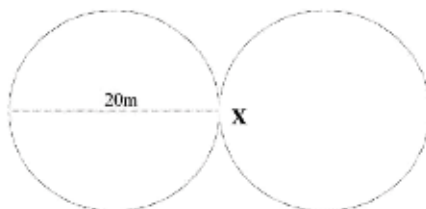
Dress & Tack

- Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards must be worn and properly secured at all times.
- The wearing of a body protector is recommended.
- Any suitable snaffle bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition, without any addition or modification on or to any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the horse. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.
- Martingales are not permitted.
- Neckstraps and/or breastplates are permitted.
- No saddle cloths, only saddle contoured numnahs are permitted.
- Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowels < 2.5cms facing downwards are permitted.
- Front boots of a plain colour may be worn during the flatwork and jumping phase.
- No hind boots or bandages permitted.

The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the horse.

Flat Work Phase

Flatwork phase 20 x 40 arena.

**Performance Irish Draught Phase 1 Flatwork**

Marker	Movement	Requirements	Marks
from X	Approach the Judge in Working Trot. From X 20m Circle Left	2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement	10
from X	Working Trot 20m Circle Right	2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement	10
at X	Working Canter 20m Circle Left	Smooth transition and correct strike off on left lead. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance	10
at X	Working Canter 20m Circle Right	Smooth transition and correct strike off on right lead. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance	10
at X	Working Trot 20m Circle Right	Smooth transition. Well defined trot, maintained contact and balance	10
at X	2nd ½ 20m Circle transition to walk. At X Halt	Smooth transition. Well defined walk. Halt straight, square, immobile - for 3 seconds	10
	General impression of harmony and horsemanship		20
	Proceed directly to the first fence on the jumping track		80
	Total		
	Score out of 40	80 x 0.5	

Jumping Phase

4 and 5 Year olds- < 85cm in height

6 Year old and over - < 1m in height

Exhibitors will be required to jump a course of 9 fences, including natural and derby style fences. Exhibitors are encouraged to show extended canter / gallop at the end of their jumping round. Exhibitors are advised to ensure that their entry is presented by a competent rider. Based on ground conditions, the RUAS reserves the right to change the jumping course format on the day of competition.

Penalties:

- For each fence down - 4 penalties
- 1st refusal - 5 penalties
- 2nd refusal - 10 penalties
- 3rd refusal on course - Elimination

Fall of horse or rider - Elimination

Conformation Assessment

Once the competitor has completed the jumping phase, he/she will proceed to strip the horse and present in-hand to the conformation judge.

The rhythm and fluency along with jumping technique and the balance and harmony of the rider will be taken into consideration when judging the jumping phase.

Phase	Points	Total
Flat Work		40
Jumping Phase:		120
9 fences @ 10 points each	90	
Rhythm & Fluency	10	
Technique	10	
Balance & Harmony of rider with horse	10	
Conformation		40
Total Marks		200

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest mark for the jumping phase will be the winner. If there is still a tie the horse with the highest conformation mark will be the winner. If there is still a tie the winner will be at the judge's discretion.

Course Designer

Adrienne Stuart

CLASS

- 26 IRISH DRAUGHT MARE or GELDING, 4 and 5 years old, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonised Irish Draught studbooks and to STALLION classified as Class 1 and Class 2.**
- 27 IRISH DRAUGHT MARE or GELDING, 6 years old, registered in the Irish Draught section of the Irish Horse Register or harmonised Irish Draught studbooks and to STALLION classified as Class 1 and Class 2.**

The top two horses with the highest score from each class will be ridden by the judges.

Special

- S23 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Performance Irish Draught. Presented by the Society.
- S24 THE WINDMILL STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** - for the Champion Performance Irish Draught. Presented by Eugene and Fiona Carson of Ardboe Cold Store.

LADIES HUNTERS - RIDING ASTRIDE SPONSORED BY NORTH DOWN MARQUEES



Thursday Horse Ring 2

Ms Vicky Smith, Cheshire (Judge)
Ms Anne Leaver, Lancashire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Glenallen Homes have sponsored the Hunter section for the best turned out hunter in each of the classes to the value of £50.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

CLASS

- 28 MARE or GELDING, 4 and 5 years old, over 148cms, to be ridden by ladies in hunting costume riding astride.**
- 29 MARE or GELDING, 6 years old and over, over 148cms, to be ridden by ladies in hunting costume riding astride.**

Specials

- S25 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ladies' Hunter (riding astride). Presented by the Society.
- S26 THE ELIZABETH BARBOUR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the rider of the champion Ladies' Hunter (riding astride). Presented by Mrs Elizabeth L M Barbour Paton.



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Thursday Horse Ring 2

Ms Vicky Smith, Cheshire (Judge)
Ms Anne Leaver, Lancashire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

To be judged on ride, manners and conformation. An individual show, if required by the judges, should not exceed 2 minutes and include walk, trot, canter, a simple change at canter, rein back, strike off on required leg, gallop on, halt and stand still. There will be a strong emphasis on manners, ride and training.

Only horses in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in class 30. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

Horses entered in class 30 and 31 are not eligible to enter in the Ridden Hunter Classes 1 - 8.

CLASS

30 SMALL RIDING HORSE, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, over 148cms but not exceeding 158cms. Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

31 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, over 158cms. Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

SPECIALS

S27 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Riding Horse. Presented by the Society.



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Botanica International Ltd was established in 2005 to cater for the growing awareness of natural products and to utilize the wonders of Nature's Healing Energy.

Since then the company have developed a multi-award winning product range of creams, washes and sprays, containing a magical combination of natural ingredients, all of which have proven beneficial properties.

In fact the unique properties of the *Botanica* products combine to be advantageous on a wide range of skin conditions in both humans and animals.

Botanica's Herbal system works to promote healthy cell growth and complete recovery without scarring. It also acts as an insect repellent.



Sean Cooney, owner of Botanica, presents Zara Tindall with a Botanica hamper

The man behind *Botanica* is Sean Cooney, whose pioneering of natural products was actually inspired by the Prince of Wales back in the 1980s. Back then Prince Charles was fearless in promoting nature and natural products. He was very much ahead of his time, a true visionary, and of course he continues to promote environmentally friendly products to this day.

Sean Cooney often speaks about how

King Charles was his inspiration and gave him the courage to continue in the creation of the *Botanica Brand*, for which he is eternally grateful.

Botanica is the only company in the Western Hemisphere that is selling herbal medicine to China. The Chinese buy many tonnes per year from them and have "Number 1 in the World" on their *Botanica* packaging.





The Duchess of Edinburgh, then the Countess of Wessex, is presented with a Botanica hamper by Sean Cooney

the way they've picked up thousands of loyal customers and distributors in every part of the world. They now operate out of a custom ISO approved facility in Warrenpoint with offices, meeting rooms and a production area fit to meet the growing global demand for *Botanica* products.

They have made so many great friends along the way. From the individual customers who call them daily, telling their own success stories, to well-known personalities. From the 'Horse Whisperer,' to the 'Supervet,' from Rory Bremner to Zara Tindall and onwards to Love



Tree planting event in honour of His Majesty's Coronation year, Belfast's Barnett Demesne Park, Wednesday 13th December 2023

METICULOUS CARE AND ATTENTION

From its humble beginnings, *Botanica* has continued to grow year on year selling into many countries worldwide. Their success is down to the meticulous care and attention in the creation of every product. They use only the finest natural ingredients in the correct quantities to ensure the efficacy of their recipes.

They have journeyed far and along

Island! All are friends of *Botanica* and users of their unique and natural products!

Botanica International Ltd and Sean Cooney Esq were granted The Royal Warrant By Appointment to Her Majesty The Queen, as suppliers of Natural Herbal Products as of March 31st 2022.

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What is the name of King Charles's Gloucestershire home, where has used parts of it to develop his interests in organic farming and sustainable living?

A: Sandringham House, **B:** Highgrove House, **C:** Clarence House

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LADIES SIDE SADDLE - BALMORAL CLASSIC COMPETITION SPONSORED BY BOTANICA INTERNATIONAL



Thursday Ring 2

Ms Vicky Smith, Cheshire (Judge)
Ms Anne Leaver, Lancashire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non Member £90
Stabling is included in the entry fee on the evening before the class only.

This class is to encourage a harmonious and elegant impression of the side saddle horse and rider combination whilst promoting effective horsemanship. To be judged 25% conformation & action; 25% manners & way of going; 25% rider; and 25% turnout of horse and rider. After the ride around, the riders will be called forward to do an individual show, showing walk, trot and canter on both reins with a canter extension on one rein. The judge will not ride the exhibits, horses will not be stripped. The judge shall use the mark sheet provided.

Traditional habits must be worn. Fancy dress and Period Costumes not permitted. Silk hats are permitted to be worn in this class.

CLASS

32 Open to Mares and Geldings of all types over 148cms suitable to be ridden side saddle by riders who have attained their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.

Specials

S28 VERONICA TROPHY- for the highest placed SSA Area 21 (Northern Ireland) member who has participated in two SSA events in the current year.

All SSA Members carrying their current membership card shall receive an SSA rosette for competing.



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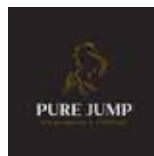
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'BALMORAL STAR OF THE FUTURE' PERFORMANCE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS SPONSORED BY PURE JUMP LTD



Friday Main Arena

Lt Col Tom Freyne, Tipperary (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £90, Non Member £95

Stabling is included in the entry fee on the evening before the class only.

Championship finals will take place at Balmoral Show on Friday 17 May in the Main Arena. The championship is restricted to those who have pre-qualified.

Aim

To identify high class horses bred in Ireland with the potential to become top class performance horses, to create a medium for breeders, producers and trainers to display their quality young stock and to produce and present the correct type of horse likely to make it at the top level.

Eligibility

Restricted to Irish Bred horses only. Only animals with named passports identifying sire, dam, dam sire, microchip and breeder may compete.

Horses must be 153cms or over.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Competition Format

On entering the arena, each competitor will present to the judge where conformation will be assessed whilst mounted before riding away to demonstrate their horses walk and trot paces on the flat.

Competitors will then proceed straight to the jumping phase which will comprise of a course of show jumps immediately followed by natural cross country type fences.

There will be no more than 16 jumping efforts in total with the maximum height of fences being 1m for 5 year olds and 1.10m for the 6&7 year old class.

At the end of the jumping phase, the competitor will demonstrate the ability of their horse to gallop.

The judge will assess each horses performance and marks will be awarded based on conformation & type, paces, way of going throughout the jumping phase and star potential.

In the event of equality of marks, the potential & star quality mark will take precedence.

Judges' marks out of 100 to be awarded as follows:

Conformation & Type	10 marks
Paces - Walk & Trot	10 marks
Jumping - Scope & Technique	30 marks
Way of Going	20 marks
Gallop	10 marks
Potential & Star Quality	20 marks

Jumping Penalties (where relevant) to be deducted from judges marks as follows:

First disobedience	4 Penalties
Second disobedience	8 Penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination
Knock down of obstacle	4 Penalties
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Error of course	Elimination
Retaking of obstacle already taken	Elimination

Qualifiers

1. Meadows Equestrian Centre - Saturday 2nd March 2024
2. Hazeldene Farm - Sunday 17th March 2024
3. Wexford Equestrian Centre - Wednesday 20th March 2024
4. Gransha Equestrian Centre - Saturday 30th March 2024
5. Lusk Equestrian Centre - Sunday 7th April 2024

3 horse/rider combinations in each class may qualify at each qualifying venue. If any of the top 3 horses have already qualified, placings may go down the line providing a minimum mark of 55 has been obtained.

Once qualified entries must be made online at www.balmoralshow.co.uk within 48 hours of qualifying.

Riders may ride a maximum of two horses per class in the final. A change of rider will not be permitted under any circumstances. Only the horse/rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete at Balmoral Show.

Rules

- Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards is compulsory for all riders and must be worn at all times when mounted.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders. A correctly fitted, BETA approved, and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector manufactured in the year 2018 or after is recommended. If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector, it must be worn over a recommended body protector.
- Eventing colours and attire must be worn along with the required dress code of beige, fawn or cream breeches, long black/brown boots and gloves.
- Any suitable snaffle bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the horse. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.
- Martingales, neckstraps and/or breastplates are permitted.
- Standing martingales are not permitted.
- Numnahs (if used) must conform neatly with saddle contours. Saddle cloths or visible logos are not permitted.
- Hind leg boots or bandages are not allowed. Overreach boots are permitted.
- Only blunt metal spurs, or ones with rubber rowels <2.5cms facing downwards are permitted.
- No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.
- If for any reason a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

Championship Course Designer: Adrienne Stuart

CLASS

- 33** **5 year old Performance Horse**
- 34** **6 & 7 year old Performance Horse**




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RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE SPONSORED BY ITBA



Friday Main Arena

Mr Arthur Moore, Kildare (Judge)
Mr Peter Buchanan, Down (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £100, Non Member £110
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association will present a quarter piece rug to the winner of this class.

Aim:

To showcase successful Irish bred or trained racehorses as useful and suitable riding horses. The horses entered in this class should demonstrate quality, substance, bone, correct conformation, presence, and true action.

Rules:

This class is open to Thoroughbred horses that have trained or raced in Ireland for a minimum of 1 year under rules either on the racetrack or Point to Point.

Please note the number of entries in this class will be restricted to 15, if more than 15 entries are received preference will be given to horses with the highest number of racing starts as recorded by IHRB (Irish Horse Regulatory Board)

Judging:

To be judged on ride, manners and conformation. Judges will ask the class to gallop. Judges may ride a number of exhibits. In the event of a ride judge not being available, judges may expect a number of exhibits to perform a simple show (maximum 2 minutes) to include walk, trot, canter, a simple change at canter, rein back, strike off on the correct leg, gallop on, halt and stand still. There will be a strong emphasis on manners, ride and training.

CLASS

35 THOROUGHBRED, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

COB WORKING HUNTER

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Friday Horse Ring 1

Mr Hayden Hankey, Cheshire (Judge)
Mr Andrew Bowie, Perthshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Cobs in the Cob Working Hunter section may also be entered in the Cob classes but not the Maxi Cob class.

All cobs must be shown with a hogged mane.

Riders may only ride one horse in this class. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all scores for this rider, in this class being considered null & void.

Cobs in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in this class. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be printed in the catalogue.

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PHASES OF JUDGING

Phase 1 - Jumping

All Cobs will be required to jump a course which will consist of a minimum of eight fences that will have a natural appearance, and not be easily dislodged. The maximum height of fences will be 90cms and is at the discretion of the Judges.

The way of going will be taken into account - refusals will be severely penalised.

First refusal - 15

Second refusal - 20

Third refusal - elimination

Jumping knockdown - 10

Fall of horse or rider - elimination. In the interests of safety, competitors may not remount.

60% of the available marks will be allocated in this phase (40% of actual jumping and 20% style and way of going).

Phase 2 - Ride.

Phase 3 - Presence and conformation

These phases will be judged as for hunter classes with 40% of the available marks allocated (ride 20%, conformation 20%).

Working hunter cobs can be shown in any bridle with a bit. The judge will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle.

Front boots may only be used for phase one. Back boots are **NOT** Permitted in either the arena or warm up areas.

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of judging, the cob gaining the greatest number of points in phase 1

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shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, the points in phase 2 will decide, and if still tied, the points in phase 3 shall decide. If this still does not produce a winner the Judges' decision will be final.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

No change of rider or tack will be allowed, except the removal of front boots between phases 1 & 2.

Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

CLASS

- 36 COB WORKING HUNTER, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not 155cms.**



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SMALL HORSE WORKING HUNTER SPONSORED BY THE LOWRY & BOYD FAMILIES IN MEMORY OF THE LATE GEORGE BOYD

Friday Ring 1

Mr Hayden Hankey, Cheshire (Judge)

Mr Andrew Bowie, Perthshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Only horses in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in this class. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

Riders may only ride one horse in this class. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all scores for this rider, in this class being considered null & void.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be printed in the catalogue.

COURSE BUILDER: ADRIENNE STUART

PHASES OF JUDGING

Phase 1 - Jumping

All horses will be required to jump a course which will consist of a minimum of eight fences that will have a natural appearance, and not be easily dislodged. The maximum height of fences will be 1m and is at the discretion of the Judges.

The way of going will be taken into account - refusals will be severely penalised.

First refusal - 15

Second refusal - 20

Third refusal - elimination

Jumping knockdown - 10

Fall of horse or rider - elimination. In the interests of safety, competitors may not remount.

60% of the available marks will be allocated in this phase (40% of actual jumping and 20% style and way of going).

Phase 2 - Ride.

Phase 3 - Presence and conformation

These phases will be judged as for hunter classes with 40% of the available marks allocated (ride 20%, conformation 20%).

Working hunter horses can be shown in any bridle with a bit. The judge will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle.

Front boots may only be used for phase one. Back boots are **NOT** Permitted in either the arena or warm up areas.

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of judging, the horse gaining the greatest number of points in phase 1 shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, the points in phase 2 will decide, and if still tied, the points in phase 3 shall decide. If this still does not produce a winner the Judges' decision will be final.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

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No change of rider or tack will be allowed, except the removal of front boots between phases 1 & 2.

Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

CLASS

37 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms.

Special

S29 GEORGE BOYD MEMORIAL TROPHY, Presented by the Boyd & Lowry family in memory of the late George Boyd to the winner of class 37.



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WORKING HUNTERS SPONSORED BY CONN & FENTON SOLICITORS



Friday Horse Ring 1

Mr Hayden Hankey, Cheshire (Judge)
Mr Andrew Bowie, Perthshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non Member £90
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Riders may only ride one horse in a working hunter class. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all scores for this rider, in the particular class being considered null & void.

COURSE BUILDER: ADRIENNE STUART

PHASES OF JUDGING

Phase 1 - Jumping

All horses will be required to jump a course which will consist of a minimum of eight fences that will have a natural appearance and not be easily dislodged. The maximum height of fences will be 1.15m and is at the discretion of the Judges.

The way of going will be taken into account - refusals will be severely penalised.

First refusal - 15

Second refusal - 20

Third refusal - elimination

Jumping knockdown - 10

Fall of horse or rider - elimination, In the interests of safety, competitors may not remount.

60% of the available marks will be allocated in this phase (40% of actual jumping and 20% style and way of going).

Phase 2 - Ride.

Phase 3 - Presence and conformation

These phases will be judged as for hunter classes with 40% of the available marks allocated (ride 20%, presence and conformation 20%).

Working hunter horses can be shown in any bridle with a bit. The judge will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle.

Front boots may only be used for phase one. Back boots are **NOT** Permitted in either the arena or warm up areas.

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of judging, the horse gaining the greatest number of points in phase 1 shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, the points in phase 2 will decide, and if still tied, the points in phase 3 shall decide. If this still does not produce a winner the Judges' decision will be final.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be listed in the catalogue.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

No change of rider or tack will be allowed, except the removal of front boots between phases 1 & 2.

Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted

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CLASS

- 38 MARE or GELDING, 4 years old, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1m.
- 39 MARE or GELDING, 5 or 6 years old, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1.05m. (age must be specified on entry form).
- 40 MARE or GELDING, 7 years old and over, over 148cms, maximum height of fences to be 1.15m. (age must be specified on entry form)

SPECIALS

- S30 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25- for the Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter. Presented by the Society.
- S31 ROYAL ULSTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - for the Champion Working Hunter. Presented by Nicola Dunseith in memory of Jack Flash.



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CLYDESDALES SPONSORED BY ULSTER BANK



Friday Horse Ring 2

Mr Robert Morton, Lanarkshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £35, Non-Member £40

Stabling is not provided for Clydesdale in hand and ridden class. If stabling is required, it must be booked with entry at a cost of £30.

Animals in classes 41 - 46 must be by a registered Clydesdale stallion.

See section 1A of the Protection of Animals Act (NI) (reprint) 1952.

Exhibitors, handlers and their grooms must at all times present themselves in the show ring neatly and smartly dressed. For In-hand classes a white coat is recommended, with smart trousers or skirt with a shirt and tie. Appropriate footwear should be worn. Only one person per exhibit will be permitted in the judging ring.

CLASS

- 41 **RIDDEN CLYDESDALE PURE BRED MARE or GELDING, 3 years old and upwards.**
- 42 **YELD MARE, 3 years old and upwards**
- 43 **GELDING, 3 years old and upwards**
- 44 **COLT or GELDING, yearling or two year old**
- 45 **FILLY, Yearling**
- 46 **FILLY, two year old**

Specials

- S32 **CHAMPION PRIZE, £50 and CRYSTAL TROPHY-** for the Champion Clydesdale. Presented by Ulster Bank.
- S33 **THE DOUGLAS D MURRAY PERPETUAL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP-** for the best Clydesdale. Presented by the Clydesdale Horse Society.
- S34 **SPECIAL PRIZE, £25-** for the best Clydesdale of opposite sex to champion. Presented by Ulster Bank.
- S35 **VICTORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the best yearling Clydesdale filly. Won outright in 1930 by John C Drennan and represented to the Society by his family
- S36 **VICTORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the best yearling Clydesdale colt. Won outright in 1929 by John C Drennan and represented to the Society by his family.
- S37 **SHIELD-** for the best yearling or two years old filly or colt, registered or eligible for registration with the Clydesdale Society, not having won a shield before in its lifetime. Presented by the Clydesdale Horse Society. Exhibitors must be current members of the Clydesdale Horse Society.
- S38 **COUNTY LONDONDERRY HORSE BREEDING SOCIETY TROPHY -** for the best exhibitor bred animal any age. No animal can win this prize on more than one occasion in its lifetime. Presented in the judging Arena.

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CLYDESDALES YOUNG HANDLERS

Friday Horse Ring 2

Mr Robert Morton, Lanarkshire (Judge)

Entry Fee: £5

This class will be run under the rules of The Clydesdale Horse Society.

Rosettes will be provided to all entrants by The Clydesdale Horse Society.

Macfin Clydesdales have kindly donated £100 towards this section.

Co. Londonderry Horse Breeding Society Clydesdale Young Handlers Championship 2024

Points will be awarded to Young Handlers at CLHBS Clydesdale Foal Show 2023, then in 2024 - Balmoral, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Castlerock, (Limavady), Castlewellan, Antrim and Garvagh shows. Points will be awarded as follows:

1st (5), 2nd (4), 3rd (3), all other young handlers forward will receive 2 points. Points will be totalled, and prizes given out at CLHBS Foal Show 2024.

Only Horses entered in classes 41 - 46 are eligible to compete in class 47. (Stallions are not allowed)

CLASS

47 CLYDESDALE YOUNG HANDLER - for competitors aged between 10 to 18 years on day of qualifying show.

Special

S39 ENGRAVED MEDAL- for the best handler aged 12 to 16 on the day of the show who has not already qualified in 2024. The capabilities of the handler are to be assessed, not the animal being led. Presented by the Clydesdale Horse Society.

The winner of S39 will be eligible to go forward for the Clydesdale Horse Society final held at Royal Highland Show. Qualifiers held after 30th April in any year will qualify for Young Handler Final at the following year's Royal Highland Show.



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FARM CART/AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE AND HEAVY TRADE TURNOUT SPONSORED BY ULSTER BANK



Friday Horse Ring 2

Mr Robert Morton, Lanarkshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £35, Non-Member £40

Stabling is not provided for Agricultural Horses. If stabling is required, it must be booked with entry at a cost of £30.

CLASS

- 48 FARM CART/AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE AND HEAVY TRADE TURNOUT, horse any height, farm cart/vehicle and harness, Stallion/Ladies cart, drawn by a heavy horse, OR a Single/Pair of Heavy Horses, shown in a traditional four wheeled trade vehicle.**

The vehicle, harness and other apparatus will be taken into consideration by the judge.

- S40 THE UNITED DISTILLERIES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the winner of class 48 Presented by United Distillers Ltd, won outright by John McWatters Ltd, and re-presented by them.

HACKNEYS

Friday Horse Ring 2

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £35, Non-Member £40

Stabling is not provided for Hackney classes. If stabling is required, it must be booked with entry at a cost of £30.

Please note passports must accompany horses. Horses without these will not be permitted into the showgrounds.

All exhibitors must be members of the Hackney Horse Society and entries must be registered with the Hackney Horse Society

Drivers to have attained their 14th birthday by the date of Show and horses or ponies entered in these classes may not be entered in classes 51 or 52.

Balmoral is a qualifier for the Hackney Horse and Pony of the Year Championships.

CLASS

- 49 PONY, single harness, open.**
- 50 HORSE, single harness, open.**

Specials

- S41 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Hackney exhibits. Presented by the Society.
- S42 THE CARPLANT TROPHY-** for the best Hackney exhibit. Presented by Carplant Limited.
- S43 ROSETTES-** for the best and reserve best Hackney exhibits. Presented by the Hackney Horse Society.
- S44 JOHN O'KANE MEMORIAL CUP-** for the Champion Hackney exhibit. Presented by Aoife, Peter Zara and Emma Hagan.

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PRIVATE DRIVING

Friday Horse Ring 2

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £35, Non-Member £40

Stabling is not provided for Private Driving classes. If stabling is required, it must be booked with entry at a cost of £30.

[To be judged under British Driving Society Rules]

Please note passports must accompany horses. Horses without these will not be permitted into the showgrounds.

Exhibits to be driven in a suitable show vehicle. Trade vehicles and vehicles with pneumatic tyres are excluded.

CLASS

51 OPEN DRIVING CLASS, not exceeding 138cms, single or pairs

52 OPEN DRIVING CLASS, over 138cms, single or pairs

Specials

S45 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 - for the Champion and Reserve Champion Private Driving exhibits. Presented by the Society.

LIGHT TRADE TURNOUTS

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £35, Non-Member £40

Stabling is not provided for Light Trade Turnouts. If stabling is required, it must be booked with entry at a cost of £30.

CLASS

53 LIGHT TRADE, A single pair of horses or ponies, shown in a traditional two or four wheeled trade vehicle.

Specials

S46 USPCA PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP- for the best Light Trade Turnout. Presented by the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



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COBS

[To be shown under saddle]

Friday Horse Ring 2

Ms Vicky Smith, Cheshire (Judge)

Ms Anne Leaver, Lancashire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £85, Non-Member £90

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Only Cobs in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete in classes 54 and 55. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Cobs may only be entered in one of the Cob classes 54 - 56.

All Cobs must be shown with a hogged mane.

CLASS

- 54 COB, MARE or GELDING, [lightweight], 4 years old or over, exceeding 148 cms, but not exceeding 155cms, capable of carrying up to 14st [89kg].**
- 55 COB, MARE or GELDING, [heavyweight], 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cms, but not exceeding 155cms, capable of carrying over 14st [89kg].**
- 56 MAXI COB, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, exceeding 155cms, to be judged as Cobs.**

Specials

- S47 CHAMPION PRIZES £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Cob from classes 54 & 55 Presented by the Society.



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DONKEYS

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Friday Horse Ring 2

Mrs Pam Moon, Lancashire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £15, Non Member £20

Stabling is not provided. If stabling is required, it must be booked with entry at a cost of £30

This Show is affiliated to the Donkey Breed Society, Donkey classes are open to all donkeys and all exhibitors, whether they are members of DBS or not.

DBS rosettes to be awarded in appropriate classes.

All donkeys must arrive between 6.00am and 8.00am on the morning of judging or between 6.00pm and 9.00pm the evening before judging if a stable has been pre booked. Exhibitors cannot arrive outside these hours as they will be refused entry. At arrivals all equines are required to be presented at the vetting area with their passports. The animals' microchips will be scanned, up to date flu vaccines confirmed and height certificates verified where applicable. No equine will be admitted onto the show grounds without a passport.

Compulsory Vaccination against Equine Influenza - All equine animals wishing to compete at Balmoral Show must be vaccinated against equine influenza - no equine will be admitted to the show ground unless they have the following;

- **A minimum of the Primary course consisting of 2 vaccinations, not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days apart (not within 7 days of the show).**
- **A booster must then be given 150 - 215 days after the 2nd primary vaccination (not within 7 days of the show).**
- **An annual booster must be given within 12 months of the previous vaccination (not within 7 days of the show).**

All vaccinations must be properly documented in the animal's passport and signed by a veterinary surgeon and stamped with their official practice stamp to authenticate each vaccination.

Please note: Foals should be vaccinated from 5 months.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the above have been administered and all dates are correct.

Please see pages 68 - 70 for specific Equine Rules & Regulations and pages 62 to 67 for Exhibitor Rules & Regulations.

In classes where three entries or less have been received, where practicable, classes may be amalgamated within the section. Where this is not possible the class may be cancelled.

CLASS

- 57 **BEST TURN OUT and CONDITION, open to all ages and categories.**
- 58 **STALLION or GELDING, four years old or over**
- 59 **MARE, four years old or over, or Broodmare, five years old or over with own foal at foot. Foals to be at least six weeks old or over on the day of the Show.**
- 60 **Traditional Working Donkey, mare or gelding, aged 4 and over shown with farming implements, e.g. creels, slipes, grubbers, stiff carts etc. All vehicles must be in working order.**

DONKEY YOUNG HANDLERS

Entry Fee: £5

Only Donkeys entered in classes 57 - 60 are eligible to compete in class 61. (Stallions are not allowed)

61 YOUNG HANDLERS - for competitors aged between 7 to 16 years on day of qualifying show.

Exhibitors should be appropriately dressed, show the ability to control the donkey in the ring, exhibit it to the judge and answer questions (appropriate to the competitors' age) on the breed, age etc of their donkey.



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PONIES

Equines may only be entered in one section; either horse or pony.

All ponies must arrive between 6.00am and 8.00am on the morning of judging or between 6.00pm and 9.00pm the evening before judging. Exhibitors cannot arrive outside these hours as they will be refused entry. At arrivals all equines are required to be presented at the vetting area with their passports. The animals' microchips will be scanned, up to date flu vaccines confirmed and height certificates verified where applicable. No equine will be admitted onto the show grounds without a passport.

Only ponies in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class may compete. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

Stabling is only available on the evening before your class. Stables (3m x 3m) will be provided for all pony classes with the exception of the Clifden High Performance Qualifier class. If a stable is required for this section, it must be booked with entry at a cost of £30.

If you require additional stabling for extra nights, please book this with your entries at a cost of £30 per additional night.

Correctly secured, protective headgear that meets the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

Compulsory Vaccination against Equine Influenza - All equine animals wishing to compete at Balmoral Show must be vaccinated against equine influenza - no equine will be admitted to the show ground unless they have the following;

- **A minimum of the Primary course consisting of 2 vaccinations, not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days apart (not within 7 days of the show).**
- **A booster must then be given 150 - 215 days after the 2nd primary vaccination (not within 7 days of the show).**
- **An annual booster must be given within 12 months of the previous vaccination (not within 7 days of the show).**

All vaccinations must be properly documented in the animal's passport and signed by a veterinary surgeon and stamped with their official practice stamp to authenticate each vaccination.

Please note: Foals should be vaccinated from 5 months.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the above have been administered and all dates are correct.

Please see pages 68 - 70 for specific Equine Rules & Regulations and pages 62 to 67 for Exhibitor Rules & Regulations.

In classes where three entries or less have been received, where practicable, classes may be amalgamated within the section. Where this is not possible the class may be cancelled.

CONNEMARA PONIES

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Thursday Ring 2

Mrs Madeleine Beckman, Sweden (Judge)

Mrs Kay Gibb, Aberdeenshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £75, Non Member £80

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Entries will be limited to the first 15 received in each class.

In-Hand Classes

CLASS

62 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE, 4 years and upwards with or without foal.

63 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, FILLY or GELDING, two and three year old.

Ridden Classes.

To be judged on ride, good temperament, conformation, soundness, breed type and suitability for child or adult.

64 REGISTERED RIDDEN CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 and 5 years old suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 12th birthday on the 1st January in the current year.

65 REGISTERED RIDDEN CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 10th birthday but not their 16th birthday on 1st January in the current year.

66 REGISTERED RIDDEN CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 6 years old or over suitable for and to be ridden by riders 10 years old and over on the 1st January in the current year.

Narrow Water Stud & Equestrian Centre will present rugs to the winner of classes 64 & 66.

Longstone Stud will present sashes to the Champion and Reserve Champion of classes 64 - 66.

Mrs Mandy Boyle will present a rug to the winner of class 65.

Specials

S48 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Connemara. Presented by Mrs Mandy Boyle.

S49 THE HENDERSON AND GRAHAM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the winner of class 62. Presented by the Henderson and Graham family.

S50 CASHEL BAY STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the winner of class 63. Presented by Robbie & Barbara Fallon.

S51 ROBSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the winner of class 64.

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- S52 CASHEL BAY STUD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** - for the winner of class 65. Presented by Robbie & Barbara Fallon.

- S53 R.J. MONTEITH PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** - for the winner of class 66. Presented by Marina and James Wray.

The banner features a central photograph of a woman in a blue jacket standing next to a horse. To the left is the DAERA logo (Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) and to the right is the CAFRE logo (College of Agriculture, Food & Rural Enterprise). The text 'Discover Equine..' is prominently displayed in a bold, orange font, with 'at Enniskillen Campus' below it. The website address 'www.cafre.ac.uk' is also present.

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CLIFDEN HIGH PERFORMANCE QUALIFIER CLASS

Thursday Horse Ring 1

Mrs Madeleine Beckman, Sweden (Judge)

Mrs Kay Gibb, Aberdeenshire (Judge)

The final will be held in the Showgrounds, Clifden on Friday 16 August 2024 featuring a prize fund of €3000. The Connemara Pony Breeders Society run this class with the aim of displaying the versatility of the Connemara pony, highlighting the performance aspect of the pony over fences with emphasis on the ride ability, scope, versatility and suitability for child or adult.

The final will take place on day three of the Annual Connemara Pony Show in Clifden, Co. Galway on Friday 16 August 2024. There will be 5 shows holding qualifiers nationally for the final. The entry fee for the qualifiers is €25 per pony (enter for qualifiers with the show hosting the qualifier) Entry fee for the final €40 per pony.

The top four ponies will qualify from each qualifier. The qualifiers and the final will be primarily run under the Irish Pony Society Rules for the working hunters so the scoring system will be the same.

At the qualifiers ponies will be asked to jump a minimum of 9 numbered fences including a double and a triple combination at a minimum height of 1m high and 1m wide, a minimum of three fences at the qualifiers should be built to a height of 110cm high and 110cm wide. Each fence will be marked out of 10 and then a mark out of 20 will be awarded for the way of going. The total is then divided by 2 and penalties are then deducted. A knock -10, 1st refusal -15, 2nd refusal -20, 3rd refusal Elimination. A fall of rider will incur elimination. This will complete phase One.

In phase 2, each pony will be asked to show, trot, canter and gallop. Unless otherwise requested, ponies will be required to show canter on both reins with a simple change of canter lead through trot. The pony will be stripped and judged for movement, conformation true to breed and type true to breed (i.e.: Connemara). The total marks for phase 2 will be 45 consisting of manners (10), performance (10), movement (10), breed conformation (10) and type (5).

At the final ponies will be asked to jump a course of a minimum of 12 numbered fences which will include a double and a treble up to a maximum height of 110cm and width of 110cm (minimum height being 1m and a width 1m). A joker fence will also be included, which will carry double marks but will be at maximum height (110cm) and will pose a certain level of difficulty over and above the other fences on the course. Weather permitting, the river may be used with an optional fence been provided. This will complete phase one.

HIGH PERFORMANCE IS EXPECTED

Rules for Qualifiers and Final

1. Open to Connemara ponies in possession of a CPBS passport, aged 5 yrs old and over. Passports and microchips will be checked prior to class.
2. Stallions must be ridden by a rider that has attained their 14th birthday before the 1st of January of the current year.
3. Bitless bridles and gags **not allowed**. Pelhams must have two reins leading from hands to the bit or a single with leather roundings, three ring snaffles must have two reins or a set of roundings
4. Only front boots allowed in phase 1. Boots **must** be removed for phase 2.
5. Spurs are **not** allowed.
6. Passports of qualifying ponies will be checked at the qualifier and must be presented at the final. Microchips will be checked at the final.
7. Running martingales only.
8. Children who have not attained their 16th birthday before the 1st of January 2024 **must** wear a body protector for phase 1. Body protectors may be removed for phase 2.
9. A rider may compete **no more than two ponies** at any one qualifier, but only one rider/pony combination may be chosen to compete at the final - *this choice must be declared at the relevant Qualifier*. (It is recommended that if you intend to compete at the High Performance Final that you attend as many Qualifiers as possible in preparation - ponies already qualified will compete in other qualifiers Hors Concours (HC).

CLASS

- 67 **REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, STALLION, MARE or GELDING, 5 years old or over suitable for and to be ridden by riders 10 years old and over on the 1st January in the current year. Riders of stallions must have attained their 14th birthday on the 1st January in the current year.**

CONNEMARA PONIES - WORKING HUNTER

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Thursday Horse Ring 1

Mrs Madeleine Beckman, Sweden (Judge)
Mrs Kay Gibb, Aberdeenshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £75, Non Member £80
Stabling is included in the entry fee on the evening before the class only.

Entries in Classes 68 and 69 will be limited to the first 18 received in each class.

Competitors may not share a pony and riders may only ride one pony per class.

Ponies may only be entered in either class 68 or 69.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be printed in the catalogue.

PHASES OF JUDGING

Judging will be carried out in two phases and final placing will be based on the sum of points gained in each phase.

Phase 1 Jumping, style and way of going.

Ponies will be required to jump a course of eight to ten fences, which have a natural appearance. The style of jumping and way of going will be marked by the judge, refusals etc will be penalised, as follows:

First Refusal, run out or disobedience - 15 penalty marks
Second Refusal, run out or disobedience - 20 penalty marks
Third Refusal, run out or disobedience - elimination
Jumping knock down -10 penalty marks
Fall of pony or rider -elimination

In the interests of safety, competitors may NOT remount.
Ponies which are eliminated will not go forward to Phase 2.

Phase 2: Riding manners, performance, conformation, movement, breed type.

Ponies, not eliminated, will be required to do a simple show following their jumping round. The Show must not last more than 2 minutes and should consist of trot, canter on both reins, extended canter, halt and salute to the Judge when finished. Ponies will be stripped for conformation judging. From this the judge will award marks for manners and performance, conformation and movement, and breed type. These marks will be added to those received from phase 1, to give an overall result. These results will be announced, and prizes will be awarded from 1st to 6th place.

The maximum points to be awarded will be :

<u>Phase 1</u> Jumping	40 marks
Style and way of going	10 marks
<u>Phase 2</u> manners and performance	20 marks
Conformation and movement	15 marks
Breed Type	15 marks
	Total 100 marks

Fence Height in classes 68 and 69 minimum 69cm, maximum 99cm, Max spread 84cm.

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No change of tack is allowed during the competition, except front boots which may be used for Phase 1 only. Hind leg boots, bandages, bitless bridles, standing martingales, gag snaffles, spurs and hackamores are not allowed.

COURSE BUILDER: Adrienne Stuart

CLASS

- 68 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 10th birthday but not their 16th birthday on 1st January of the current year.**
- 69 REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday on 1st January of the current year.**

Specials

- S54 NI CONNEMARA PONY ASSOCIATION PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the Champion Connemara Pony in classes 68 and 69. Presented by the NI Connemara Pony Association.**



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RIDDEN MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND

Thursday Ring 2

Mrs Jacqueline Beatham, Wiltshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £75, Non Member £80

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Entries will be limited to the first 15 received in each class. If insufficient entries received, the classes may be combined.

Any suitable bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part. The bit must never be used to reprimand the pony. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final. Ponies must not be plaited, and any trimming will be penalised.

Ponies must be registered with the respective breed society studbook to compete in Mountain and Moorland classes. Breed society numbers to be stated when entering Mountain and Moorland classes. No part-bred ponies are eligible. Connemara ponies are also excluded.

CLASS

- 70 Small breeds for registered Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & B ponies, - Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 138cms suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 7th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Riders in this class may not ride in classes 79 - 82.**
- 71 Large breeds for registered New Forest, Welsh C & D, Highland, Fells and Dales, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 148cms suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 12th birthday on 1st January in the current year.**

Specials

- S55 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Mountain and Moorland pony.



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WORKING HUNTER PONIES SPONSORED BY CARR & DAY & MARTIN



Saturday Horse Ring 1

Mrs Louise Gaunt, Buckinghamshire (Judge)
Mrs Jacqueline Beatham, Wiltshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £75, Non-Member £80
Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Entries will be limited to the first 15 received in classes 72 & 73.

Entries will be limited to the first 25 received in classes 74 - 76.

Ponies entered in the Working Hunter Pony classes may also be entered in the Show Hunter Pony Classes.

Competitors may not share a pony; and a rider may only ride one pony in a class.

The order of judging will be by draw and the draw will be printed in the catalogue.

Correctly secured, protective head gear that meets the current safety standards must be worn at all times whilst mounted.

The wearing of a body protector is recommended for the jumping phase.

Any suitable bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the pony. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.

No change of tack is allowed during the competition, except front boots which may be used for phase 1. Spurs, bandages, bitless bridles, standing martingales, gag snaffles and hackamores are not allowed. Whips not to exceed 75cms.

COURSE BUILDER: ADRIENNE STUART

FENCES HEIGHT:

Class 72 (Cradle stakes) not to exceed 60cms
Class 73 (Starter stakes) not to exceed 75cms
Class 74 (133cms) not to exceed 90cms
Class 75 (143cms) not to exceed 1m
Class 76 (153cms) not to exceed 1.05m

PHASES OF JUDGING

Judging will be carried out in two phases and final placing will be based on the sum of points gained in each phase.

Phase 1 Jumping, style and way of going

Ponies will be required to jump a course of eight to ten fences, which have a natural appearance. The style of jumping and way of going will be marked by the judge, refusals etc will be penalised, as follows:

First Refusal, run out or disobedience - 15 penalty marks
Second Refusal, run out or disobedience - 20 penalty marks
Third Refusal, run out or disobedience - elimination
Jumping knock down -10 penalty marks

Fall of pony or rider -elimination. In the interests of safety, competitors may NOT remount, and must be

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checked by a paramedic and certified fit to continue prior to any further exercise or competition. Ponies which are eliminated will not go forward to Phase 2.

Phase 2: Riding manners, performance, conformation, movement, type

Ponies, not eliminated, will be required to do a simple show following their jumping round. The show must not last more than 2 minutes and should consist of trot, canter on both reins, extended canter, halt, and salute the Judge when finished.

These marks will be added to those received from phase 1, to give an overall result.

The results will be announced, and prizes will be awarded from 1st to 6th place.

The maximum points to be awarded will be :

Phase 1 Jumping	50 marks
Style and way of going	10 marks
Phase 2 Manners and performance	20 marks
Conformation, movement and type	20 marks
	Total 100 marks

Class

72 WORKING HUNTER CRADLE STAKES [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th but not attained their 11th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Ponies in this class may not compete in classes 73 & 74.

73 WORKING HUNTER STARTER STAKES [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th but not attained their 12th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Ponies in this class may not compete in classes 72 & 74.

Special

S56 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 - for the Champion and Reserve Champion Starter Stakes pony in classes 72, 73 & 81. Presented by the Society.

S57 ULSTER PONY SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - for the Champion Mini Working Hunter Pony. Presented by the Ulster Pony Society.

Class

74 WORKING HUNTER [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Riders to have attained their 5th but not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies in this class may not compete in classes 72 & 73.

75 WORKING HUNTER [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

76 WORKING HUNTER [OPEN]; PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Specials

S58 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25 - for the Champion and Reserve Champion Working Hunter pony in classes 74 - 76. Presented by the Society.



MINI RIDDEN PONIES

Saturday Horse Ring 2

Mrs Joanne Pybus, Newcastle (Judge)

Mr Andrew Bowie, Perthshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £75, Non Member £80

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Any suitable snaffle bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the pony. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.

Entries will be limited to the first 20 received in each class.

Class

- 77 LEAD REIN- SHOW PONY or SHOW HUNTER type. PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 4th but not attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be led [on a loose rein] by persons aged 16 years and over and will be required to trot.**
- 78 LEAD REIN PONY of M&M type. PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 4th but not attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Ponies must be led [on a loose rein] by persons aged 16 years and over and will be required to trot. Ponies in this class are to be shown unplaited.**
- 79 FIRST RIDDEN- SHOW PONY or SHOW HUNTER type. PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th but not attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year. No cantering allowed except for individual performances.**
- 80 FIRST RIDDEN PONY of M&M type. PONY, MARE or GELDING 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms; suitable for, and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th but not attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. No cantering allowed except for individual performances. Ponies in this class are to be shown unplaited.**

Rosettes will be award to all competitors in classes 77 -80.

Special

- S59 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion in the Lead Rein and First Ridden Classes. 1st and 2nd prizewinners in classes 77 - 80 are eligible to compete.

Supreme Mini Ridden Championship

- S60 CHAMPION PRIZES, £100 and £75-** for the Champions and Reserve Champions from classes S56 & S59 are eligible to compete.

The Supreme mini championship winner will be eligible for the Champion of Champions which is held in the Main Arena on Saturday 18th May at 4.30pm

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Saturday Horse Ring 2

Mrs Joanne Pybus, Newcastle (Judge)

Mr Andrew Bowie, Perthshire (Judge)

Entry Fees: RUAS Member £75, Non Member £80

Stabling is included in the entry fee for the evening before the class only.

Any suitable bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the pony. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.

Ponies entered in the Show Hunter Pony classes may also be entered in the Working Hunter Pony classes.

Entries will be limited to the first 20 received in each class.

All ponies entered in these classes, will be stripped for conformation judging.

CLASS

- 81 OPEN SHOW HUNTER STARTER STAKES, PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cm. Riders to have attained their 5th but not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Riders in this class may not compete in any other Show Hunter Pony class at the show. 1st & 2nd placed ponies are eligible for S56.**
- 82 OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cm. Riders to have attained their 5th but not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.**
- 83 OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cm. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.**
- 84 OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cm. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.**

Specials

- S61 CHAMPION PRIZES, £50 and £25-** for the Champion and Reserve Champion Show Hunter Pony. 1st and 2nd prizewinners in classes 81 - 84 are eligible to compete.
- S62 THE CALWELL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the Champion Show Hunter Pony. Presented by Brigadier J Y Calwell, CBE CVO.

Class

- 85 OPEN SHOW PONY: MARE or GELDING, 4 years old and over, exceeding 123cms but not exceeding 148cms. Ridden by riders of the correct age for the height of their pony.**

Special

- S63 THE E PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP-** for the winner of class 85.
- S64 COMMENDATION -** At the judge's discretion, a commendation and £25 may be awarded from the John Kirkpatrick legacy to an exhibitor in classes 81 - 84, who has demonstrated a noteworthy degree of empathy with his/her mount.

GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS AND THEIR STOCK ATTENDANTS

ENTRIES

Exhibitors are requested not to make entries unless they are prepared to comply strictly with these regulations.

DATA PROTECTION

Please see www.balmoralshow.co.uk/privacy-policy for the most up to date privacy policy at any time or apply in writing to the Data Collection Manager at the RUAS office.

1. Entries can be made online at www.balmoralshow.co.uk.
2. No entry will be accepted unless it has been received on or before the closing date.
3. To be entitled to make entries at members rates, the exhibitor must have paid their subscription in full for the current year before their entry can be processed.
4. Entry forms must be completed online. Society staff are not permitted to complete entries for an intended exhibitor.
5. All particulars required must be fully stated, otherwise the exhibit is liable to be disqualified and excluded from the Show. The exhibit must be as described on the online entry.
6. The exhibitor must ensure that the exhibit is correctly named. Any exhibit entered in the wrong class will be excluded from competition and entry fee forfeit. No alteration whatsoever can be made in an entry after the closing date.
7. In the case of an animal, the name of which has been changed, the exhibitor is required to insert both the present name and the former name on the online entry.
8. All exhibits must be bona fide the property of the exhibitor at the time of entry.
9. Animals may be entered in all the classes for which they are eligible, and an exhibitor may show any number of exhibits in the same class, unless class restrictions state otherwise.
10. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that the animal or exhibitor is eligible for the class entered as no refunds will be made under any circumstance.
11. The Council reserves the right to reject any entry without assigning any reason. In the event of the Council being unable to accept any entry, notice will be given not later than six days after the final closing of the entries, and the entry fees lodged will be refunded, or in the case of there being insufficient entries in a class, the Council will withdraw the class from competition and return the entry fees.
12. Each exhibitor or agent must be prepared to verify every statement contained on the online entry in any manner the Council may require.
13. Where, in the opinion of the Council, there are either insufficient or too many entries in any one class, the Council may, without reference to the exhibitor or agent, amalgamate or divide such class. Amalgamation may be with any other similar or relevant class, with or without an increase of prize money, but where a class is divided similar prize money will be paid in each division.

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14. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS**EQUINE ARRIVALS**

Exhibitors cannot arrive outside the hours stated below as they will be refused entry.

Upon arrival equines will be subject to inspection by the RUAS veterinary team. Passports with up-to-date vaccinations and height certificates (where applicable) must be available for inspection.

Any animal without a passport or up-to-date vaccinations will be refused entry.

Tuesday 14 May

9am - 9pm.

Wednesday 15 May – Friday 17 May

6am – 8am & 6pm – 9pm

Saturday 18 May

6am – 8am

Provided exhibitors are not required to participate in any of the parades they may leave once their class has finished, however if an animal leaves the show grounds they will not be admitted again unless they are presented at the vetting area within the allocated times.

EXHIBITORS/ASSISTANTS ADMISSION PASSES

15. Equine exhibitors are entitled to two admission wristbands per horse/pony entered (or a pair of horses/ponies as per class specification) up to a maximum of 10 wrist bands (an additional wristband will be given for foal classes).

Please note that lost wrist bands will not be replaced and will need to be repurchased.

Any person found making unlawful resale copies (or attempt to sell the wristbands) or ticket will be subject to grounds for seizure or cancellation of that ticket without refund or other compensation.

All wristbands must be worn on the wrist and correctly fastened at all times during the event. Wristbands not worn as directed will be retained at the entrance gates. Tampering will invalidate the wristband. Stretching, tearing, taping or cutting the wristband is not permitted. If wristband tampering is evident, the wristband will be voided, and the wearer will be refused entry.

DELIVERY AND REMOVAL OF LIVESTOCK PASSES

16. The Society shall not be responsible in any way for the delivery of any exhibit at the Show, nor for the removal of any exhibit at the close of the Show. A stock travelling pass must be presented for admission and no animal will be received or removed without the production of such pass.

ADJUDICATION

17. No person shall in any way communicate with a judge engaged in adjudication without the sanction of the steward in attendance. Any exhibitor who enters the space in which adjudication is proceeding may be disqualified from receiving a prize. Judges will equally be requested not to converse with spectators or to apply for any further information respecting exhibits under their adjudication or examination, except in regard to age or lameness in the case of horses.
18. If the judge considers that any exhibit does not come within the class specification, they are requested to report the case to the stewards of the class.
19. The judge shall not award a prize for the best exhibit in any class unless there are at least two exhibits. The judge may recommend a prize to be awarded for any exhibit of distinguished merit, although there shall be no competition in the class.

20. The decision of the judge shall in all cases be final, except where misrepresentation or breach of the rules is discovered.
21. The judge is instructed to withhold a prize when sufficient merit does not appear.
22. The judging of any class should not be deemed to be complete until all exhibits have been dismissed by the judge.

JUDGES

23. Should any judge be unable to fulfill his engagement the Council reserves the right to appoint another in his place, or additional judges if required, and to make any alterations necessary to the success of the Show.
24. Should a judge encounter an animal or animals which he has bred, owned, or in which he has had an interest, a request may be made to the chief steward of that section to appoint another suitable person to place such animals. If a chief steward is aware or made aware of such a situation, he should notify the judge.

OBJECTIONS

25. Objections to awards requiring reference to the judges must be lodged at the office of the Society on the day such award is made. Any other objection must be made within seven days after the last day of the Show, and will be considered at the next meeting of the Council. No objection will be considered by the Council unless accompanied by a fee of £50, which will be refunded if the objection is sustained.
26. The Council reserves the right of determining all disputed cases, etc., and the decision of the Council shall be final in all respects.

PAYMENT OF PRIZES

27. Cheques for prizes awarded (except where further qualification of an animal is required) will be forwarded by post to the exhibitor to whom they have been awarded within 90 days after the Show.

CUPS AND TROPHIES

28. All cups and trophies in the possession of the Society are available to be claimed by winners but cannot be collected until after the Council meeting succeeding the Show subject to satisfactory security. All such cups and trophies must be returned to the Society's offices at Balmoral Park at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the next Show, in as good a condition as that in which they were received.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

29. Exhibitors are to understand that, although every reasonable precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of the animal, and the security of the implements or other items exhibited, the Society will not be responsible for loss or damage of any kind which may occur.
30. Any exhibitor attempting to show stock whilst intoxicated will be prohibited from the judging ring. Stewards reserve the right to remove any animal from the ring. Drinking alcohol is strictly prohibited in all livestock areas while the Show is open to the public.
31. Fractious animals will be prohibited from the judging ring and/or parades.
32. Smoking is prohibited in all livestock areas.
33. Livestock exhibitors are reminded that the Show environment can be upsetting for livestock, even those of normally placid temperament. Livestock with unstable or aggressive temperament should not be brought to the Showground.

34. All electrical equipment being used on the Showground must have a current PAT Test Certificate. All electrical equipment will be checked on arrival and if no PAT Test Certificate is presented the appliance will be tested. Equipment which fails the PAT test will be marked accordingly and must be removed from the premises

INSURANCE

35. It is a condition of entry that exhibitors are required to provide their own insurance against fire, theft and other appropriate risk not only with regards to their own property but also against any third-party claims.

Every exhibitor must have Public Liability Insurance (we recommend a minimum of £5 million cover however independent advice should be sought from your Insurance Broker). Exhibitors must also have Employer Liability Insurance.

Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal or item exhibited by him whether or not due to the negligence of the Society or any of its servants, agents, sub-contractors or other entrants, exhibitors or invitees and for its description as given in the catalogue.

In no case will the Society be responsible for the safe delivery or dispatch of

Exhibitors shall indemnify the Society against all legal or other proceeding in regard thereto.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

36. The Society being a charitable institution which organises the Show in order to promote agriculture and its ancillary industries within Northern Ireland requires all entrants and exhibitors as a fundamental condition of entry to undertake and accept that the Society whether or not due to its own negligence or that of its servants, agents, sub-contractors or other entrants, exhibitors or invitees or otherwise shall not be liable in any way for any claim for compensation or otherwise which may arise out of or be connected with the Show including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the holding, abandonment or alteration of the date of the Show, omission of any entry, the rejection or removal of any animal or other exhibit, the removal or exclusion of any owner, groom, rider or attendant from the Show, or the appointment, decision, act or omission of any judge, officer, official, employee or other person connected with the Show, nor shall the Society nor any of its judges, officers, officials, employees or other persons be in any way responsible or accountable for anything that may happen (from any cause or circumstance whatever) to the exhibitors or their attendants, or to any exhibit or property brought into the Showground, or for anything else in connection with, or arising out of, or attributable to the Society's Show.

The most careful arrangements are made for the proper accommodation of all exhibits, but any loss or damage sustained, whether arising from accident, fire, wrong delivery, or from any other cause must be borne by the exhibitors, the exhibits being penned and exhibited at the exhibitors' own risk.

CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR ATTENDANTS

37. Owners of stock should note that any act of disobedience or discourtesy to the officials of the Show on the part of the owner, stockman/groom, rider/exhibitor or attendant will eliminate the owner's exhibit or exhibits from adjudication and the Council reserves the right to remove such from the Show.
38. If an attendant infringes the rules, he/she shall be removed immediately from the charge of the exhibit, and an attendant substituted by the stewards, at a cost of £20 per hour to the exhibitor.

VETERINARY REGULATIONS & TREATMENT

39. Diseased Animals. Exhibitors should not bring any diseased animal into the Show premises, and if under any circumstances this regulation be violated, the exhibitor of the diseased animal will be solely responsible for any claims that may arise for damage or loss to other exhibitors or any other persons, and the Council holds itself free from liability in such cases. Should any animal manifest symptoms of

disease during the Show, it must be removed immediately from the premises, on an order to that effect by a senior member of the staff or by a veterinary surgeon appointed by the Society.

40. Ringworm - Exhibitors are advised that animals suffering from ringworm or mange must not be brought to the Society's Showground. Following an inspection by a veterinary surgeon, appointed by the Society, any animals so affected will require to be removed from the premises immediately.
41. Veterinary Treatment. The Society appoints a panel of veterinary surgeons to be on duty during the hours of the Show. Their role is to deal with requests from judges, stewards and other Society officials and to attend to emergencies that may arise. It is a condition of entry that these veterinary surgeons may on their own authority give to any animal such emergency treatment as they may consider appropriate in the event that the owner or his representative cannot immediately be found. Exhibitors will be required to pay any such veterinary surgeon for the full cost of treatment administered whether in an emergency as above or if such treatment is requested by the exhibitor. If an animal is under medication the exhibitor must declare this to the Society in advance of the Show.
42. Blood Sampling. The Society condemns the use of prohibited or unlicensed drugs in livestock or bloodstock production and reserves the right to take whatever samples it considers necessary for analysis. Should, subsequently, trace of any prohibited or unlicensed drug be found, penalties will be applied in line with regulation 44 contained in the regulations and instructions to exhibitors. Furthermore, since such positive findings may be in contravention of the Food Safety (NI) Order, 1991 and its subordinate legislation the results will be reported to the Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs.

PLACARDS OR ADVERTISING MATERIAL

43. Placards or advertising material will be permitted to be placed over animal stalls, or pens but only in reference to animals exhibited and herd represented, and awards achieved at Balmoral Show in 2023. It is not permitted to display rosettes/awards won at previous Shows.

PENALTIES

44. In case it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Council that the owner of an animal exhibited, or any person in his employment, or under his control, has been guilty of any violation of the regulations and instructions, has made a false statement in the certificate of entry, or substituted another animal for that described on the entry form; has placed an animal in a stable or stall, by day or night, other than that to which he is entitled, or has been guilty of any practice calculated to deceive or mislead, or to secure an unfair advantage (including the use of prohibited or unlicensed drugs), such exhibitor shall forfeit all prizes, cups, etc., awarded to him at the Show, together with all fees paid by him, and his animal or animals shall be liable to be removed forthwith from the Showgrounds, and such owner shall be liable to be prevented from competing at this or any further Show of the Society.

The Society reserves to itself the power to reject or remove any animal or other exhibit from the Show

POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION

45. The Society reserves the right to postpone or abandon the Show but will not be responsible for loss incurred by any intending Exhibitor resulting from such postponement of abandonment

Cancellation of the Show – If the Show is cancelled by the Society as a result of any circumstances outside of the Society's control, the Society will refund in full all entry fees, stalling or stabling fees, caravan site bookings, parking ticket costs and any pre-bought extra tickets. Exhibitors should note that there will be no refund of any Society Membership fees.

Cancellation of any Section - If any section(s) of the Show is or are cancelled by the Society as a result of any circumstances whether within or out of the Society's reasonable control, the Society will (a) in respect of the cancellation section(s) refund the entry fees and stalling or stabling fees, and (b) unless the exhibitor has also entered for a section which is not cancelled, refund any caravan site bookings, parking ticket costs and pre-bought extra tickets. Exhibitors should note that there will be no refund of any Society Membership Fees.

STEWARDS

- 46. No one shall act as steward in a ring while a class in which he/she is an exhibitor under adjudication.
- 47. The Council delegates full power to the stewards to enforce all the regulations.

DOGS

- 48. No dogs are permitted in the Showground.



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REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO EQUINE EXHIBITORS

See also regulations and instructions to exhibitors (general)

Procedures for movement of equine animals are listed in the Show Guidance for exhibitors. A copy can be downloaded from the DAERA website.

E1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Equines may only be entered in one section, either horse or pony.

All horses entered must be the bona fide property of the person in whose name the entry is made.

The ages of all horses competing to be calculated from 1st January. Yearlings must provide date of birth on entry form.

Passport numbers must be supplied with the entry, otherwise entry will be null and void.

Passports must accompany all horses and be available for inspection. Horses without passports will not be permitted into the showgrounds.

E2. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

In order to establish that riders of horses and ponies are of the correct age for the class entered, it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the passport or birth certificate of the rider is available for inspection by the stewards if requested. Riders to be correct age for the height of the pony.

Ponies are only allowed to be ridden on the Show Grounds by riders of the appropriate age, in accordance with the class specification for which it is entered.

E3. NUMBERS

Back numbers, corresponding with the catalogue number of the animal will be provided, and must be worn by the grooms or riders, at all times, or in the case of harness horses, on the back of the carriages. Bridle numbers are also provided, and these must be worn when the exhibits are out of the stables. If these numbers are not clearly displayed, you will not be allowed to enter the warm up area.

E4. DRESS

Each rider and groom must be correctly dressed, and protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards should be worn at all times whilst mounted.

All exhibitors are encouraged to wear recommended protective headgear to BSI standard with chin strap but in the working hunter horse classes and in the ridden and working hunter children's pony classes, exhibitors must wear a riding hat complying with the current safety standards at all times whilst mounted. All exhibitors under 14 years in the Private Driving and Light Trade section should wear protective headgear complying with the current safety standards.

All riders should be correctly dressed when walking the course (no denims should be worn).

No earrings, piercings, or visible jewellery should be worn.

E5: HEALTH DECLARATION & VACCINATIONS

Each animal will be examined on arrival at the Showgrounds, by a veterinary surgeon appointed by the Society, before being permitted to occupy its loose box or at any other time during the Show.

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

Compulsory Vaccination against Equine Influenza – All equine animals wishing to compete at Balmoral Show must be vaccinated against equine influenza – no equine will be admitted to the show ground unless they have the following;

If there is a current outbreak of Equine Influenza in Ireland, G.B. USA and other European countries – please ensure that all Persons Responsible (Owners/Athletes) keep up to date with FEI, HSI and SJJ requirements regarding vaccinations, and biosecurity best hygiene practices, as they may have to be amended should further outbreaks continue. Updates will be found on the appropriate websites. All passports must be up to date, or entry to the Showgrounds will not be allowed.

Control: The influenza virus is easily destroyed outside the body. Cleanliness is required to control it. The greatest risk spread appears to be by nasal discharge and by attendant's hands. Horses may harbor the virus for approx. nine to ten days after coughing ceases. The virus will survive in wet, humid conditions in horse boxes, stables etc but in dry or warm dry conditions it soon dies.

E6: RANDOM DOPE TESTING

The Society will carry out random dope tests at this year's Balmoral Show.

- a. The selection of animals for testing is to be decided by the chairman of horse committee and the referee judge and they will decide, in advance of the Show, the classes and placing to be tested.
- b. Tests will be carried out by the Society's appointed veterinary surgeon and a steward will accompany the veterinary surgeon when tests are being taken.

Should the sample taken prove positive, on analysis, for a prohibited substance, the exhibit will be disqualified.

E7: GROOMS

If any groom is absent from his horse at the time of judging, the horse will be liable to be excluded from competition. Grooms in charge of horses remaining in the Showground overnight must be in attendance at 7am each morning to clean out the stables.

E8: STABLING

Stabling is only available on the evening before your class. Stables (3m x 3m) will be provided for all equine classes with the exception of Clydesdale in hand, Ridden Clydesdales, Hackneys, Private Driving, Farm Cart/Agricultural horses, Trade Turnouts Light and Heavy, Donkeys and Clifden High Performance Qualifier Class. If a stable is required for an exhibit in the sections listed, it must be booked with their entry at a cost of £30. If you require additional stabling for extra nights in any other classes, please book these with your entry at a cost of £30 per additional night. Stables will include some shavings kindly provided by Bluefrog. A limited supply of shavings will be available to purchase from the stable manager. Equestrian Farms feeds can deliver additional bedding if ordered in advance. It is advisable to use rubber mats in stables due to ground conditions.

No horse may be stabled in a stable other than that allocated to it by Society officials.

Any Horse in isolation will not be allowed out of the isolation box, except by order of one of the stewards or a senior member of staff.

E9: EXERCISING

Ridden horses and led horses will be allowed to exercise in the warmup areas. Exercising in the judging rings or main arena is strictly prohibited.

All arenas and the lunging pen will be closed between 10.30pm & 5am (Tuesday – Saturday). All equines must be stabled during these times except in the case of an emergency. Any exhibitor seen violating this rule will have all entries cancelled and/or any prizes/placings already gained made null and void. (Also see rule 44 on page 66)

Lunging in the Horse Rings practice arena is only permitted on: Tuesday 14th May from 9am – 10.30pm and Wednesday 15th May from 5.am – 12noon. Those wishing to lunge outside of these times must use the lunge pen.

The exercising or examination of horses on the paths or roadways is strictly forbidden.

E10: PARADES

A parade of prizewinning young stock horses will take place in Arena 2 on Wednesday 15 May at the time stated in the programme, and in addition to the champion and reserve champion first, second and third prizewinners in each class will be required to participate.

A parade of prizewinning horses will take place in the Main Arena on Thursday 16 May at the time stated in the programme. Horses required to parade are; Champions, Reserve Champions and 1st – 3rd prize winners in these classes; Ridden Hunter, Coloured horses, Ladies Hunters Astride, Ladies Side Saddle - Balmoral Classic Competition, Riding Horses, Ridden Irish Draught, Performance Irish Draught and Ridden Connemara Ponies.

A parade of prizewinning Heavy horses will take place on Friday 17 May in Arena 2 at the time stated in the programme with the champion, reserve champion and first three placed exhibits in each class required to participate. Exhibitors will be advised of the collection arrangements for parades at the time of the presentation of class prizes.

If an animal is absent from a parade without good reason, the exhibitor is liable to forfeit the prize or prizes won by the animal.

E11: MEASUREMENTS AND DECLARATIONS OF HORSES

Horses and ponies entered in classes with a height restriction must be in possession of a current height or final measurement certificate appropriate to their class. This certificate should be issued by a society or scheme approved by the FEI or issued by a National Federation affiliated to the FEI or a certificate issued by a society or scheme approved by such National Federation, and must be presented with their passport at arrivals.

E12: TACK

Exhibitors of ridden ponies are permitted to use double bridles. For other specific tack information please see the appropriate class rules.

E13: SHOING

For horses and ponies that are shod, only normal shoes that do not cover the frog are permissible. Normal shaped open heeled plastic stick-on shoes are permissible. No bar shoes, pads or gel pads are allowed.

E14: FALL OF RIDER

In the case of a fall of a rider at any time in the competition or practice arenas, the rider must be checked by the paramedic service, prior to any further participation in competition or schooling.

E15: UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Forms of cruel, inhumane, or abusive treatment of horses or ponies, including, but not limited to, the various forms of rapping, are strictly forbidden in all areas of the Showgrounds.

E16: REFUNDS

50% of entry fees will be refunded for all horse and pony classes who pay a stabling fee if cancelled before Thursday 28 March 2024.

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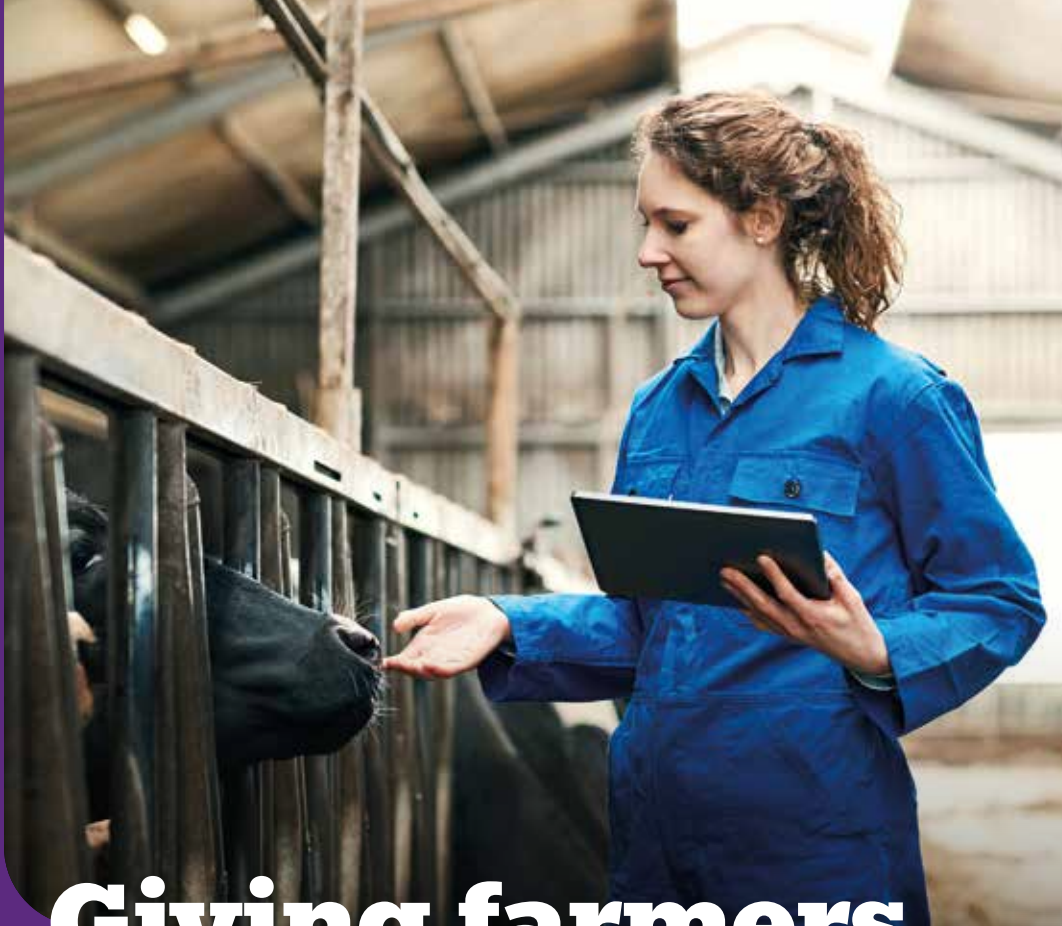


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