

# 101<sup>st</sup> Connemara Pony Show – Clifden



18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2026

# SHOW SCHEDULE

## SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

### ENTRIES

1. Exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, registered in the exhibitor's name and in possession of a lifetime document/passport.
2. Particulars of breeding for all ponies, UELN number and full registered name of the pony must be given in the entry form, along with sire and dam names and the classification of the pony. Failure to do so, or the giving of incorrect or incomplete particulars, may entail disqualification.
3. Connemara Pony Show- Clifden CLG will not accept liability for any omission from, or in error, the particulars given in the show catalogue. Entries are accepted strictly on this understanding. Exhibitors are responsible for the accuracy of the particulars supplied in their entry form. Where an exhibitor/competitor knowingly gives incorrect particulars, the show organisers may disqualify any or all of their entries and also refuse to accept an entry from them in the future.
4. Please send all paper entry forms to this address with the full entry fee enclosed:  
Show Secretary,  
Connemara Chamber of Commerce Office,  
Platform 6, Galway Road, Clifden,  
Connemara, Co. Galway,  
H71 VH51.

### ON THE DAY

5. Exhibitors are responsible for having exhibits shown in a proper manner, correctly haltered and numbered according to the catalogue. Foals must be haltered and shown at foot with mare in appropriate mare classes. Any exhibitors or exhibits that pose a safety concern/risk will be asked to leave the show ring.
6. Two passes will be issued to each owner for his/her first pony entered per day. One additional pass will be issued for each additional animal entered under that owner for that day. Passes must be presented at the gate or pay full admission fee. Handlers, grooms and exhibitors must wear a wristband at all times.
7. Exhibitors and competitors are requested to wear their numbers on their back when leading/riding ponies in the ring on the show day. No exhibitors/competitors will be allowed into the ring unless they are wearing the correct number.
8. Exhibitors/competitors are asked to adhere to a neat dress code. Smoking and the use of mobile phones in the show rings is prohibited. Smoking is prohibited in the warm up area and stabling areas.
9. A correctly fitting riding helmet should be worn by riding competitors and must comply with one of the following standards: PAS015, VG1, (BS)EN 1383 2017, ASTM F11163 04a onwards, SNELL 2001 OR SNELL E2016 AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. BSEN 1384 must be over stamped with one of these above. Helmets/Hats must be worn by riders at all times when mounted.
- 10. Class start times are approximate and a guideline only. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors/competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring before the class is scheduled to start.**
11. Judges may withhold a prize in any class in which, in their opinion, there is not sufficient merit.
12. Owners of animals are advised to arrange their own public liability insurance cover. This should cover the exhibiting of the animals at public shows. All exhibitors and competitors enter and show their ponies entirely at their own risk. Parents and guardians of under 18 and all other riders are responsible for the correct fitting and adjustment of all tack, equipment and clothing.
13. In the interest of safety ALL PONIES, INCLUDING FOALS, must be securely haltered and led within the showgrounds and must be wearing a number. Stewards are instructed to refuse admission to any animal that is not haltered and led within the show grounds and not wearing a number. Any injury to pony is the sole responsibility of the owner/agent.
14. The decision of the judge(s) is final and must be accepted by exhibitor(s). Abusive behaviour towards Judges and Stewards will not be tolerated.
15. No exhibitor or competitor shall leave the show ring until authorised and then must leave in the manner directed by the stewards.
16. The Connemara Pony Show – Clifden CLG has the right to take a drug test on any exhibit on the showgrounds at any time. Should it be proved to the satisfaction of the Connemara Pony Show – Clifden CLG that any drug has been administered to an exhibit for the purpose of affecting its conduct/appearance in the show ring, the exhibit may be disqualified, and the exhibitor penalised as the Connemara Pony Show – Clifden CLG shall direct.
17. Ponies competing in HSI-affiliated classes are subject to Horse Sport Ireland Equine Anti-Doping and Equine Controlled Medication Rules and may be selected for drug testing. Classes Sponsored by HSI include – Loose Jumping, Junior Champion, In hand Stallion Classes, Broodmare Champion, Supreme Champion and Irish Green Hunter Final.
18. Where a conflict of interest is identified the Judge's Code of Conduct will be applied.
19. Application for registration/DNA blood typing is a prerequisite for foals in any class.
20. All other ponies, except for entries in classes 1, 2, 3, 16, 18, 19, loose jumping, Ridden and working hunter classes must be entered into the class 1 of the CPBS Studbook.

21. All ponies entered in classes other than those specifically exempted, including Class 14 (Three-Year-Old and Over Gelding), must be registered with Class 1 status.
22. The height recorded in the pony's CBPS valid passport shall be accepted by The Connemara Pony Show – Clifden CLG as the pony's official height. Notwithstanding this, the Show reserves the right to request that a pony be measured by a veterinary surgeon on the day of the competition where there is reasonable doubt regarding the pony's eligibility for a height-restricted class.
23. All prize money detailed in this schedule is provisional and represents the proposed prize fund. The organisers reserve the right to amend prize money amounts should circumstances require
24. **Entries are €40 per pony per class unless otherwise stated; entries close on 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2026. €20 entry fee for classes; 16. Mini Young Handlers, 31. Lead Rein and 34. Family Working Hunter. €50 entry for Class 42 (Puissance Competition).**
25. Please ensure you have read the schedule and rules relating to the class(es) you wish to enter before submitting your entries. Entries must be accompanied by full payment.
26. Competitors must accept that judges' marks and results awarded to their ponies may be displayed or otherwise made available to other competitors, officials and spectators during the show.
27. **LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**
28. **ENTRIES FOR IN-HAND CLASSES MAY BE MADE ONLINE OR BY PAPER ENTRY. RIDDEN, WORKING HUNTER AND PERFORMANCE CLASSES MUST BE ENTERED ONLINE. STRICTLY NO TELEPHONE OR EMAIL ENTRIES.**
29. **AMENDMENTS TO ENTRIES ALREADY SUBMITTED WILL INCORPORATE AN ADDITIONAL €10.**
30. **Complaints or appeals regarding class results at the Connemara Pony Show must be submitted to [connemaraponyshowclifden@gmail.com](mailto:connemaraponyshowclifden@gmail.com) within 2 hours of the result announcement, accompanied by a €100 deposit, and will be reviewed by appointed officials who may request supporting evidence or statutory declarations.**

Any questions or queries can be sent by email to: [kathryn@connemaraponyshow.ie](mailto:kathryn@connemaraponyshow.ie)

## **Online Entries Only for Ridden and Performance Classes**

# 101<sup>st</sup> Connemara Pony Show – Clifden

**THE SHOWGROUNDS, CLIFDEN, Co. GALWAY**

## **Safety at the Show**

- We all want to have a successful, enjoyable, but most importantly a safe and accident-free one.
- To ensure this happens, the co-operation of all is vital including exhibitors, spectators and organisers.

Please follow the Guidelines below in relation to safety;

- Please observe the signs – especially those relating to caution in rings and surrounding areas.
- We ask you to co-operate with our safety officers and stewards, each will be wearing a high visibility vest or badge.
- Please do not exhibit ponies that are hard to control or acting in a dangerous manner.
- All ponies must be led by a competent adult, except in classes stated.
- Ponies must not be tied to trailers.
- Dogs must be kept on a strong lead at all times.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable time at our show!

## **Other Scheduled Events during the Show Week 2026**

- Domestic Arts
- Dog Show
- Irish dancing Competition
- More to be announced.

## TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST | LOOSE JUMPING COMPETITION

SHOWGROUNDS ARENA | 2pm

**Class Lj1:** All-Ireland Connemara Pony Three-year-old Loose Jumping Final 2026

## WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST | IN-HAND CLASSES

RING ONE | Approximately 8.30am

Class 1: *Yearling Colt*

Class 2: *Yearling Filly*

Class 3: *Two-Year-Old Colt*

Class 4: *Two-Year-Old Filly*

Class 5: *Three-Year-Old Filly*

Class 6: *Three-Year Old Colt*

Class 7: ***Junior Championship***

Class 8: *Four-To-Six-Year-Old Stallion*

Class 9: *Seven-Year-Old and over Stallion*

Class 10: *Four and Five-Year-old Mare – with or without foal* (Highest Place two mares with foal eligible for Broodmare Championship- Class 13)

Class 11: *Six to Nine-year-old Mare – with foal at foot* (Highest Place two mares with foal eligible for Broodmare Championship- Class 13)

Class 12: *Ten to Fifteen-year-old mare – with foal at foot* (Highest Place two mares with foal eligible for Broodmare Championship- Class 13)

Class 13: ***Supreme Champion & Broodmare Championship of The Show***

RING TWO | Approximately 9am

Class 14: *Three-Year-Old and Over Gelding (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 15: *Young Handlers (10-15yrs old , at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 16: *Mini Young Handlers (Handlers aged from 3-9yrs, at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 17: *138cm and under mare with or without foal* (Highest Place two mares with foal {from top 4} eligible for Broodmare Championship Class 13)

Class 18: *Colt Foal*

Class 19: *Filly foal*

Class 20: ***Champion Foal***

Class 21: *Six-to-Nine-Year-old Mare without foal at foot*

Class 22: *Ten-to-fifteen-Year-old Mare without foal at foot*

Class 23: *Sixteen-Year-Old and Over Mare with or without foal* (Highest Place two mares with foal {from top 4} eligible for Broodmare Championship- Class 13)

## THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST | RIDDEN AND WORKING HUNTER CLASSES

Please note Running order of classes Below

### RING ONE AND RING TWO | Approximately 7:30am

Please note Classes 24-28, 30 and 31 are for Mares and Geldings Only.

#### RING ONE | Approximately 7.30am

Class 24: *Four-and-five-year-old Ridden Pony – Rider 10 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026)*

Class 25: *Six-to-eight-year-old Ridden Pony – Rider 10 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 28: *Four-year-old and over Ridden Pony – Rider 21 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 29: *Stallion four years and over – Rider 14 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 32: *Ladies side saddle Registered Connemara Pony – Rider 14 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 33: **Champion Ridden Pony (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from classes 24-30 and 32 are eligible)**

Class 34: *Family working hunter - Mares and Geldings Four years and over – rider under 16 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026). Please Note: Qualified combinations for the Irish Green Hunter and rider/pony combinations for high performance final are not eligible for Family Working Hunter class.*

Class 35: **Irish Connemara Green Hunter Final – Stallions/Geldings/Mares- Four-year Olds Only**  
*Qualified combinations for the Irish Green Hunter are not eligible for Family Working Hunter class.*

#### RING TWO | Approximately 7.30am

Class 31: *Lead Rein Registered Connemara Pony – Rider between 3 and 10 years old (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 30: *Four-year-old and over Ridden Pony – Rider under 14 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 26: *Four-year-old and over Ridden Pony – Rider 10 to 16 years old (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 27: *Four-year-old and over Ridden Pony – Rider over 16 and under 21 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

## FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OF AUGUST | WORKING HUNTER CLASSES AND PUISSANCE

### RING ONE AND RING TWO | 8am Sharp

Class 36: *Four-to-Six-year-old Working Hunter – Rider any age (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 37: *Four-year-old and over Working Hunter Pony – Rider Under 16 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 38: *Four-year-old and over Working Hunter Pony – Rider 16 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)- Open to Mares, Stallions and Geldings.*

Class 39: **Champion Working Hunter Pony - Open to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners in classes 36 to 38.**

Class 40: **New for 2026** - Young Rider Derby – Riders aged 16 to 25 years (at 1st January 2026).

Open to mares, stallions and geldings.

Class 41: **Clifden High Performance Final** – Please Note: Rider/Pony Combinations for high performance final are not eligible for Family Working Hunter Class.

Class 42: *Puissance Competition*

**CONNEMARA PONY  
PERFORMANCE  
CLASS:  
LOOSE JUMPING FINAL**



**TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST**

**| LOOSE JUMPING FINAL |**  
**| ALL IRELAND CONNEMARA PONY THREE-YEAR-OLD |**  
**| 18<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST 2026 |**

**Prize money at Final: 1<sup>st</sup> €1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> €500, 3<sup>rd</sup> €400, 4<sup>th</sup> €300, 5<sup>th</sup> €200, 6<sup>th</sup> €100.**

**Breeders Prize: 1<sup>st</sup> €400, 2<sup>nd</sup> €200, 3<sup>rd</sup> €160, 4<sup>th</sup> €120, 5<sup>th</sup> €80, 6<sup>th</sup> €40**

**Highest Placed Fillies: 1<sup>st</sup> €400, 2<sup>nd</sup> €200, 3<sup>rd</sup> €160, 4<sup>th</sup> €120, 5<sup>th</sup> €80, 6<sup>th</sup> €40**

**Trophy will be presented to the Highest Place 138cm Pony.**

**ENTRY FEE TO FINAL: €40**

**| LOOSE JUMPING QUALIFIERS |**

1ST JULY 2026 | DUFFYS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Entries can be made on the Connemara Pony Show-Clifden Its Plain Sailing page up until Monday 29th June. Entries will open at the beginning of June.

Enquiries can be made to Show Secretary Kathryn O'Connor: [kathryn@connemaraponyshow.ie](mailto:kathryn@connemaraponyshow.ie)  
Entry fee €25

26TH JULY 2026 | MIDLANDS CONNEMARA PONY SHOW

Entries can be made on the Midlands Connemara Pony Show Its Plain Sailing page.

Enquiries can be made to Show Secretary Irene O'Sullivan: [osullivanirene@gmail.com](mailto:osullivanirene@gmail.com)  
Entry fee €25

**NEW SPECIAL SALE FOR 3-Year-Old Connemara Ponies**

This September the Connemara Pony Sales will run a new Special Sale for 3 Year Old Connemara Ponies.

As part of this new initiative the top 10 ponies from each Loose Jumping qualifier will be invited to participate in the New Special Sale taking place on Saturday 19th September 2026 in conjunction with the September Sale.

For all information on this New Special Sale visit the Connemara Pony Sales Facebook page

For questions or queries, please contact:

[info@connemaraponysales.com](mailto:info@connemaraponysales.com) or Aidan Lee on +353 87 284 2814

## **| LOOSE JUMPING COMPETITION RULES |**

- 1.** This Championship Class is open exclusively to three-year-old registered Connemara ponies that have qualified at previous shows, with the aim of identifying performance potential at a young age.
- 2.** The pony must be in possession of a CPBS passport in the current owner's name.
- 3.** Ponies must be fit and adequately trained to participate, jumping ability is expected.
- 4.** No boots or bandages permitted. No plaiting of mane or tails. Ponies should wear a simple snaffle bridle.
- 5.** Fences will not exceed 1.10m x 1.10m.
- 6.** Accommodations will be made for ponies 138cm and under. Reduced distances and fence dimensions will be used for these ponies.
- 7.** Exhibitors will lead their pony into the sand arena and stand it on to the judge for conformation assessment, followed by in hand movement (walk away/ trot back in a direct fashion towards the judges). The judge will then advise you when to release your pony and the trained arena party will take over, guiding your pony forward – the arena party will not touch or chase the pony. When the judges advise you must catch your pony and leave the arena.
- 8.** Jumping lane – Ponies will be marked out of a maximum of 20 points per round over 4 rounds. There will be also one practice round (80 marks).
- 9.** Conformation will also be marked out of a maximum of 20 points.
- 10.** Overall maximum score 100 points
- 11.** The Judge's decision is final. No owner or exhibitor should approach the judge.
- 12.** See Show Rules and Regulations.

# CONNEMARA PONY IN-HAND CLASSES

## WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST



## ENTRIES CLOSING ON 7<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

## CONNEMARA PONY IN-HAND CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST | RING ONE | 8.30AM APPROXIMATELY

Prize fund Classes 1 to 6: 1<sup>st</sup> €200, 2<sup>nd</sup> €100, 3<sup>rd</sup> €80, 4<sup>th</sup> €60, 5<sup>th</sup> €40, 6<sup>th</sup> €20

Entry fee: €40

**Class 1:** *Yearling Colt, the progeny of Registered Connemara Pony and Registered Connemara Stallion*

**Class 2:** *Yearling Filly, the progeny of Registered Connemara Pony and Registered Connemara Stallion*

**Class 3:** *Two-Year-Old Colt, the progeny of Registered Connemara Pony and Registered Connemara Stallion*

**Class 4:** *Two-Year-Old Filly, the progeny of Registered Connemara Pony and Registered Connemara Stallion*

**Class 5:** *Three-Year-Old Filly, the progeny of Registered Connemara Pony and Registered Connemara Stallion*

**Class 6:** *Three-Year Old Colt, the progeny of Registered Connemara Pony and Registered Connemara Stallion*

**Class 7:** *Junior Championship – Confined to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in classes 1 to 6*

Winner receives: Perpetual Cup and €300; reserve champion receives €200.

## CONNEMARA PONY IN-HAND CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST | RING ONE CONTINUED | 8.30AM APPROXIMATELY

**Prize fund for Classes 8 and 9: 1<sup>st</sup> €400, 2<sup>nd</sup> €200, 3<sup>rd</sup> €160, 4<sup>th</sup> €120, 5<sup>th</sup> €80, 6<sup>th</sup> €40.**

**Breeder Prizes for Class 8 and 9: 1<sup>st</sup> €200, 2<sup>nd</sup> €100, 3<sup>rd</sup> €80, 4<sup>th</sup> €60, 5<sup>th</sup> €40, 6<sup>th</sup> €20**

**Prize Fund for classes 10-12: 1<sup>st</sup> €200, 2<sup>nd</sup> €100, 3<sup>rd</sup> €80, 4<sup>th</sup> €60, 5<sup>th</sup> €40, 6<sup>th</sup> €20**

**Entry fee: €40**

**Class 8: *Four-To-Six-Year-Old Stallion***

**Class 9: *Seven-Year-Old and over Stallion***

**Class 10: *Four and Five-Year-old Mare – with or without foal*** (Highest Place two mares with foal {from top 4} eligible for Broodmare Championship- Class 13)

**Class 11: *Six to Nine-year-old Mare – with foal at foot*** (Highest Place two mares with foal {from top 4} eligible for Broodmare Championship- Class 13)

**Class 12: *Ten to Fifteen-year-old mare – with foal at foot*** (Highest Place two mares with foal {from top 4} eligible for Broodmare Championship- Class 13)

**Class 13: *Supreme Champion & Broodmare Championship of The Show***

**Supreme Champion of Show** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> eligible from Classes: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 21, 22, and 23.

Winner; Perpetual Trophy and €600, Reserve; €400

Breeders Prize: 1<sup>st</sup> €300, 2<sup>nd</sup> €200.

**Broodmare Championship** – broodmare Champion with foal at foot; classes 10, 11, 12, 17, and 23 – top two mares with foals at foot.

Winner; Perpetual Trophy and €600, Reserve; €400

Breeders Prize: 1<sup>st</sup> €300, 2<sup>nd</sup> €200.

## CONNEMARA PONY IN-HAND CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST | RING TWO | 9AM APPROXIMATELY

Prize funds for classes; 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 23 - 1<sup>st</sup> €200, 2<sup>nd</sup> €100, 3<sup>rd</sup> €80, 4<sup>th</sup> €60, 5<sup>th</sup> €40, 6<sup>th</sup> €20

Class 20: Champion €200, Reserve €100

Prize in kind for Class 16

**Entry fee:** €40 (unless otherwise stated)

**Class 14:** *Three-Year-Old and Over Gelding (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026). Must be of Class 1 Status.*

**Class 15:** *Young Handlers (10-15yrs old, at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026).* Registered Connemara Pony, mare or gelding four years and over. Mare with foals at foot are not eligible for this class. Correct helmet with adjustable chin strap – must be worn, See Notice to Exhibitors and Competitors.

**Class 16:** *Mini Young Handlers (Handlers aged from 3-9yrs, at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026).* Registered Connemara Pony, mare or gelding four years and over. Mare with foals at foot are not eligible for this class. Correct helmet with adjustable chin strap – must be worn, See Notice to Exhibitors and Competitors. **Entry Fee €20**

**Class 17:** *138cm and under mare with or without foal (Highest Place two mares with foal eligible for Broodmare Championship Class 13).* Please state whether with or without foal. The height recorded in the pony's CBPS valid passport shall be accepted by The Connemara Pony Show – Clifden CLG as the pony's official height. Notwithstanding this, the Show reserves the right to request that a pony be measured by a veterinary surgeon on the day of the competition where there is reasonable doubt regarding the pony's eligibility for a height-restricted class.

**Class 18:** *Colt Foal, the progeny of Registered Connemara Pony and Registered Connemara Stallion*

**Class 19:** *Filly foal, the progeny of Registered Connemara Pony and Registered Connemara Stallion*

**Class 20:** *Champion Foal* (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Classes 18 and 19 are eligible).

**Class 21:** *Six-to-Nine-Year-old Mare without foal at foot*

**Class 22:** *Ten-to-fifteen-Year-old Mare without foal at foot*

**Class 23:** *Sixteen-Year-Old and Over Mare with or without foal.* (Highest Place two mares with foal {from top 4} eligible for Broodmare Championship- Class 13)

# CONNEMARA PONY RIDDEN AND WORKING HUNTER CLASSES



**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST**

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Online Entries Only For Ridden Classes**

## THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST | RIDDEN AND WORKING HUNTER CLASSES

RING ONE AND RING TWO | 7:30am APPROXIMATELY

### PLEASE NOTE ORDER OF CLASSES BELOW

Prize Fund for Classes 24 ,25 ,26 ,27 ,28 ,29 ,30, 32: 1<sup>st</sup> €200, 2<sup>nd</sup> €100, 3<sup>rd</sup> €80, 4<sup>th</sup> €60, 5<sup>th</sup> €40, 6<sup>th</sup> €20.

Prizes in Kind for Class 31 and 34 | Prize for Class 33: Champion Ridden Pony €300 and Reserve €200

Class 35 Irish Green Hunter: 1<sup>st</sup> €800, 2<sup>nd</sup> €500, 3<sup>rd</sup> €250, 4<sup>th</sup> 200, 5<sup>th</sup> €150, 6<sup>th</sup> €100.

Class 35 Breeders Prize: 1<sup>st</sup> €400, 2<sup>nd</sup> €250, 3<sup>rd</sup> €125, 4<sup>th</sup> €100, 5<sup>th</sup> €75, 6<sup>th</sup> €50.

Class 35 Highest Place Mare Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> €400, 2<sup>nd</sup> €250, 3<sup>rd</sup> €125, 4<sup>th</sup> €100, 5<sup>th</sup> €75, 6<sup>th</sup> €50.

Please note all Ridden classes have a cap of 28.

Entry fee: €40 (unless otherwise stated)

A correctly fitting riding helmet should be worn by riding competitors and must comply with one of the following standards: PAS015 , VG1, (BS)EN 1383 2017, ASTM F11163 04a onwards, SNELL 2001 OR SNELL E2016 AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. BSEN 1384 must be over stamped with one of these above. Helmets/Hats must be worn by riders at all times when mounted. Should a helmet/hat fall off a competitor during a class they will be eliminated. If a chin strap has become undone, the rider must fix the chinstrap before continuing without penalty, which may lead to elimination. Parents and guardians of competitors under 18, and all other riders are responsible for the correct fitting and adjustment of their tack, equipment and clothing. A rider who is unable to handle their pony, in an interest of safety will be asked to leave the ring. If entries are deemed to be too high by stewards, in the interest of safety for all, classes may be divided into odd and even numbers. Only watches and/or medical bracelets are permitted. Earrings and body studs must not be worn. If required, proof for age may need to be produced.

Please note Classes 24-28, 30 and 31 are for Mares and Geldings Only.

### RING ONE | Approximately 7.30am

Class 24: *Four-and-five-year-old Ridden Pony – Rider 10 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026).*

Class 25: *Six-to-eight-year-old ridden Pony – Rider 10 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 28: *Four-year-old and over Ridden Pony – Rider 21 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 29: *Stallion four years and over – Rider 14 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 32: *Ladies side saddle Registered Connemara Pony – Rider 14 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 33: *Champion Ridden Pony (1st and 2nd prize winners from Classes 24–30 and 32 are eligible)*

Class 34: *Family working hunter - Mares and Geldings Four years and over – rider under 16 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026). Please Note: Qualified combinations for the Irish Green Hunter and rider/pony combinations for high performance final are not eligible for Family Working Hunter class.*

**PLEASE NOTE: Combinations that incur more than -20 penalties (e.g. one knock -10, one refusal -15) penalties will not proceed to Phase Two. Only clear rounds and combinations incurring -20 penalties or less will progress to the Ridden Phase.**

Class 35: ***Irish Connemara Green Hunter Final – Stallions/Geldings/Mares- Four-year Old Only***

*Qualified combinations for the Irish Green Hunter are not eligible for Family Working Hunter class.*

**RING TWO | Approximately 7.30am**

Class 31: *Lead Rein Registered Connemara Pony – Rider between 3 and 10 years old (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 30: *Four-year-old and over Ridden Pony – Rider under 14 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 26: *Four-year-old and over Ridden Pony – Rider 10 to 16 years old (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

Class 27: *Four-year-old and over Ridden Pony – Rider over 16 and under 21 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)*

## **CLASS 35 | IRISH CONNEMARA GREEN HUNTER FINAL**

**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST**

### **AIMS:**

THE PREREQUISITE FOR THIS CLASS IS TO ASSESS THE JUMPING ABILITY, CONFORMATION, MOVEMENT AND TEMPERAMENT OF 4-YEAR-OLD PONIES IN THEIR FIRST YEAR OF SHOWING OVER FENCES.

### **OPEN TO:**

4-YEAR-OLD REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONIES. RIDERS OVER 14YRS ON 1ST OF JANUARY 2026. PONIES MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE CURRENT OWNER'S NAME. MICROCHIPS WILL BE CHECKED AT QUALIFIERS, ENSURE YOU BRING THE PONY'S PASSPORT.

A MAXIMUM OF 3 PONIES MAY QUALIFY AT EACH QUALIFIER.

THERE MUST BE NO CHANGE OF RIDER AT THE FINAL I.E. IT MUST BE THE SAME COMBINATION THAT QUALIFIES.

### **JUDGES DECISION IS THE FINAL.**

THE QUALIFIERS AND THE FINAL WILL BE RUN PRIMARILY UNDER THE IRISH PONY SOCIETY RULES FOR WORKING HUNTER CLASSES USING THE SAME SCORING SYSTEM.

### **JUMPING PHASE ONE:**

PONIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO JUMP A COURSE OF 8 FENCES WHICH INCLUDES A DOUBLE, OVER A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 80CM.

THE COURSE MAY BE INSPECTED MOUNTED. NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE OVER ANY PART OF THE COURSE BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLASS, AS THIS WILL LEAD TO IMMEDIATE ELIMINATION.

COMBINATIONS THAT INCUR MORE THAN -20 PENALTIES (E.G. ONE KNOCK -10, ONE REFUSAL -15) PENALTIES WILL NOT PROCEED TO PHASE TWO. ONLY CLEAR ROUNDS AND COMBINATIONS INCURRING -20 PENALTIES OR LESS WILL PROGRESS TO THE RIDDEN PHASE.

### **RIDE AND CONFORMATION PHASE TWO:**

COMBINATIONS THAT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE JUMPING PHASE WILL BE INVITED TO COMPLETE PHASE 2. THE PONIES WILL WALK, TROT AND CANTER AS A GROUP, THEN LINE UP. THE JUDGE WILL THEN RIDE EACH PONY AT A WALK, TROT, CANTER AND AT THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION AN EXTENDED CANTER.

THE PONY WILL BE THEN STRIPPED AND SHOWN IN HAND.

DISREGARD FOR THIS RULE WILL LEAD TO ELIMINATION.

### **TACK AND EQUIPMENT:**

BITS – SIMPLE SNAFFLE (AS PER IPS RULES) EXCLUDING UNJOINTED SNAFFLES.

BANDAGES – ARE NOT ALLOWED.

SPURS -ARE NOT ALLOWED.

WHIPS – NOT EXCEEDING 75CM.

RUNNING MARTINGALES ONLY – ARE PERMITTED, BUT JUDGES SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. ANY SUITABLE NOSEBAND IS ACCEPTABLE. NO CHANGE OF SADDLERY IS ALLOWED DURING THE COMPETITION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OVERREACH BOOTS AND/OR TENDON BOOTS, WHICH MAY BE USED FOR PHASE 1 ONLY.

RIDER'S PRESENTATION - ONLY WATCHES AND/OR MEDICAL BRACELETS ARE PERMITTED. EARRINGS AND BODY STUDS MUST NOT BE WORN

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**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST**

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**Qualifier cards should be sent to the below address with the €40 entry fee:**

**Show Secretary,**

**Connemara Chamber of Commerce Office,**

**Platform 6, Galway Road, Clifden,**

**Connemara, Co. Galway, H71 VH51.**

**CLASS 35 | IRISH CONNEMARA GREEN HUNTER FINAL**

**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST**

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**|GREEN HUNTER QUALIFIERS|**

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21<sup>st</sup> OF JUNE 2026 | ENNISKILLEN HORSE & PONY SHOW

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4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY 2026 | NORTH EAST CONNEMARA PONY SHOW

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# **CONNEMARA PONY WORKING HUNTER CLASSES**



**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OF AUGUST 2026**

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON 7<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

**Online Entries Only For Working Hunter Classes**

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OF AUGUST | WORKING HUNTER CLASSES AND PUISSANCE**

**RING ONE/TWO | 8am**

**Prize fund for Classes 36, 37, 38, 40:** 1<sup>st</sup> €200, 2<sup>nd</sup> €100, 3<sup>rd</sup> €80, 4<sup>th</sup> €60, 5<sup>th</sup> €40, 6<sup>th</sup> €20.

**Class 39 Champion Working Hunter:** Champion €300, Reserve €200

**Class 41 High Performance Final:** 1<sup>st</sup> €750, 2<sup>nd</sup> €400, 3<sup>rd</sup> €300, 4<sup>th</sup> €200, 5<sup>th</sup> €150, 6<sup>th</sup> €100.

**CAP OF 40 PONIES IN CLASS 38**

**ENTRY FEE: €40**

A correctly fitting riding helmet should be worn by riding competitors and must comply with one of the following standards: PAS015 , VG1, (BS)EN 1383 2017, ASTM F11163 04a onwards, SNELL 2001 OR SNELL E2016 AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. BSEN 1384 must be over stamped with one of these above. Helmets/Hats must be worn by riders at all times when mounted. Should a helmet/hat fall off a competitor during a class they will be eliminated. If a chin strap has become undone, the rider must fix the chinstrap before continuing without penalty, which may lead to elimination. Only watches and/or medical bracelets are permitted. Earrings and body studs must not be worn.

Parents and guardians of competitors under 18, and all other riders are responsible for the correct fitting and adjustment of their tack, equipment and clothing. Riders who have not reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 must wear a body protector.

A rider who is unable to handle their pony, in an interest of safety will be asked to leave the ring. If entries are deemed to be too high by stewards, in the interest of safety for all, classes may be divided into odd and even numbers. If required, proof for age may need to be produced.

**PLEASE NOTE: Combinations that incur more than -20 penalties (e.g. one knock -10, one refusal -15) penalties will not proceed to Phase Two. Only clear rounds and combinations incurring -20 penalties or less will progress to the Ridden Phase.**

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**Class 36: *Four-to-Six-year-old Working Hunter – Rider any age.*** Ponies aged four will jump a course of working hunter fences no higher than 75cm. Ponies aged 5 to 6 will jump a course no higher than 85cm. Ponies that compete in this class are not eligible for any other working hunter class.

**Class 37: *Four-year-old and over Working Hunter Pony – Rider Under 16 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)***

Ponies will be required to jump a course of working hunter fences no higher than 85cm.

**Class 38: *Four-year-old and over Working Hunter Pony – Rider 16 years and over (at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)***

Ponies will be required to jump a course of working hunter fences no higher than 95cm.

This class is open to Mares, Geldings and Stallions.

CAP of 40 Ponies in this class.

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OF AUGUST | WORKING HUNTER CLASSES AND PUISSANCE**

**RING ONE/TWO | 8am**

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Class 39: ***Champion Working Hunter Pony*** - Open to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners in classes 36 to 38.

Please note – if a pony wins more than one working hunter class the rider/pony combination that had the first initial win is the only combination that may compete in the working hunter championship.



Class 40: New for 2026 –Young Rider Derby – Riders aged 16 to 25 years (at 1st January 2026).

Open to mares, stallions and geldings.

Ponies will jump a timed course of fences no higher than 1m.

Placings will be determined by the fastest round, with penalties added for faults incurred.

Class 41: ***Clifden High Performance Final*** – Please Note: Rider/Pony Combinations for high performance final are not eligible for Family Working Hunter Class.

Open to registered Connemara ponies in possession of a CPBS passport, aged 5 years old and over.

Class 42: *Puissance Competition*

Open to registered Connemara ponies, aged four years and over.

Pre-entry and also on the day up to 2pm. Entry fee €50.

# **CLASS 41 | CLIFDEN HIGH PERFORMANCE FINAL**

**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OF AUGUST**

**Prize fund for classes will be confirmed soon.**

## **AIMS:**

THE PREREQUISITE FOR THIS CLASS IS TO DISPLAY THE VERSATILITY OF THE CONNEMARA PONY, HIGHLIGHTING THE PERFORMANCE ASPECT OF THE PONY OVER FENCES WITH THE EMPHASIS ON THE RIDEABILITY, SCOPE, VERSATILITY AND SUITABILITY FOR CHILD OR ADULT.

## **OPEN TO:**

CONNEMARA PONIES IN POSSESSION OF A CPBS PASSPORT, STALLIONS, MARES OR GELDINGS AGED 5YRS OLD AND OVER SUITABLE FOR AND TO BE RIDDEN BY RIDERS 10 YEARS OLD AND OVER ON THE 1ST JANUARY IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

STALLIONS MUST BE RIDDEN BY A RIDER THAT HAS ATTAINED THEIR 14TH BIRTHDAY BEFORE THE 1ST OF JANUARY 2026. PONIES MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE CURRENT OWNER'S NAME. MICROCHIPS WILL BE CHECKED AT THE FINAL.

PLEASE ENSURE TO BRING THE PASSPORT FOR THE PONY.

A MAXIMUM OF FOUR PONIES MAY QUALIFY AT EACH QUALIFIER.

## **AT THE QUALIFIERS:**

A RIDER MAY COMPETE NO MORE THAN TWO PONIES AT ANY ONE OF QUALIFIER, BUT ONLY ONE RIDER/PONY COMBINATION MAY BE CHOSEN TO COMPETE AT THE FINAL. THIS MUST BE DECIDED AT THE RELEVANT QUALIFIERS.

THE QUALIFIERS AND THE FINAL WILL BE RUN PRIMARILY UNDER THE IRISH PONY SOCIETY RULES FOR WORKING HUNTER CLASSES USING THE SAME SCORING SYSTEM.

**JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.**

## **QUALIFIERS PHASE ONE:**

AT THE QUALIFIERS, PONIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO JUMP A COURSE OF NO FEWER THAN NINE NUMBERED FENCES. THE COURSE MUST INCLUDE ONE DOUBLE AND ONE TRIPLE COMBINATION. FENCES WILL BE SET AT A MINIMUM HEIGHT AND WIDTH OF 1.00M, WITH AT LEAST THREE FENCES BUILT TO A MAXIMUM HEIGHT AND WIDTH OF 1.10M.

EACH FENCE WILL BE MARKED OUT OF 10. IN ADDITION, A MARK OUT OF 20 WILL BE AWARDED FOR OVERALL WAY OF GOING. THE TOTAL MARK WILL THEN BE DIVIDED BY TWO, AFTER WHICH PENALTIES WILL BE DEDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

- KNOCKDOWN: 10 PENALTIES
- FIRST REFUSAL: 15 PENALTIES
- SECOND REFUSAL: 20 PENALTIES
- THIRD REFUSAL: ELIMINATION
- FALL OF PONY OR RIDER: ELIMINATION

COMBINATIONS THAT INCUR MORE THAN 15 PENALTIES WILL NOT PROCEED TO PHASE TWO. ONLY CLEAR ROUNDS AND COMBINATIONS INCURRING 15 PENALTIES OR LESS WILL PROGRESS TO THE RIDDEN PHASE.

**PHASE TWO: RIDE AND CONFORMATION**

COMBINATIONS THAT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE JUMPING PHASE WITH LESS THAN 15 PENALTIES WILL BE INVITED TO COMPLETE PHASE 2. EACH PONY WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW WALK, 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 THEN BE STRIPPED AND JUDGED FOR MOVEMENT, CONFORMATION AND TYPE TRUENESS TO BREED.

THE TOTAL MARKS FOR PHASE TWO 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 OF 110CM AND WIDTH OF 110CM, MINIMUM IS 1M HIGH AND 1M WIDE.

THE FINAL WILL BE RUN PRIMARILY UNDER THE IRISH PONY SOCIETY RULES FOR WORKING HUNTER CLASSES USING THE SAME SCORING SYSTEM.

**JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.**

#### **PHASE TWO: RIDE AND CONFORMATION**

COMBINATIONS THAT SUCCESSFUL COMPLETE THE JUMPING PHASE WITH LESS THAN 15 PENALTIES WILL BE INVITED TO COMPLETE PHASE 2. EACH PONY WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW WALK, 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 THEN BE STRIPPED AND JUDGED FOR MOVEMENT, CONFORMATION AND TYPE TRUENESS TO BREED.

THE TOTAL MARKS FOR PHASE TWO WILL BE 45 CONSISTING OF MANNERS (10), PERFORMANCE (10), MOVEMENT (10), BREED CONFORMATION (10) AND TYPE (5).

**JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.**

#### **PLACINGS:**

TOP 6 PONIES WILL BE PLACED & RECEIVE PRIZE MONEY/ROSETTES.

#### **TACK AND EQUIPMENT:**

**BITS:** BITLESS BRIDLES AND GAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. PELHAMS MUST HAVE TWO REINS LEADING FROM HANDS TO THE BIT TO A SINGLE LEATHER ROUNDING. THREE RING SNAFFLES MUST HAVE TWO REINS OR A SET OF ROUNDINGS.

**BOOTS:** ONLY FRONT BOOTS ARE PERMITTED FOR PHASE 1, BOOTS MUST BE REMOVED FOR PHASE 2.

**SPURS:** ARE NOT ALLOWED

**WHIPS:** MUST NOT EXCEED 75CMS.

**RUNNING MARTINGALES ONLY:** ARE PERMITTED, BUT JUDGES SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

**BODY PROTECTORS:** RIDERS WHO HAVE NOT ATTAINED THEIR 16TH BIRTHDAY BEFORE THE 1ST OF JANUARY 2026 MUST WEAR A BODY PROTECTOR FOR PHASE 1. BODY PROTECTORS MUST BE REMOVED FOR PHASE 2.

**MEDICAL BRACELETS** ARE PERMITTED. EARRINGS AND BODY STUDS MUST NOT BE WORN

**Qualifier cards should be sent to the below address with the €40 entry fee:**

**Show Secretary,**

**Connemara Chamber of Commerce,**

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**Connemara, Co. Galway, H71 VH51**

**CLASS 41 | CLIFDEN HIGH PERFORMANCE FINAL |**  
**| FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OF AUGUST |**  
**| QUALIFIERS |**

13<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2026 | BALMORAL SHOW

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**CLASS 42 | CLIFDEN PUISSANCE COMPETITION**

**|FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OF AUGUST |**

**ENTRY FEE: €50**

# **CLIFDEN PUISSANCE COMPETITION**



**PRIZE FUND €1000 AND THE BOBBY SPAROW BLUE PERPETUAL TROPHY.**

**OPEN TO REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONIES AGED 4 YEARS AND OVER.**

**PRE-ENTRY AND ENTRIES TAKEN ON THE DAY UP UNTIL  
APPROXIMATELY 2PM ON FRIDAY 21ST OF AUGUST.**

**COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE FINAL OF THE CLIFDEN  
HIGH PERFORMANCE.**

# **RULES**

## **CONNEMARA PONY SHOW 2026**



CONNEMARA  
**PONY SHOW**  
CLIFDEN

**18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> OF AUGUST 2026**  
**SHOWGROUNDS, CLIFDEN,**  
**Co. GALWAY.**

## | DRESS AND TACK |

A correctly fitting riding helmet should be worn by riding competitors and must comply with one of the following standards: PAS015 , VG1, (BS)EN 1383 2017, ASTM F11163 04a onwards, SNELL 2001 OR SNELL E2016 AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. BSEN 1384 must be over stamped with one of these above.

Helmets/Hats must be worn by riders at all times when mounted. Should a helmet/hat fall off a competitor during a class they will be eliminated. If a chin strap has become undone, the rider must fix the chinstrap before continuing without penalty, which may lead to elimination.

Parents and guardians of competitors under 18, and all other riders are responsible for the correct fitting and adjustment of their tack, equipment and clothing. Riders who have not reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 must wear a body protector in the Working Hunter Classes.

In the interest of safety ALL PONIES, INCLUDING FOALS, must be securely haltered and led within the showgrounds and must be wearing a number. Stewards are instructed to refuse admission to any animal that is not haltered and led within the show grounds and not wearing a number. Any injury to pony is the sole responsibility of the owner/agent.

Riders are not permitted to wear hoodies when mounted.

In extreme weather conditions a Judge can use discretion with regard to the wearing of jackets during competition. Handlers, Grooms and exhibitors entering the ring at any time must all be neat and tidy wearing appropriate footwear.

Spurs -are not allowed.

Footwear – appropriate footwear must be worn.

Jewellery – only watches and/or medical bracelets are permitted. earrings and body studs must not be worn.

Hair – In working hunter classes only, long hair must be tied up/placed in a bun competing in phase 1.

Body Protectors – These are compulsory in ALL Working Hunter Pony Classes for rider under 16 years on 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026 but may be removed for Phase 2.

## | BANDAGES, BOOTS, SHOEING, WHIPS |

A pony may be unshod at the discretion of the owner.

Boots of a plain colour may be used for phase 1 of Working Hunter, Performance Working classes. The inside protection must be smooth, the hind boot fixations must be nonelastic.

Velcro, no hooks or straps may be used. The rounded rigid part of the protection must be placed around the inside of the fetlock. No additional elements may be used in conjunction with the protection. They must be removed for stage 2 of competitions.

Over-reach boots on the front legs are allowed.

Protective pads will be allowed on the sole of the pony's foot to act as a shock absorber and to prevent bruising on hard or uneven ground.

No bandages on ponies' legs are permitted.

Only normal shaped shoes that do not cover the frog are permissible.

Normal shaped open heeled plastic stick-on-shoes are permissible.

No bar shoes are allowed.

Whips must not exceed 75cm.

For safety and identification purposes, all ridden stallions are required to display a stallion badge

## | 4-5-YEAR-OLD RIDDEN / LEAD REIN / UNDER 14 RIDDEN |

Suitable snaffle bits combined with a suitable noseband must be used.

No martingales allowed.

## | WORKING HUNTER MARKING AND PENALTIES |

### Phase 1:

Performance and the way of going over and between the fences, manners and suitability.

Scoring – 0-10 marks for each jump , 0-20 for the way of going,

Divide the total in two and then subtract penalties. Fall of rider – elimination.

**PLEASE NOTE: Combinations that incur more than -20 penalties (e.g. one knock -10, one refusal -15) penalties will not proceed to Phase Two. Only clear rounds and combinations incurring -20 penalties or less will progress to the Ridden Phase.**

### Phase 2:

45 marks in total;

0-10 marks for manners

0-10 marks for performance

0-10 marks for conformation

0-10 marks for movement

0-5 marks for type.

## | IN-HAND RULES |

All ponies aged yearling and over must be led in a well-fitting bridle with a bit attached.

All foals must be led.

Neat dress must be worn by all handlers.

## | MINI YOUNG HANDLERS |

Handlers must be between 3-9 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

Pony must be a registered Connemara pony, mare, gelding aged 4yrs or over.

Mares with foals at foot are not eligible for this class.

All ponies must wear a properly fitting bridle with bit attached.

Handlers must be accompanied by an adult.

Correct protective helmet with adjustable chin strap.

## | YOUNG HANDLERS |

Handlers must be between 10-15 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

Pony must be a registered Connemara pony, mare, gelding aged 4yrs or over.

Mares with foals at foot are not eligible for this class.

All ponies must wear a properly fitting bridle with bit attached.

Handlers must be accompanied by an adult.

Correct protective helmet with adjustable chin strap.