



Northern Ireland Festival

Working Hunter Qualifying Shows Criteria

Thank you for your interest in running qualifiers for the Northern Ireland Festival

There are fifteen qualifying classes which are detailed below. This is a Championship Show so courses and fences should be made challenging.

Competitors are advised that the final at Cavan will have fences set close to the maximum heights detailed.

The first six in each qualifying class will qualify for entry to the final. A qualifying card should be given to each competitor who qualifies. Each qualifying card must be signed by a show official to be valid. In order to enter for the final, the Qualifying Cards must be returned within 7 days to the address detailed or the competitor may enter online at www.NorthernIrelandFestival.co.uk.

The Qualifying Show must email the show results within 7 days of the qualifying show to info@northernirelandfestival.co.uk

4 Year Old qualifying classes can only be run from January. All animals must be 4 at the show date. All passports will be checked at the final.

Festival M&M WH Pony – Exceeding 143cms

Jumps: Min 85cm – Max 1m

Festival M&M WH Pony – Exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Jumps: Min 75cm – Max 90cm

Festival M&M WH Pony - Exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Jumps: Min 65cm - Max 80cm

Festival M&M WH Pony - Not Exceeding 122cms

Jumps: Min 55cm - Max 65cm

Festival Cradle Stakes Working Hunter Pony Cradle (Beginner) Stakes: Working Hunter Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their 11th birthday on the 1st January in the current year
Jumps: Min 53cm – Max 67cm – Max Spread 76cm

Festival Starter/Nursery Stakes Working Hunter Pony Starter (Nursery) Stakes: Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday on the 1st January in the current year. *Jumps: Min 60cm – Max 75cm – Max Spread 85cm*

Festival 133cms Working Hunter Pony

Jumps: Min 75cm – Max 90cm – Max Spread 100cm

Festival 143cms Working Hunter Pony

Jumps: Min 85cm – Max 100cm – Max Spread 110cm

Festival 153cms Working Hunter Pony

Jumps: Min 90cm – Max 105cm – Max Spread 115cm

Festival 4 Yr Old Working Hunter Horse (animal must be aged 4 in show year - passports will be checked prior to the final – No qualifying classes to be run prior to January)

Jumps: Min 50cm – Max 75cm – Max Spread 80cm

Festival Small Working Hunter Horse (height cert required for 158cms)

Jumps: Min 85cm – Max 95cm – Max Spread 110cm

Festival 80cms Working Hunter Horse

Jumps: Min 60cm – Max 80cm – Max Spread 105cm

Festival 90cms Working Hunter Horse

Jumps: Min 70cm – Max 90cm – Max Spread 115cm

Festival 1m Working Hunter Horse

Jumps: Min 80cm – Max 100cm – Max Spread 125cm

Festival 1.10m Working Hunter Horse

Jumps: Min 90cm – Max 110cm – Max Spread 135cm

HEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS FOR PURE BRED MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND

PONIES ENTERED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BREED SOCIETY STUD BOOKS

CONNEMARA 12.2hh - 14.2hh (128cm – 148cm)

DALES Preferred height range 14hh - 14.2hh (142.2cm – 148cm)
(Ponies above and below this range to be placed at the discretion of the judges)

DARTMOOR Not exceeding 12.2hh (127cm)

EXMOOR Preferred height range:

Stallions and geldings 11.3hh - 12.3hh (119.4cm – 129.5cm)

Mares 11.2hh - 12.2hh (116.8cm – 127cm)

FELL Not exceeding 14hh (142.2cm)

HIGHLAND Not exceeding 14.2hh (148cm)

NEW FOREST Not exceeding 14.2hh (148cm)

SHETLAND Not exceeding 42"

WELSH A Not exceeding 12hh (121.9cm)

WELSH B Not exceeding 13.2hh (137.2cm)

WELSH C Not exceeding 13.2hh (137.2cm)

WELSH D Exceeding 13.2hh (137.2cm) no upper height limit