

NORTHERN IRELAND FESTIVAL - TIMETABLE - FRIDAY 26th APRIL 2024

<u>BLUE RING ~ 8am</u>	<u>BRONZE RING ~ 8am</u>	<u>GREEN RING ~ 9am</u>
<p>Horse Performance Working Hunter: First phase only <i>Judge: Craig Kiddier</i> Class 27: Horse Performance 70cms Class 28: Horse Performance 80cms Class 29: Irish Draught Performance 80cms</p> <p><i>Judge: Lee Clarke</i> Class 30: Horse Performance 90cms Class 31: Irish Draught Performance 90cms Class 32: Horse Performance 1.0m</p> <p>CH 11: Horse Performance Working Hunter Championship to be held in the Friday evening performance (classes 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32)</p> <p>Home Produced Working Hunter Horses: Exhibits in these classes will not be ridden by the judge and will be required to give an individual display. <i>Judges: Vikki Smith / Michaela Bowling</i> Class 33: Home Produced Working Hunter 75cms Class 34: Home Produced Working Hunter 90cms CH 12: Home Produced Working Hunter Horse Championship (Classes 33, 34).</p> <p>Amateur Working Hunter Horses: Exhibits in these classes will not be ridden by the judge and will be required to give an individual display. <i>Judges: Vikki Smith / Michaela Bowling</i> Class 35: Amateur Working Hunter 75cms Class 36: Amateur Working Hunter 90cms CH 14: Amateur Working Hunter Horse Championship (Classes 35, 36).</p>	<p>Pony Performance Working Hunter: First phase only for Ponies up to 158cms. <i>Judge: Debbie Spears</i> Class 22: Pony Performance 55cms Class 23: Pony Performance 65cms Class 24: Pony Performance 75cms</p> <p><i>Judge: Sarah Verdon</i> Class 25: Pony Performance 85cms Class 26: Pony Performance 95cms</p> <p>CH 9: Pony Performance Working Hunter Championship to be held in the Friday evening performance (classes 22, 23, 24, 25, 26)</p>	<p>Young Handlers: <i>Judge: Katherine Atkin-Bowdler</i> Class 1: Young Handler, aged 7 to 10 years on 1st January in current year Class 2: Young Handler, aged 11 to 16 years on 1st January in current year CH 1: Young Handler Championship (Classes 1, 2)</p> <p>Beginner Ridden: <i>Judge: Katherine Atkin-Bowdler</i> Class 3: Tiny Tots Lead Rein Show Pony, Show Hunter Pony or M&M Pony. Pony not to exceed 122cms. Rider not to have attained their 6th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Class 4: Tiny Tots First Ridden Show Pony / Show Hunter Pony (up to 122cms) or M&M Pony (up to 128cms). Rider not to have attained their 9th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Class 5: First Year First Ridden Show Pony/ Show Hunter Pony (up to 122cms) or M&M Pony (up to 128cms). Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday on 1st January in the current year. CH 2: Beginner Ridden Championship (Classes 3, 4, 5)</p> <p>Pony Equitation: <i>Judge: Rebecca Penny</i> Only the rider is judged in these classes, not the pony - open to any pony - show class format (no jumping) Class 6: Pony Equitation (rider up to 10 years on 1st January in current year) Class 7: Pony Equitation (rider aged between 11 and 13 on 1st January in current year) Class 8: Pony Equitation (rider aged between 14 and 16 on 1st January in current year) CH 3: Pony Equitation Championship (Classes 6, 7, 8) to be held in the Friday Evening Performance</p> <p>Part-Bred Ridden: <i>Judge: Martin Surman</i> Class 40: Part-Bred Ridden, up to 148cms Class 41: Part-Bred Ridden, exceeding 148cms CH 27: Part-Bred Ridden Championship (Classes 40, 41) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the relevant Ridden Horse or Pony Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.</p> <p>Novice Mini M&M Pony: <i>Judge: Martin Surman</i> Class 42: Novice M&M Lead Rein Class 43: Novice M&M First Ridden CH 28: Novice Mini M&M Pony Championship (Classes 42, 43) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Mini Novice Pony Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance</p>

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GOLD RING ~ 8am

The Connemara Cup:

Judge: Mark Sheen

Class 143: Connemara Ridden Pony (Junior rider aged under 14 on 1st January in the current year)

Class 144: Connemara Ridden Pony (Junior rider aged 14 to 18 on 1st January in the current year)

Class 145: Connemara Ridden Pony (Adult rider aged over 18 on 1st January in the current year)

Class 146: 4/5 Year Old Connemara Ridden Pony (rider any age)

Class 147: Connemara Ridden Pony (rider any age)

CH 17: Connemara Cup Final (the first two from classes 143, 144, 145, 146, 147) to be held in the Friday Evening Performance

Young Riders M&M Ridden:

Judge: Russell Marks

Class 37: Young Riders Intermediate Open M&M Ridden (any breed) Stallion, Mare or Gelding. Rider not exceeding 25 years.

Class 38: Young Riders, Open M&M Ridden Large Breeds Mare or Gelding. (Rider not exceeding 18 years).

Class 39: Young Riders, Open M&M Ridden Small Breeds Mare or Gelding. (Rider not exceeding 14 years)

CH 26: Young Riders M&M Ridden Championship (Classes 37, 38, 39). Champion & Reserve eligible to compete in the Ridden Pony Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

Novice M&M Ridden:

Judge: Russell Marks

Class 44: Novice M&M Ridden Small Breeds

Class 45: Novice M&M Ridden Large Breeds – Connemara

Class 46: Novice M&M Ridden Large Breeds – Highland, Fell, Dales, New Forest, Welsh C & D

CH 29: Novice M&M Ridden Championship to be held in the Friday Evening Performance (Classes 44, 45, 46)

RED RING ~ 9am

Home Produced Horses:

Judges: Alexander J Osbourne / Avril McKinley

Exhibits in these classes will not be ridden by the judge and will be required to give an individual display.

Class 11: Home Produced Ridden Hunter

Class 12: Home Produced Riding Horse

Class 13: Home Produced Ridden Cob

CH 5: Home Produced Ridden Horse Championship to be held in the Friday Evening Performance (Classes 11, 12, 13). Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Ridden Horse Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

Amateur Ridden Horses:

Judges: Alexander J Osbourne / Avril McKinley

Exhibits in these classes will not be ridden by the judge and will be required to give an individual display.

Class 14: Amateur Ridden Hunter

Class 15: Amateur Riding Horse

Class 16: Amateur Ridden Cob

CH 13: Amateur Ridden Horse Championship to be held in the Friday Evening Performance (Classes 14, 15, 16). Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Ridden Horse Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

Ladies Side Saddle / Astride:

Judges: Craig McClelland / Katherine Atkin-Bowdler

Class 17: Ladies Hunter, to be ridden Astride

Class 18: Junior Side Saddle, up to 158cms, rider under 18 years

Class 19: Ladies Side Saddle

CH 6: Ladies Championship to be held in the Friday Evening Performance (Classes 17, 18, 19). Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the relevant Ridden Horse or Pony Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

Racehorse to Riding Horse:

Judges: Craig McClelland / Katherine Atkin-Bowdler

Class 20: Novice Racehorse to Riding Horse

Class 21: Open Racehorse to Riding Horse

CH 7: Racehorse to Riding Horse Championship (Classes 20, 21). Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Ridden Horse Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

SILVER RING ~ 9am

Novice M&M Working Hunter Ponies:

Judges: Martin Surman / Vikki Smith

Class 47: Novice M&M WH Pony not exceeding 122cms (58cms)

Class 48: Novice M&M WH Pony exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms (69cms)

Class 49: Novice M&M WH Pony exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms (84cms)

Class 50: Novice M&M WH Pony exceeding 143cms (90cms)

CH 33: Novice M&M WH Pony Championship to be held in the Friday Evening Performance (Classes 47, 48, 49, 50)

Connemara Working Hunter Ponies:

Judges: Peter Bowdler / Martin Surman

Class 54: Connemara Working Hunter Pony – Rider Under 16 years (84cms)

Class 55: Connemara Working Hunter Pony – Rider 16 years and Over (92cms)

CH 10: Connemara Working Hunter Pony Championship to be held in the Friday Evening Performance (Classes 54, 55)

Beginner Working Hunter:

Judge: Peter Bowdler

These classes are for true 'Beginner' WH Riders just starting to compete in WH classes. Riders who have won an Open WH class previously will not be eligible. Open to both plaited and M&M Ponies. Course made up of Six Fences.

Class 51: Lead Rein Working Hunter – Cross Poles. Pony not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their 9th birthday on 1st January in the current year

Class 52: First Ridden Working Hunter – Fences 30 – 40cms. Pony not exceeding 128cms. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday on 1st January in the current year

Class 53: Assisted Working Hunter - Fences 25 - 30cms. Pony not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday on 1st January in the current year. Adult to go around with child but must not lead pony.

CH 8: Beginner Working Hunter Championship (classes 51, 52, 53)



FRIDAY EVENING PERFORMANCE ~ GOLD RING ~ 7.00pm

FANCY DRESS: - [Carey Knox](#)

Class 9: Fancy Dress – up to 10 years

Class 10: Fancy Dress – over 10 years

CHAMPIONSHIPS

CH 4: Fancy Dress Championship - [Carey Knox](#)

CH 5: Home Produced Ridden Horse Championship - [Alexander J Osbourne / Avril McKinley](#)

CH 33: Novice M&M Working Hunter Championship - [Martin Surman / Vikki Smith](#)

CH 17: Connemara Cup Final - [Mark Sheen](#)

CH 13: Amateur Ridden Horse Championship - [Alexander J Osbourne / Avril McKinley](#)

CH 10: Connemara Working Hunter Pony Championship - [Peter Bowdler / Martin Surman](#)

CH 3: Pony Equitation Championship - [Rebecca Penny](#)

CH 6: Ladies Championship - [Craig McClelland / Katherine Atkin-Bowdler](#)

CH 29: Novice M&M Ridden Championship - [Russell Marks](#)

CH 9: Pony Performance Working Hunter Championship - [Debbie Spears / Sarah Verdon](#)

CH 11: Horse Performance Working Hunter Championship - [Craig Kiddier / Lee Clarke](#)

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BLUE RING ~ 8am	BRONZE RING ~ 8am	GREEN RING ~ 8am
<p>Novice Working Hunter Horses: Judges: Michaela Bowling / Craig Kiddier Class 81: Four Year Old Working Hunter Horse (70cms) Class 82: Novice Small Working Hunter Horse (height cert required for 158cms) (90cms) Class 83: Novice Working Hunter Horse (90cms) CH 36: Novice WH Horse Championship to be held in the Evening Performance (Classes 81, 82, 83)</p> <p>Cob Working Hunter: Judges: Michaela Bowling / Craig Kiddier Class 84: Cob Working Hunter (90cms)</p> <p><u>Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals</u> Competitors must have qualified at one of the winter qualifying working hunter shows to be eligible to enter classes 401 - 415 Judges: Sarah Verdon / Avril McKinley Class 401: Festival 4 Year Old Working Hunter Horse Final (passport will be required to confirm horse foaled in 2020 (75cm) Judges: Lee Clarke / Avril McKinley Class 402: Festival 80cms Working Hunter Horse Final</p> <p>The top 10 competitors in each of Classes 401 and 402 will be required to come forward in the Saturday Evening Performance for the final placings.</p>	<p>Novice Working Hunter Ponies: Judges: Corrin Knox / Lee Clarke Class 85: Novice Intermediate Working Hunter Pony not exceeding 158cms (1m) Class 86: Novice 153cms Working Hunter Pony (90cms) Class 87: Novice 143cms Working Hunter Pony (85cms) Class 88: Novice 133cms Working Hunter Pony (75cms) CH 34: Novice Working Hunter Pony Championship to be held in the Evening Performance (Classes 85, 86, 87, 88)</p> <p>Novice Mini Working Hunter Ponies: Judge: Corrin Knox Class 89: Novice Starter Stakes Working Hunter Pony (60cms) Class 90: Novice Cradle Stakes Working Hunter Pony (55cms) CH 35 Novice Mini WH Pony Championship (Classes 89, 90)</p> <p><u>Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals</u> Competitors must have qualified at one of the winter qualifying working hunter shows to be eligible to enter classes 401 – 415. Judges: Katherine Atkin-Bowdler / Peter Bowdler Class 407: Festival M&M WH Pony – Exceeding 143cms (1m) Class 408: Festival M&M WH Pony – Exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms (90cms) Class 409: Festival M&M WH Pony – Exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms (80cms) Class 410: Festival M&M WH Pony – Not exceeding 122cms (65cms)</p> <p>The top 10 competitors in each Class will be required to come forward in the Saturday Evening Performance for the final placings.</p>	<p>NIF Connemara Pony of the Year Competition Judge: Mark Sheen Class 130: Connemara Ridden Pony (stallions) Class 131: Connemara Ridden Pony (geldings) Class 132: Connemara Ridden Pony (mares) Class 133: Connemara Ridden Pony (4/5 year olds) Class 134: Connemara Ridden Pony (junior rider aged under 18 on 1st January in the current year) Class 135: Connemara Ridden Pony (adult rider aged 18 or over on 1st January in the current year) Class 136: Connemara Ridden Pony (veteran pony aged 12 or over on 1st January in the current year)</p> <p>The winner and runner up of classes 130 to 136 qualify for CH19: NIF Connemara Pony of the Year to be held in the Saturday Evening Performance.</p> <p>Novice Mini Show Ponies: Judge: Rebecca Penny Class 65: Novice Show Pony Lead Rein Class 66: Novice Show Pony First Ridden CH 24: Novice Mini Show Pony Championship (Classes 65 - 66) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Mini Novice Pony Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance.</p> <p>Mini Part Bred Ridden Ponies: Judge: Rebecca Penny Class 67: Part-Bred Lead Rein Class 68: Part-Bred First Ridden CH 25: Part-Bred Mini Championship (Classes 67, 68) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Mini Open Pony Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.</p>

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GOLD RING ~ 9am

Novice Intermediate Ponies:

Judge: Debbie Spears

Class 56: Novice Intermediate SHT

Class 57: Novice Intermediate SRT

CH 20: Novice Intermediate
Championship (Classes 56, 57)

Novice Show Hunter Ponies: *Judge:*

Debbie Spears

Class 58: Novice 153cms Show Hunter Pony

Class 59: Novice 143cms Show Hunter Pony

Class 60: Novice 133cms Show Hunter Pony

Class 61: Novice 122cms Show Hunter Pony

CH 21: Novice Show Hunter Pony
Championship (Classes 58, 59, 60, 61)

Novice Mini Show Hunter Ponies:

Judge: Nathan Arnold

Class 122: Novice Show Hunter Pony
Lead Rein

Class 123: Novice Show Hunter Pony
First Ridden

Class 138: Novice Show Hunter Starter
Stakes Pony

CH 22: Novice Mini SH Pony
Championship (Classes 122, 123 and
138) Champion & Reserve eligible to go
forward to the Mini Novice Pony Supreme
Championship in the Saturday Evening
Performance.

Novice Show Ponies:

Judge: Nathan Arnold

Class 62: Novice 148cms Show Pony

Class 63: Novice 138cms Show Pony

Class 64: Novice 128cms Show Pony

CH 23: Novice Show Pony Championship
(Classes 62, 63, 64)



Horse of the Year Show 2024 Qualifier

*Class 306 Entry fee include a £18 HOYS
contribution*

*Judges: Debbie Spears (ride) / Sarah
Verdon (conf)*

Class 306: National Pony Society/Baileys
Horse Feeds Mountain & Moorland Ridden
Connemara Pony of the Year
(please note: this class may be split if entries
are sufficient)

National Pony Society/Baileys Horse Feeds Mountain and Moorland Ridden Pony of the Year

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

RED RING ~ 9am

Ridden Mares:

*Judges: Rebecca Penny / Craig
McClelland*

Class 69: Ridden Horse, Mares only
1st & 2nd placed competitors are eligible
to enter CH37 Open Ridden Hunter
Championship on Sunday

Irish Draught:

*Judges: Rebecca Penny / Craig
McClelland*

Class 70: Registered Ridden Irish
Draught Horse

Novice Ridden Horses:

Judges: Craig McClelland / Lee Clarke

Class 71: 4 Year Old Ridden Hunter
Horse

Class 72: Novice Small Hunter Horse

Class 73: Novice Hunter Horse

Class 74: Novice Riding Horse

CH 30: Novice Ridden Horse
Championship to be held in the Evening
Performance (Classes 71, 72, 73, 74)

Coloured Horses & Ponies:

*Judges: Martin Surman / Craig
McClelland*

Class 75: Coloured Ridden Horse,
exceeding 153cms

Class 76: Coloured Ridden Pony, not
exceeding 153cms

CH 31: Coloured Horse / Pony
Championship (Classes 75, 76).
Champion and Reserve eligible to
compete in the relevant Horse or Pony
Supreme Championship in the Sunday
evening performance

Veteran Ridden Horses & Ponies:

Judge: Martin Surman

Class 77: Ridden Veteran Horse (horse
to have attained the age of 15 years on
1st January in the current year)

Class 78: Ridden Veteran Pony (pony to
have attained the age of 15 years on 1st
January in the current year – Ponies not
to exceed 153cms)

Class 79: Senior Ridden Veteran Horse
(horse to have attained the age of 20
years on 1st January in the current year)

Class 80: Senior Ridden Veteran Pony
(pony to have attained the age of 20
years on 1st January in the current year –
Ponies not to exceed 153cms)

CH 32: Veteran Ridden Championship to
be held in the Evening Performance
(classes 77, 78, 79, 80) Champion and
Reserve eligible to compete in the
relevant Ridden Horse or Pony Supreme
Championship in the Sunday Evening
Performance.

Championship 32 is a Golden Ticket qualifier
for the Veteran Horse Society National
Championships to be held at Arena UK,
Lincolnshire from 30th August - 1st September
2024. The Champion and Reserve will be
issued with a Golden Ticket to the Supreme
Final of their relevant age category. VHS
Membership and class entry is to be made
within two weeks of qualification.

SILVER RING ~ 8am



Horse of the Year Show 2024 Qualifiers

*Classes 301-305 Entry fee include a £18 HOYS
contribution*

National Pony Society / Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony Of The Year

Ponies / Horses / Riders / Owners that are
resident in Northern Ireland or the Republic of
Ireland and are competing in the HOYS
qualifiers at NIF DO NOT need to belong to
any of the HOYS approved societies.

Should a combination qualify for the Horse of
the Year Show, Ponies / Horses / Riders /
Owners will need to join one of the HOYS
approved societies (NPS, Ponies UK, The
Showing Register or BSPS for Ponies - British
Show Horse Association (BSHA) for Horses;
TSR or SHGB for Hunters) within ten days of
qualification.

If you qualify for the Horse of the Year Show at
the NEC in October your animal will also need
a current/valid JMB height certificate prior to
the final.

This competition is open to mares and
geldings, four years old or over. Ponies must
be registered with either NPS, UK Ponies &
Horses Ltd, TSR, or BSPS. Riders and Owners
must be members of either NPS, UK Ponies &
Horses Ltd, TSR, or BSPS. Exhibitors are
required by DEFRA to carry with them Official
Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when
competing or travelling. Competitors are
reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that
the Official Identity Documents must be in the
name of the legal owner within 30 days of
ownership. This must be registered with the
breed society, relevant studbook or ID issuing
agency, dependant on breed/type of animal.
Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying
shows and by breed societies.

This class is divided into four sections as
follows:

Section A	Ponies not exceeding 133cm. Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Section B	Ponies exceeding 133cm and not exceeding 143cm. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Section C	Ponies exceeding 143cm and not exceeding 153cm. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Section D	Intermediates exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

These classes will be run in accordance with
the general rules as set out in the Horse of the
Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be
downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.
This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all
data given upon entry of this class is provided

<p>breeds) or 14th birthday (large breeds) before 1st January in the current year. Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Official Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the Official Identity Documents must be in the name of the legal owner within 30 days of ownership. This must be registered with the breed society, relevant studbook or ID issuing agency, dependant on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.'</p> <p>These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk. This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.</p> <p>Marks will be awarded in the following way: Show, freedom of action - 50 maximum Breed type and conformation - 50 maximum In the case of equality, the pony with the highest show, freedom of action mark will be deemed the winner. If there is still equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.</p> <p>This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 9th - 13th October 2024.</p> <p>Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.</p> <p>Ponies / Horses / Riders / Owners that are resident in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland and are competing in the HOYS qualifiers at NIF DO NOT need to belong to any of the HOYS approved societies. Should a combination qualify for the Horse of the Year Show, Ponies / Horses / Riders / Owners will need to join one of the HOYS approved societies (NPS, Ponies UK, The Showing Register or BSPS for Ponies - British Show Horse Association (BSHA) for Horses; TSR or SHGB for Hunters) within ten days of qualification.</p> <p>If you qualify for the Horse of the Year Show at the NEC in October your animal will also need a current/valid JMB height certificate prior to the final.</p>		<p>to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.</p> <p>Marks will be awarded in the following way: PHASE I (70 MARKS) A: JUMPING POINTS 50 MARKS B: STYLE WHILE JUMPING 20 MARKS</p> <p>PHASE II (30 MARKS) C: CONFORMATION, TYPE AND FREEDOM OF ACTION 20 MARKS D: MANNERS & WAY OF GOING 10 MARKS</p> <p>In the event of equality the TOTAL MARK from Phase 1 will take precedence, followed by the MANNERS Mark, and then the CONFORMATION, TYPE and FREEDOM OF ACTION MARK.</p> <p>This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 9th - 13th October 2024. Qualification will not pass below 5th Place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.</p> <p><i>Judges: Vikki Smith / Russell Marks</i> Class 301: 133cm National Pony Society / Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony of the Year (Ponies not exceeding 133cm. Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year) - (jumps 80cm - 90cm)</p> <p>Class 302: 143cm National Pony Society / Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony of the Year (Ponies exceeding 133cm and not exceeding 143cm. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year) (jumps 90cm - 100cm)</p> <p>Class 303: 153cm National Pony Society / Mole Valley Farmers Working Hunter Pony of the Year (Ponies exceeding 143cm and not exceeding 153cm. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year) (jumps 95cm - 105cm)</p> <p>Class 304: National Pony Society / Mole Valley Farmers Intermediate Working Hunter Pony of the Year (Intermediates exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, Riders not to have attained their 25th birthday before 1st January in the current year) (jumps 105cm - 115cm)</p> <p>Sport Horse Breeding Working Hunter Of The Year This competition is for Working Hunters, any weight, mares, geldings or stallion (competing stallions must have a red, white and blue ribbon displayed in their tail) four years old or over, exceeding 148cm, to be ridden. Any horse which has qualified as a Grade A Show Jumper or Advanced Event Horse as at 1st January in the current year is not eligible to compete in Working Hunter classes. All Riders, Owners and Producers must be Members of the British Show Horse Association, The Showing Register or Sport Horse Breeding GB. Horses must be registered with the British Show Horse Association, The Showing Register or Sport Horse Breeding GB.</p> <p>Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Official Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the Official Identity Documents must be in the name of the legal</p>
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	<p>owner within 30 days of ownership. This must be registered with the breed society, relevant studbook or ID issuing agency, dependant on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.'</p> <p>Ponies / Horses / Riders / Owners that are resident in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland and are competing in the HOYS qualifiers at NIF DO NOT need to belong to any of the HOYS approved societies.</p> <p>Should a combination qualify for the Horse of the Year Show, Ponies / Horses / Riders / Owners will need to join one of the HOYS approved societies (NPS, Ponies UK, The Showing Register or BSPS for Ponies - British Show Horse Association (BSHA) for Horses; TSR or SHGB for Hunters) within ten days of qualification.</p> <p>If you qualify for the Horse of the Year Show at the NEC in October your animal will also need a current/valid JMB height certificate prior to the final.</p> <p>Fences will not exceed 1.14m (3ft 9ins) in height, there should be a minimum of 8 fences and a maximum of 12 fences. The course must contain a combination and should contain a water tray. This class will be judged in two parts. Part One (Jumping) will be judged first, without a jump-off. All clear rounds and any other horses the judges may require will go forward to the next part. A rider can ride up to two horses in the jumping phase but then must select only one horse to take forward into the ride and conformation section if so required (no change of rider is allowed).</p> <p>This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.</p> <p>This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.</p> <p>Marks must be awarded in the following way:</p> <p>PHASE I (60 MARKS)</p> <table><tr><td>A: JUMPING POINTS</td><td>40 MARKS</td></tr><tr><td>B: STYLE WHILE JUMPING</td><td>20 MARKS</td></tr></table> <p>PHASE II (40 MARKS)</p> <table><tr><td>C: CONFORMATION</td><td>20 MARKS</td></tr><tr><td>D: RIDE</td><td>20 MARKS</td></tr></table> <p>In the event of equality the CONFORMATION MARK from Phase II will take precedence, followed by the RIDE MARK, and then the STYLE MARK.</p> <p>This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 9th - 13th October 2024. Qualification will not pass below 3rd place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship show. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.</p> <p><i>Judges: Michaela Bowling / Craig Kiddier</i></p> <p>Class 305: Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain Working Hunter of the Year Championship (max 114cm)</p> <p>CH15: Horse of the Year Working Hunter Qualifiers Championship (Classes 301-305) will take place during the Saturday Evening Performance.</p>	A: JUMPING POINTS	40 MARKS	B: STYLE WHILE JUMPING	20 MARKS	C: CONFORMATION	20 MARKS	D: RIDE	20 MARKS
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SATURDAY EVENING PERFORMANCE - GOLD RING - 7.00pm

EVENING PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

CH 34: Novice Working Hunter Pony Championship - [Corrin Knox / Lee Clarke](#)

CH 36: Novice Horse Working Hunter Championship - [Michaela Bowling / Craig Kiddier](#)

CH 15: Horse of the Year Show Working Hunter Qualifiers Championship -
[Vikki Smith / Russell Marks / Michaela Bowling / Craig Kiddier](#)

CH 30: Novice Ridden Horse Championship - [Craig McClelland / Lee Clarke](#)

CH 32: Veteran Ridden Championship - (*The Arabian Knight Memorial Trophy*) -
[Martin Surman](#)

CH 19: NIF Connemara Pony of the Year Championship - [Mark Sheen](#)

Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals

Class 401: Festival 4 Year Old Working Hunter Horse - [Sarah Verdon / Avril McKinley](#)

Class 402: Festival 80cms Working Hunter Horse - [Lee Clarke / Avril McKinley](#)

Class 407: M&M Working Hunter Pony exceeding 143cms -

[Katherine Atkin-Bowdler / Peter Bowdler](#)

Class 408: M&M Working Hunter Pony not exceeding 143cms -

[Katherine Atkin-Bowdler / Peter Bowdler](#)

Class 409: M&M Working Hunter Pony not exceeding 133cms -

[Katherine Atkin-Bowdler / Peter Bowdler](#)

Class 410: M&M Working Hunter Pony not exceeding 122cms -

[Katherine Atkin-Bowdler / Peter Bowdler](#)

The 1st Placed Horse or Pony in the Festival Working Hunter finals (classes 401 to 415) are eligible to compete in the Festival Supreme Working Hunter Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIPS: [All judges](#)

SUP 1: Mini Novice Champion of Champions
(Champion & Reserve from CH 22, 24, 28, 35)

SUP 2: Novice Supreme Championship
(Champion & Reserve from CH 20, 21, 23, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36 & SUP 1)

NORTHERN IRELAND FESTIVAL - TIMETABLE - SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024

BLUE RING ~ 8am	BRONZE RING ~ 9am	GREEN RING ~ 9am
<p><u>Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals</u></p> <p>Competitors must have qualified at one of the winter qualifying working hunter shows to be eligible to enter classes 401 – 415.</p> <p><i>Judges: Sarah Verdon / Avril McKinley / Michaela Bowling</i></p> <p>Class 403: Festival Small Working Hunter Horse (height certificate required for 158cms) (95cms)</p> <p>Class 404: Festival 90cms Working Hunter Horse</p> <p>Class 405: Festival 1m Working Hunter Horse</p> <p>Class 406: Festival 1.10m Working Hunter Horse</p> <p>The top 10 competitors in each of Classes 401 - 415 will be required to come forward in the Sunday Evening Performance for the final placings.</p>	<p><i>The 'Perfect Performance' Working Hunter Trophy</i></p> <p>Pony Performance Working Hunter. First phase only for Ponies up to 158cms.</p> <p><i>Judge: Rebecca Penny</i></p> <p>Class 124: Pony Performance 70cms</p> <p>Class 125: Pony Performance 80cms</p> <p>Class 126: Pony Performance 90cms</p> <p>CH16 The 'Perfect' Performance Working Hunter Trophy Championship (ponies) (classes 124, 125, 126)</p> <p>Horse Performance Working Hunter. First phase only</p> <p><i>Judge: Rebecca Penny</i></p> <p>Class 127: Horse Performance 80cms</p> <p>Class 128: Horse Performance 90cms</p> <p>Class 129: Horse Performance 1.0m</p> <p>CH18 The 'Perfect' Performance Working Hunter Trophy Championship (horses) (classes 127, 128, 129)</p>	<p><i>Open M&M ridden Ponies:</i></p> <p><i>Judge: Alexander J Osbourne</i></p> <p>Class 110: Open Ridden Highland, Fells, Dales</p> <p>Class 111: Open Ridden Connemara & New Forest</p> <p>Class 112: Open Ridden Welsh Section C & D</p> <p>Class 113: Open Ridden Welsh Section A & B</p> <p>Class 114: Open Ridden Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland</p> <p>CH 44: Open M&M Ridden Championship (Classes 110, 111, 112, 113, 114)</p> <p><i>Open Show Ponies:</i></p> <p><i>Judge: Craig McClelland</i></p> <p>Class 115: 128cms Open Ridden Show Pony</p> <p>Class 116: 138cms Open Ridden Show Pony</p> <p>Class 117: 148cms Open Ridden Show Pony</p> <p>CH 45: Open Show Pony Championship (Classes 115, 116, 117)</p> <p><i>Mini M&M Ponies:</i></p> <p><i>Judge: Craig McClelland</i></p> <p>Class 118: Open M&M Lead Rein</p> <p>Class 119: Open M&M First Ridden</p> <p>CH 46: Mini M&M Championship (Classes 118, 119) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Mini Pony Supreme Championship in the Evening Performance</p> <p><i>Connemara Ridden Ponies:</i></p> <p><i>Judge: Alexander J Osbourne</i></p> <p>Class 120: Connemara Ridden – Rider Under 16 years</p> <p>Class 121: Connemara Ridden – Rider Over 16 years</p> <p>CH 47: Connemara Ridden Pony Championship (Classes 120, 121)</p>

NORTHERN IRELAND FESTIVAL - TIMETABLE - SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024

<u>GOLD RING ~ 9am</u>	<u>RED RING ~ 9am</u>	<u>SILVER RING ~ 8am</u>
<p>Mini Open Show Ponies: <i>Judge: Corrin Knox</i> Class 100: Open Show Pony Lead Rein Class 101: Open Show Pony First Ridden CH 40: Mini Show Pony Championship (Classes 100, 101) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Open Mini Pony Supreme Championship in the Evening Performance</p> <p>Mini Open Show Hunter Ponies: <i>Judge: Corrin Knox</i> Class 102: Open Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein Class 103: Open Show Hunter Pony First Ridden Class 139: Open Show Hunter Starter Stakes Pony CH 41: Mini Show Hunter Pony Championship (Classes 102, 103 and 139) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Open Mini Pony Supreme Championship in the Evening Performance</p> <p>Open Show Hunter Ponies: <i>Judge: Debbie Spears</i> Class 104: Open Ridden 122cms Show Hunter Pony Class 105: Open Ridden 133cms Show Hunter Pony Class 106: Open Ridden 143cms Show Hunter Pony Class 107: Open Ridden 153cms Show Hunter Pony CH 42: Open Show Hunter Pony Championship (Classes 104, 105, 106, 107)</p> <p>Open Intermediate Ponies: <i>Judge: Debbie Spears</i> Class 108: Open Intermediate Show Hunter Type Pony Class 109: Open Intermediate Show Riding Type Pony CH 43: Open Intermediate Championship (Classes 108, 109)</p>	<p>Ridden Hunters: <i>Judges: Vikki Smith / Craig Kiddier</i> Class 91: Small Hunter (height certificate required for 158cms) Class 92: Lightweight Hunter Class 93: Middleweight Hunter Class 94: Heavyweight Hunter CH 37: Open Ridden Hunter Championship (Classes 91, 92, 93, 94)</p> <p>Riding Horses: <i>Judges: Vikki Smith / Craig Kiddier</i> Class 95: Small Riding Horse Class 96: Large Riding Horse CH 38: Open Riding Horse Championship (Classes 95, 96)</p> <p>Ridden Cobs: <i>Judges: Lee Clarke / Mark Sheen / Martin Surman</i> Class 97: Lightweight Ridden Cob Class 98: Heavyweight Ridden Cob Class 99: Maxi Ridden Cob (over 155cms) Class 137: Traditional Gypsy Cob CH 39: Open Ridden Cob Championship - The Countess Cup donated by Jennifer Kennedy (Classes 97, 98, 99, 137)</p>	<p><u>Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals</u></p> <p>Competitors must have qualified at one of the winter qualifying working hunter shows to be eligible to enter classes 401 – 415.</p> <p><i>Judges: Katherine Atkin-Bowdler / Peter Bowdler</i> Class 411: Festival Cradle Stakes Working Hunter Pony (67cms) Class 412: Festival Starter/Nursery Stakes Working Hunter Pony (75cms) Class 413: Festival 133cms Working Hunter Pony (90cms) Class 414: Festival 143cms Working Hunter Pony (1m) Class 415: Festival 153cms Working Hunter Pony (1.05m)</p> <p>The top 10 competitors in each of Classes 104 – 116 will be required to come forward in the Sunday Evening Performance for the final placings.</p>



SUNDAY EVENING PERFORMANCE - GOLD RING - 5.00pm

Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals

Class 411: Cradle Stakes Working Hunter Pony - [Katherine Atkin-Bowdler](#) / [Peter Bowdler](#)

Class 403: Small Working Hunter Horse - [Sarah Verdon](#) / [Avril McKinley](#) / [Michaela Bowling](#)

Class 412: Starter Stakes Working Hunter Pony - [Katherine Atkin-Bowdler](#) / [Peter Bowdler](#)

Class 404: 90cms Working Hunter Horse - [Sarah Verdon](#) / [Avril McKinley](#) / [Michaela Bowling](#)

Class 413: 133cms Working Hunter Pony - [Katherine Atkin-Bowdler](#) / [Peter Bowdler](#)

Class 405: 1m Working Hunter Horse - [Sarah Verdon](#) / [Avril McKinley](#) / [Michaela Bowling](#)

Class 414: 143cms Working Hunter Pony - [Katherine Atkin-Bowdler](#) / [Peter Bowdler](#)

Class 406: 1.10m Working Hunter Horse - [Sarah Verdon](#) / [Avril McKinley](#) / [Michaela Bowling](#)

Class 415: 153cms Working Hunter Pony - [Katherine Atkin-Bowdler](#) / [Peter Bowdler](#)

OPEN RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIPS: [All judges](#)

SUP 4: Mini Pony Supreme Championship

(Champ & Res from CH 25, 40, 41, 46)

SUP 5: Ridden Horse Supreme Championship

(Champ & Res from CH 5, 6, 7, 13, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39)

SUP 6: Ridden Pony Supreme Championship

(Champ & Res from CH 6, 10, 26, 27, 31, 32, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, SUP 4)

FESTIVAL WORKING HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS: [All judges](#)

SUP 7: Festival Supreme Working Hunter Championships

Ponies (winners of classes 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415) -

Horses (winners of classes 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406) -



Championships and Supreme Championships Index

- CH 1:** Young Handler Championship (Classes 1, 2)
- CH 2:** Beginner Ridden Championship (Classes 3, 4, 5)
- CH 3:** Pony Equitation Championship (Classes 6, 7, 8)
- CH 4:** Fancy Dress Championship (Classes 9, 10)
- CH 5:** Home Produced Ridden Horse Championship (Classes 11, 12, 13)
- CH 6:** Ladies Championship (Classes 17, 18, 19)
- CH 7:** Racehorse to Riding Horse Championship (Classes 20, 21)
- CH 8:** Beginner Working Hunter Championship (Classes 51, 52, 53)
- CH 9:** Pony Performance Working Hunter Championship (classes 22, 23, 24, 25, 26)
- CH 10:** Connemara Working Hunter Pony Championship (Classes 54, 55)
- CH 11:** Horse Performance Working Hunter Championship (Classes 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32)
- CH 12:** Home Produced Working Hunter Horse Championship (Classes 33, 34)
- CH 13:** Amateur Ridden Horse Championship (Classes 14, 15, 16)
- CH 14:** Amateur Working Hunter Championship
- CH 15:** Horse of the Year Show Qualifiers Working Hunter Championship (Classes 301, 302, 303, 304, 305)
- CH 16:** The 'Perfect' Performance Working Hunter Trophy (ponies) (Classes 124, 125, 126)
- CH 17:** The Connemara Cup Final (classes 143, 144, 145, 146, 147)
- CH 18:** The 'Perfect' Performance Working Hunter Trophy (horses) (Classes 127, 128, 129)
- CH 19:** NIF Connemara Pony of the Year Championship (Classes 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136)
- CH 20:** Novice Intermediate Championship (Classes 56, 57)
- CH 21:** Novice Show Hunter Pony Championship (Classes 58, 59, 60, 61)
- CH 22:** Novice Mini SH Pony Championship (Classes 122, 123, 138)
- CH 23:** Novice Show Pony Championship (Classes 62, 63, 64)
- CH 24:** Novice Mini Show Pony Championship (Classes 65, 66)
- CH 25:** Part-Bred Mini Championship (Classes 67, 68)
- CH 26:** Young Riders M&M Ridden Championship (Classes 37, 38, 39)
- CH 27:** Part-Bred Ridden Championship (Classes 40, 41)
- CH 28:** Novice Mini M&M Pony Championship (Classes 42, 43)
- CH 29:** Novice M&M Ridden Championship (Classes 44, 45, 46)
- CH 30:** Novice Ridden Horse Championship (Classes 71, 72, 73, 74)
- CH 31:** Coloured Horse / Pony Championship (Classes 75, 76)
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- CH 33:** Novice M&M WH Pony Championship (Classes 47, 48, 49, 50)
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- CH 36:** Novice WH Horse Championship (Classes 81, 82, 83)
- CH 37:** Open Ridden Hunter Championship (Classes 69, 91, 92, 93, 94)
- CH 38:** Open Riding Horse Championship (Classes 69, 95, 96)
- CH 39:** Open Ridden Cob Championship (Classes 97, 98, 99, 137)
- CH 40:** Mini Show Pony Championship (Classes 100, 101)
- CH 41:** Mini Show Hunter Pony Championship (Classes 102, 103, 139)
- CH 42:** Open Show Hunter Pony Championship (Classes 104, 105, 106, 107)
- CH 43:** Open Intermediate Championship (Classes 108, 109)
- CH 44:** Open M&M Ridden Championship (Classes 110, 111, 112, 113, 114)
- CH 45:** Open Show Pony Championship (Classes 115, 116, 117)
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- CH 47:** Connemara Ridden Pony Championship (Classes 120, 121)

Supreme Championships:

- SUP 1:** Mini Novice Champion of Champions (Champion & Reserve from CH 22, 24, 28, 35)
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- SUP 5:** Ridden Horse Supreme Championship (Champion & Reserve from CH 5, 5a, 6, 7, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39)
- SUP 6:** Ridden Pony Supreme Championship (Champion & Reserve from CH 6, 10, 26, 27, 31, 32, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, SUP 4)
- SUP 7:** Festival Supreme Working Hunter Championships (Winners of classes 401-415)