

NORTHERN IRELAND FESTIVAL - TIMETABLE - FRIDAY 1st May 2026

BLUE RING ~ 8am

Horse Performance Working Hunter:

First phase only

Judge:

Class 27: Horse Performance 70cms

Class 28: Horse Performance 80cms

Class 29: Irish Draught Performance 80cms

Judge:

Class 30: Horse Performance 90cms

Class 31: Irish Draught Performance 90cms

Class 32: Horse Performance 1.0m

CH 11: Horse Performance Working Hunter Championship to be held in the Friday evening performance (classes 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32)

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.

Judges:

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).

Amateur Working Hunter Horses:

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

Judges:

Class 35: Amateur Working Hunter 75cms

Class 36: Amateur Working Hunter 90cms

CH 14: Amateur Working Hunter Horse Championship (Classes 35, 36).

BRONZE RING ~ 8am

Pony Performance Working Hunter:

First phase only for Ponies up to 158cms.

Judge:

Class 63: Pony Performance 40cms

Class 22: Pony Performance 55cms

Class 23: Pony Performance 65cms

Judge:

Class 24: Pony Performance 75cms

Class 25: Pony Performance 85cms

Class 26: Pony Performance 95cms

CH 9: Pony Performance Working Hunter Championship to be held in the Friday evening performance (classes 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 63)

GREEN RING ~ 8am

Young Handlers:

Judge:

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)

Beginner Ridden:

Judge:

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)

Part-Bred Ridden:

Judge:

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 and Reserve eligible to go forward to the relevant Ridden Horse (Sup 5) or Pony (Sup 6) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

Novice Mini M&M Pony:

Judge:

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 and Reserve eligible to go forward to the Mini Novice Pony (Sup 1) Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance

Young Riders M&M Ridden:

Judge:

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 and Reserve eligible to compete in the M&M Pony (Sup 3) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

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GOLD RING ~ 8am

The Connemara Cup:

Judge:

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.

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the M&M Pony (Sup 3) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

Novice M&M Ridden:

Judge:

Class 44: Novice M&M Ridden Small Breeds

Class 45: Novice M&M Ridden Large Breeds

CH 29: Novice M&M Ridden Championship (Classes 44, 45)

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Novice (Sup 2) Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance

Pony Equitation:

Judge:

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

RED RING ~ 8am

Home Produced Horses:

Judges:

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 (Sup 5) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

Amateur Ridden Horses:

Judges:

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 (Sup 5) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

Ladies Side Saddle / Astride:

Judges:

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 (Sup 5) or Pony (Sup 6) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

Racehorse to Riding Horse:

Judges:

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 (Sup 5) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

SILVER RING ~ 8am

Novice M&M Working Hunter Ponies:

Judges:

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)

Beginner Working Hunter:

Judge:

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)

Novice Mini Working Hunter Ponies:

Judge:

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). Champion and Reserve eligible to go forward to the Mini Novice Pony (Sup 1) Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance

Connemara Working Hunter Ponies:

Judges:

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)



FRIDAY EVENING PERFORMANCE ~ GOLD RING ~ 7.00pm

FANCY DRESS: -

Class 9: Fancy Dress – up to 10 years

Class 10: Fancy Dress – over 10 years

CHAMPIONSHIPS

CH 4: Fancy Dress Championship (classes 9, 10) -

CH 5: Home Produced Ridden Horse Championship (classes 11, 12, 13) -

CH 33: Novice M&M Working Hunter Championship (classes 47, 48, 49, 50) -

CH 17: Connemara Cup Final (classes 143, 144, 145, 146, 147) -

CH 13: Amateur Ridden Horse Championship (classes 14, 15, 16) -

CH 10: Connemara Working Hunter Pony Championship (classes 54, 55) -

CH 3: Pony Equitation Championship (classes 6, 7, 8) -

CH 6: Ladies Championship (classes 17, 18, 19) -

CH 9: Pony Performance Working Hunter Championship (classes 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 63) -

CH 11: Horse Performance Working Hunter Championship (classes 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32) -

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BLUE RING ~ 8am

Novice Working Hunter Horses:

Judges:

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)

Cob Working Hunter:

Judges:

Class 84: Cob Working Hunter (90cms)

Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals

Competitors must have qualified at one of the winter qualifying working hunter shows to be eligible to enter classes 401 - 415

Judges:

Class 401: Festival 4 Year Old Working Hunter Horse Final (passport will be required to confirm horse foaled in 2022) (75cm)

Judges:

Class 402: Festival 80cms Working Hunter Horse Final

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.



Horse of the Year Show Qualifiers (TBC)

Class 305 Entry fee includes an £18 HOYS contribution

Judges:

Class 305: Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain Working Hunter of the Year Championship (max 114cm)

BRONZE RING ~ 8am

Novice Working Hunter Ponies:

Judges:

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)

Restricted Performance Jumping:

First phase only - for horses and ponies who have NOT previously qualified for a jumping class at Horse of the Year Show, London International Horse Show or Dublin Horse Show

Judge:

Class 148: Horses 90cm Restricted Performance Jumping

Class 149: Horses 80cm Restricted Performance Jumping

Class 150: Ponies (up to 158cms) - 80cm Restricted Performance Jumping

Class 151: Ponies (up to 158cms) - 70cm Restricted Performance Jumping

CH 23: Restricted Performance Jumping Championship (classes 148, 149, 150, 151)

GREEN RING ~ 8am

Novice Intermediate Ponies:

Judge:

Class 56: Novice Intermediate SHT

Class 57: Novice Intermediate SRT

CH 20: Novice Intermediate Championship (Classes 56, 57) Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Novice (Sup 2) Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance

Novice Show Hunter Ponies:

Judge:

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) Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Novice (Sup 2) Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance

Novice Mini Show Ponies:

Judge:

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 (Sup 1) Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance.

Mini Part Bred Ridden Ponies:

Judge:

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 (Sup 4) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

Novice Connemara Ridden Ponies:

Judge:

Class 112: Novice Connemara Ridden Pony (rider under 18 on 1st January in current year)

Class 113: Novice Connemara Ridden Pony (rider 18 or over on 1st January in current year)

CH: 49: Novice Connemara Ridden Pony Championship (Classes 112, 113)

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GOLD RING ~ 9am

NIF Connemara Pony of the Year Competition

Judge:

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 15 or over on 1st January in the current year)

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.

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the M&M Pony (Sup 3) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

Novice Mini Show Hunter Ponies: Judge:

Class 122: Novice Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein

Class 123: Novice Show Hunter Pony First Ridden

CH 22: Novice Mini SH Pony Championship (Classes 122, 123) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Mini Novice Pony (Sup 1) Supreme Championship in the Saturday Evening Performance.

Novice Show Ponies:

Judge:

Class 62: Novice Show Pony combined heights to 148cms.

Pony Equitation:

Judge:

Only the rider is judged in these classes, not the pony - open to any pony under 158cms - show class format (no jumping)

Class 138: Pony Equitation (rider under 16 years on 1st January in current year)

Class 139: Pony Equitation (rider aged 16 or over on 1st January in current year)

CH 48: Pony Equitation Championship (classes 138, 139)



Horse of the Year Show Qualifier (TBC)

Class 306 Entry fee includes an £18 HOYS contribution

Judges:

Class 306: National Pony Society / Baileys Horse Feeds Mountain & Moorland Ridden Connemara Pony of the Year

RED RING ~ 9am

Ridden Mares:

Judges:

Class 69: Ridden Horse, Mares only
1st & 2nd placed competitors are eligible to enter CH 37 Open Ridden Hunter Championship on Sunday or CH 38 Open Riding Horse Championship on Sunday

Irish Draught:

Judges:

Class 70: Registered Ridden Irish Draught Horse

Novice Ridden Horses:

Judges:

Class 71: 4 Year Old Ridden Hunter Horse

Class 72: Novice Small Hunter Horse

Class 73: Novice Hunter Horse

Class 74: Novice Riding Horse

Class 46: Novice Cob

CH 30: Novice Ridden Horse Championship to be held in the Evening Performance (Classes 46, 71, 72, 73, 74)

Coloured Horses & Ponies:

Judges:

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 (Sup 5) or Pony (Sup 6) Supreme Championship in the Sunday evening performance

Veteran Ridden Horses & Ponies:

Judge:

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 (Sup 5) or Pony (Sup 6) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

SILVER RING ~ 8am



Horse of the Year Show Qualifiers (TBC)

Classes 301 - 305 Entry fee includes an £18 HOYS contribution

Judges:

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)

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)

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)

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)

CH15: Horse of the Year Working Hunter Qualifiers Championship (plaited) (Classes 301-305) will take place during the Saturday Evening Performance.

Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals

Competitors must have qualified at one of the winter qualifying working hunter shows to be eligible to enter classes 401 – 415.

Judges:

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)

The top 10 competitors in each Class will be required to come forward in the Saturday Evening Performance for the final placings.



Hobby Horse 6.30pm

'Show Us Your Best Moves' - Under 10's, 10-18 year old's, Adults
Pick up a free number from the show office on Saturday

SATURDAY EVENING PERFORMANCE - GOLD RING - 7.00pm

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

CH 34: Novice Working Hunter Pony Championship (classes 85, 86, 87, 88) -

CH 36: Novice Horse Working Hunter Championship (classes 81, 82, 83) -

CH 15: Horse of the Year Show Working Hunter Qualifiers Championship (classes 301, 302, 303, 304, 305) -

CH 30: Novice Ridden Horse Championship (classes 46, 71, 72, 73, 74) -

CH 32: Veteran Ridden Championship - (*The Arabian Knight Memorial Trophy*) (classes 77, 78, 79, 80) -

CH 19: NIF Connemara Pony of the Year Championship (classes 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136)

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Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals

Class 401: Festival 4 Year Old Working Hunter Horse -

Class 402: Festival 80cms Working Hunter Horse -

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

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

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

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

The 1st Placed Horse or Pony in the Festival Working Hunter finals (classes 401 to 415) are eligible to compete in the Festival Supreme (Sup 7) Working Hunter Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36 & SUP 1)

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BLUE RING ~ 8am

Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals

Competitors must have qualified at one of the winter qualifying working hunter shows to be eligible to enter classes 401 – 415.

Judges:

Class 403: Festival Small Working Hunter Horse (height certificate required for 158cms) (95cms)

Class 404: Festival 90cms Working Hunter Horse

Class 405: Festival 1m Working Hunter Horse

Class 406: Festival 1.10m Working Hunter Horse

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.

BRONZE RING ~ 8am

The 'Perfect Performance' Working Hunter Trophy

Pony Performance Working Hunter. First phase only for Ponies up to 158cms.

Judge:

Class 114: Pony Performance 60cms

Class 124: Pony Performance 70cms

Class 125: Pony Performance 80cms

Class 126: Pony Performance 90cms

CH16 The 'Perfect' Performance Working Hunter Trophy Championship (ponies) (classes 114, 124, 125, 126)

Horse Performance Working Hunter. First phase only

Judge:

Class 140: Horse Performance 70cms

Class 127: Horse Performance 80cms

Class 128: Horse Performance 90cms

Class 129: Horse Performance 1.0m

CH18 The 'Perfect' Performance Working Hunter Trophy Championship (horses) (classes 127, 128, 129, 140)

GREEN RING ~ 8am

Open M&M ridden Ponies:

Judge:

Class 110: Open Small M&M Ridden Ponies

Class 111: Open Large M&M Ridden Ponies

CH 44: Open M&M Ridden Championship (Classes 110, 111)

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the M&M Pony (Sup 3) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

Open Show Ponies:

Judge:

Class 115: 128cms Open Ridden Show Pony

Class 116: 138cms Open Ridden Show Pony

Class 117: 148cms Open Ridden Show Pony

CH 45: Open Show Pony Championship (Classes 115, 116, 117)

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Pony (Sup 6) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

Mini M&M Ponies:

Judge:

Class 118: Open M&M Lead Rein

Class 119: Open M&M First Ridden

CH 46: Mini M&M Championship (Classes 118, 119) Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Mini Pony (Sup 4) Supreme Championship in the Evening Performance

Connemara Ridden Ponies:

Judge:

Class 120: Connemara Ridden – Rider Under 16 years

Class 121: Connemara Ridden – Rider Over 16 years

CH 47: Connemara Ridden Pony Championship (Classes 120, 121)

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the M&M Pony (Sup 3) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

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GOLD RING ~ 8am

Mini Open Show Ponies:

Judge:

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 (Sup 4) Supreme Championship in the Evening Performance

Mini Open Show Hunter Ponies:

Judge:

Class 102: Open Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein

Class 103: Open Show Hunter Pony First Ridden

CH 41: Mini Show Hunter Pony Championship (Classes 102, 103)

Champion & Reserve eligible to go forward to the Open Mini Pony (Sup 4) Supreme Championship in the Evening Performance

Pony Equitation:

Judge:

Only the rider is judged in these classes, not the pony - open to any pony under 158cms - show class format (no jumping)

Class 154: Pony Equitation (rider under 10 years on 1st January in current year)

Class 155: Pony Equitation (rider aged under 14 years on 1st January in current year)

CH 51: Pony Equitation Championship (classes 154, 155)

Open Show Hunter Ponies:

Judge:

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)

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Pony (Sup 6) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

Open Intermediate Ponies:

Judge:

Class 108: Open Intermediate Show Hunter Type Pony

Class 109: Open Intermediate Show Riding Type Pony

CH 43: Open Intermediate Championship (Classes 108, 109)

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Pony (Sup 6) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

RED RING ~ 8am

Ridden Hunters:

Judges:

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 69, 91, 92, 93, 94)

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Horse (Sup 5) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

Riding Horses:

Judges:

Class 95: Small Riding Horse

Class 96: Large Riding Horse

CH 38: Open Riding Horse Championship (Classes 69, 95, 96)

Champion and Reserve eligible to compete in the Horse (Sup 5) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance

Ridden Cobs:

Judges:

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)

Champion and Reserve Horse eligible to compete in the Horse (Sup 5) Supreme Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

If a pony from class 137 goes Champion or Reserve Champion, they go into the Pony (Sup 6) Championship in the Sunday Evening Performance.

SILVER RING ~ 8am

Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals

Competitors must have qualified at one of the winter qualifying working hunter shows to be eligible to enter classes 401 – 415.

Judges:

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)

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.

Restricted Performance Jumping:

First phase only - for horses and ponies who have NOT previously qualified for a jumping class at Horse of the Year Show, London International Horse Show or Dublin Horse Show

Judge:

Class 141: Horses 70cm Restricted Performance Jumping

Class 142: Horses 80cm Restricted Performance Jumping

Class 152: Ponies (up to 158cms) - 60cm Restricted Performance Jumping

Class 153: Ponies (up to 158cms) - 70cm Restricted Performance Jumping

CH 50: Restricted Performance Jumping Championship (classes 141, 142, 152, 153)



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Northern Ireland Festival Working Hunter Finals

Class 411: Cradle Stakes Working Hunter Pony -

Class 403: Small Working Hunter Horse -

Class 412: Starter Stakes Working Hunter Pony -

Class 404: 90cms Working Hunter Horse -

Class 413: 133cms Working Hunter Pony -

Class 405: 1m Working Hunter Horse -

Class 414: 143cms Working Hunter Pony -

Class 406: 1.10m Working Hunter Horse -

Class 415: 153cms Working Hunter Pony -

OPEN RIDDEN SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIPS:

SUP 3: M&M Pony Supreme Championship

(Champ & Res from CH 17, 19, 26, 44, 47)

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, 27, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39)

SUP 6: Ridden Pony Supreme Championship

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

FESTIVAL WORKING HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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) -

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- 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, 63)
- 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 114, 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, 140)
- 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)
- CH 23:** Restricted Performance Jumping Championship (classes 148, 149, 150, 151)
- 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)
- CH 30:** Novice Ridden Horse Championship (Classes 46, 71, 72, 73, 74)
- CH 31:** Coloured Horse / Pony Championship (Classes 75, 76)
- CH 32:** Veteran Ridden Championship (Classes 77, 78, 79, 80)
- CH 33:** Novice M&M WH Pony Championship (Classes 47, 48, 49, 50)
- CH 34:** Novice Working Hunter Pony Championship (Classes 85, 86, 87, 88)
- CH 35:** Novice Mini WH Pony Championship (Classes 89, 90)
- 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)
- 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)
- CH 45:** Open Show Pony Championship (Classes 115, 116, 117)
- CH 46:** Mini M&M Championship (Classes 118, 119)
- CH 47:** Connemara Ridden Pony Championship (Classes 120, 121)
- CH 48:** Pony Equitation Championship (classes 138, 139)
- CH 49:** Novice Connemara Ridden Pony Championship (Classes 112, 113)
- CH 50:** Restricted Performance Jumping Championship (classes 141, 142, 152, 153)
- CH 51:** Pony Equitation Championship (classes 154, 155)

Supreme Championships:

- SUP 1:** Mini Novice Champion of Champions (Champion and Reserve from CH 22, 24, 28, 35)
- SUP 2:** Novice Supreme Championship (Champion and Reserve from CH 20, 21, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36 & SUP 1)
- SUP 3:** M&M Pony Supreme Championship (Champion and Reserve from CH 17, 19, 26, 44, 47)
- SUP 4:** Mini Pony Supreme Championship (Champion and Reserve from CH 25, 40, 41, 46)
- SUP 5:** Ridden Horse Supreme Championship (Champion and Reserve from CH 5, 6, 7, 27, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39)
- SUP 6:** Ridden Pony Supreme Championship (Champion & Reserve from CH 6, 10, 27, 31, 32, 42, 43, 45, SUP 4)
- SUP 7:** Festival Supreme Working Hunter Championships (Winners of classes 401-415)