

**ROSS-SHIRE RIDING CLUB**

**ANNUAL SHOW**

**INCLUDING, BSPS WH TRAINING STAKES QUALIFIERS, NPS SCOTLAND QUALIFIERS & CALEDONIAN SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIERS**



**Sunday 27thJuly, 2025**

 **Venue: SHEEP PARK, BALBLAIR, BLACK ISLE**

**Starting 9.00am**

**Closing date for entries Sunday 20th July 2025**

**Entries to be made on Equo**

**PLEASE NOTE - ENTRY FEES ARE AS INDICATED PER SECTION**

**Turnout Section: RRC members £8, Non members £10**

**One class per animal/competitor**

**Class 1: Ridden Turnout**

**Class 2: In hand Turnout**

**Turnout Championship 1st & 2nd.**

**Rosettes for Champion and Reserve.**

**In-Hand Section: RRC members £8, Non members £10 per class**

**JUDGE: Mrs Carolyn Munro**

**Class 3: Light Legged 3 & Under**

**Class 4: Light Legged 4 & Over**

**Class 5: Arab & Part bred**

**Class 6: Cob Type**

**Class 7: Mountain & Moorland Part Bred**

**Class 8: Veteran, any breed, 16 years and over**

**Class 9: Coloured horse/pony**

**Championship for classes 3 to 9 Rosettes for Champion and Reserve.**

**In-Hand NPS Scotland Qualifying Classes**

**NPS Scotland/Achilty Stud Open In-hand Riding Pony/Hunter Pony Championship qualifiers**

**Class 10: Hunter/Riding Pony**. Yearlings, 2 and 3 year olds,

**Class 11: Hunter/Riding Pony.** Ponies 4 years and over, stallions, mares and geldings,

The **two** highest placed ponies, in each in-hand Class not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 22nd August 2025.

 **Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place**

**Hunter Pony**. Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings not to exceed 153 cms at maturity

**Riding Pony.** Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings, not to exceed 148 cms at maturity.

**NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet n Pony In Hand Mountain & Moorland Championship qualifiers**

Youngstock, stallions, mares and geldings registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book. Handler any age, except stallions (see rules). Foals are not eligible.

**Class 12**: **Registered Mountain & Moorland**; Yearlings, 2 and 3 year ponies old (may be split – please give breed on entry)

**Class 13**: **Registered Mountain & Moorland** 4 years old & over (may be split – please give breed on entry)

**The Champion & Res. Champion** from classes 12 and 13 will qualify for the Final which will take place at Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 22nd August 2025. **Qualification may go to 3rd in the Championship (i.e. 1st Reserve Champion)**

**NPS Championship for classes 10 to 13.**

**1st & 2nds forward.**

**All Best Placed RRC Members are invited forward for their Championship from classes 3 to 13 which will be held after the NPS Championship.**

**Ridden Section: RRC members £10, Non members £12 per class**

**JUDGE: Mrs Jane Barry**

In novice classes, at the judge’s discretion, horses or ponies which appear other than novice will be asked to leave the ring. Genuine novice horses & ponies only please. Any rider / horse / pony combination which has won 1st or 2nd previously is not considered novice.

**Ridden NPS Scotland Qualifying classes**

**NPS Scotland/ Craigclowen School M&M Lead Rein Championship qualifier**

**Class 14: M & M Lead Rein** - Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 122 cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books: Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B. To be shown in a snaffle bit. Rider must be at least 3 years old on the day of the class and not to have attained their 9th birthday by the 1st January in the current year.

The **2** highest placed ponies the Lead Rein class not already qualified will go forward to the final which will take place at Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 22nd August 2025.

 **Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place**

**NPS Scotland/ Craigclowen School M&M First Ridden Championship qualifier**

**Class 15**: **M & M First Ridden** - Mares and geldings four years old and over not exceeding 128cms, registered in the main body of the following Breed Society stud books: Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh A and Welsh B. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

The **2** highest placed ponies in the First ridden class not already qualified will go forward to the final which will take place at Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 22nd August 2025.

.**Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place**

**NPS Mini Championship class 14 & 15**

**1st & 2nds forward.**

**NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship qualifiers**

Stallions, mares and geldings four years old and over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

i Won an open affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class

ii Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, LIHS or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes

iii Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden final at the NPS Summer Championship show and the NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud Novice Finals (N.B. Ponies can compete as novices in this competition for two consecutive years provided they do not submit an entry to the final in the first year).

1. If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show, LIHS or RIHS in its second year it is de-noviced and cannot compete in the Kilmannan Final at Blair Final.

A minimum of 6 ponies must be stripped in qualifying rounds. All ponies will be stripped in the Final.

The **2** highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 22nd August 2025. **Qualifications to go no lower than 4thplace**. This can be either mixed M. & M. or Breed Classes

**Class 16**: **Novice M&M Ridden**. Small breeds – Dartmoor, Exmoor,Shetland,Welsh A, Welsh B - Stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book \*\*

**Class 17**: **Novice M&M Ridden** .Large breeds –Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C, Welsh D - Stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book

 **NPS Novice Championship class 16 & 17**

**1st & 2nds forward.**

**NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds Open Ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship qualifiers**

**Class 18**: **Open M&M Ridden Small breeds** – Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A, Welsh B - Stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book

**Class 19**: **Open M&M Ridden Large breeds** –Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C, Welsh D - Stallions, mares and geldings four years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book

The **2** highest placed ponies, not already qualified, in each class will qualify for the Final which will take place at Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 22nd August 2025 **Qualifications to go no lower than 4thplace**.

**NPS Open Championship class 18 & 19.**

**1st & 2nds forward.**

 **JUDGE: Mrs Donna Newton**

**Class 20: Novice Horse / Pony (may split if required)**

**Class 21: Pony not exceeding 12.2hh (incl lead rein)**

**Class 22: Pony over 12.2 but not exceeding 13.2**

**Class 23: Pony over 13.2 but not exceeding 14.2**

**Class 24: Horse 14.2 and not exceeding 15.2 (The Duntown Aristocrat Trophy awarded to best RRC member in this class)**

**Class 25: Horse 15.2 and over**

**Class 26: Veteran Horse/Pony 16 years and over**

**Class 27: Cob Horse/Pony**

**Class 28: Coloured horse or pony**

**Class 29: ROR, 4 years & over**

**Class 30: Riding Club Horse/Pony, RRC members only (may include a small jump)**

**Ridden Championship for Classes 20-30.**

 **1st & 2nds forward.**

 **All Best Placed RRC Members are invited forward for their Championship from classes 14 to 30. This will be after the Ridden Championships.**

**Working Hunter Section: RRC members £12, Non members £14**

**BSPS JUDGE: Mrs Karen Slight**

This Show is affiliated to the British Show Pony Society ("B.S.P.S."), and all persons entering, competing, showing or otherwise taking part in B.S.P.S. classes, whether or not members of the B.S.P.S. are subject to the Rules of the B.S.P.S., including the disciplinary procedures, and shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the B.S.P.S.

Affiliated Show number – 2025-S-016

**Class 31: BSPS Training Stakes 60cm (See rules below)**

**Class 32: BSPS Training Stakes 70cm (See rules below)**

**Class 33: BSPS Training Stakes 80cm (See rules below)**

**BSPS Training Stakes.**

BSPS Scotland Training Stakes Championship Qualifiers

The final will be held at the BSPS Scotland Finale Show on Saturday 13th September. Competitors can qualify at affiliated shows throughout the summer and the Final will be open to both members and non-members.

\*\*\*\*\*You do not need to be a member of BSPS to enter these classes. Both the qualifying classes and the final are open to everyone\*\*\*\*\*\*

60cm BSPS Scotland Training Stakes – Plaited or Heritage Mountain & Moorland ponies, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 158cm. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. Maximum height of fences 60cm

70cm BSPS Scotland Training Stakes – Plaited or Heritage Mountain & Moorland ponies, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 158cm. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. Maximum height of fences 70cm

80cm BSPS Scotland Training Stakes – Plaited or Heritage Mountain & Moorland ponies, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 158cm. Riders any age but must be suitably mounted for the pony/horse they ride. Maximum height of fences 80cm

Fences: There will be a minimum of 8 fences up to a maximum of 12 fences not exceeding the height of the class.

Marking: A total of 100 marks

Jumping 60 marks

Style & Manners while Jumping 20 points

Show Mark & Manners 20 points

Qualification: To qualify for the final you must place 1st at any qualifying show and must have a clear round. Qualification can pass down to 4th place as long as the combination has been clear. If a combination qualifies in all three height sections they will only be able to jump the two higher heights at the final.

Body protectors of BETA Level 3 body protector 2018 (Blue) must be worn, no spurs and please read the BSPS Rule 52 on appropriate use of a Whip.

**BSPS Working Hunter Championship, 1st & 2nd forward from class 33-35.**

**JUDGES: Mrs Karen Slight & Ms Marion Maclennan**

In novice classes, at the judge’s discretion, horses or ponies which appear other than novice will be asked to leave the ring. Genuine novice horses & ponies only please. Any rider / horse / pony combination which has won 1st or 2nd previously is not considered novice.

**Class 34: Starter Pony – for young and inexperienced pony (30 cm approx.)**

**Class 35: Cradle stakes for children including lead rein (30 cm approx)**

**Mini WH Championship for classes 31 & 32**

**Championship for best RRC members – wins RRC shield**

**Class 36: Novice (40 cm approx)**

**Class 37: 50cm Mixed**

**Class 38: 55cm Mixed**

**Class 39: 60cm Mixed**

**Class 40: 70cm Mixed**

**Class 41: 80cm Mixed**

**Class 42: 90cm Mixed**

**Working Hunter Championship, 1st & 2nd forward from class 36 – 42**

**NPS JUDGE: Mrs Jane Barry**

**NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products Mountain & Moorland Open WHP Championship.**

Stallions, mares and geldings **five** years old or over, registered in the main body of their respective Breed Society stud book.

The 2 highest placed ponies, in each class not already qualified, will qualify for the Final which will take place at the Scone Palace International Horse Trials on Friday 22nd August 2025. Qualifications to go no lower than 4th place

**Class 43** **Ponies not exceeding 122cm**

**Class 44** **Ponies exceeding 122cm but not exceeding 133cm**

**Class 45** **Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm**

**Class 46 Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148cms (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction)**

**NPS Working Hunter Championship, 1st & 2nd forward from class 43-46**

**All Best Placed RRC Members are invited forward for their Championship from classes 31-46.**

 **This will be after all the WH Championships.**

## Supreme Of Show

##  In Hand, Ridden and Working Hunter Champions & Reserves invited forward.

**Overall RRC Members Championship**

**All Best Member Champions forward.**

**Trophies presented at our AGM**

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AS always we will do our best to avoid clashes of classes but if this does occur on show day it is the RESPONSIBILITY of the COMPETITOR to choose.

Competitors should be ready for their classes. Ross-shire Riding Club accepts no responsibility for loss or accident to persons, animals or property, howsoever caused. Juniors remain the responsibility of their parents / guardians at all times. Dogs though welcome must be on non-extendable leads at all times. To count as members at the show, membership forms must be received by the closing date. Body protectors are advised for jumping classes.

**Caledonian Showing Championships**

This show is a qualifier for the Caledonian Showing Championships, which is now fully established as the biggest and best way to end Scottish showing season

This year’s show will be held at

***Howe EC, near Ladybank, Fife on 17/18/19 October 2025***

Every horse & pony placed 1st in all Inhand, Ridden Showing classes (not fun classes) & Working Hunter/Pony classes will qualify to compete in any appropriate class at the Finals. All Champions & Reserves will qualify for the Champion & Reserves Stakes Finals. Qualification will be from placings, no qualification cards will be awarded in the ring, and no qualification can go down the line.

All qualified horses and ponies will be listed on the Puddledub Show’s Facebook page and the website <https://puddledubshows.weebly.com/>

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**BODY PROTECTORS**

50. Body Protectors **MUST** be worn when jumping in any WHP and WH classes

Including practice rings at B.S.P.S. affiliated shows. (Including Tiny Tots, Cradle

and Nursery Stakes, WSP, LRWSP and Training Stakes). Riders must wear a body

protector when working in (practice jumps) and the jumping phase in all B.S.P.S.

organised and affiliated events. A British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled “Level 3 body protector” 2018 (Blue) shown on the label. BETA recommends body protectors are replaced at least every three to five years, after which the impact absorption properties of the foam may have started to decline. All types of Air Jackets are not allowed except with medical dispensation.

**SPURS**

51. The wearing of spurs in ALL classes held under B.S.P.S. Rules is forbidden. **WHIPS**

52. In ALL classes held under B.S.P.S. Rules whips are not to exceed 75cms (30ins). Hunting Crops are permissible. This includes whips/sticks used by leaders in lead rein classes. Padded whips are recommended for WHP classes. A whip, if carried, must be held in the hand by the handle with the handle at the top.

At all times the whip must be used; For a good reason, as an aid to encourage the horse/pony forward. At an appropriate time, namely when the horse/pony is reluctant to go forward with the normal aids of seat and legs. In the right place, namely down the shoulder or behind the leg. Never over arm. With appropriate severity. No more than twice for any incident. Riders must not hit a horse/pony before the start of a jumping course.

Excessive use of a whip anywhere on a showground will result in disqualification of the horse and rider from any classes entered on that day.

This includes, but not limited to;

Use of the whip to vent a competitor’s anger is always excessive.

Use of the whip which causes injury, e.g. broken skin or weal is always excessive.

Use after elimination or retirement is always excessive.

Use on the horse/pony’s head and neck is always excessive.

Using a whip from the ground after a fall or dismount is always excessive.

If the rider’s arm comes above the shoulder when using the whip this is always excessive.

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**NPS SCOTLAND QUALIFIERS – RULES 2025**

**To be run under NPS SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES 2025. These rules clarify areas particular to NPS Scotland. We also run to the Rules of the National Pony Society. Copies of these rules can be found on our website** [**www.npsscotland.co.uk**](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.npsscotland.co.uk&data=02%7C01%7C%7C6573275bc8284aaa9d1d08d6772e2d83%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636827437547587710&sdata=GAupqNGZOPNcW4dHfcU1S0ucQE%2FaChbA20WYuBkDiMY%3D&reserved=0)

 **Exhibitors are deemed to be conversant with these rules**.

**A judge is not obliged to award an NPS Scotland Qualification if he/she feels that the pony is not of a sufficient standard.**