



IRISH PONY SOCIETY

2019 Sports Pony Challenge

Rule Information

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| 16.03.2019 | Gransha Equestrian Centre |
| 30.03.2019 | Spruce Lodge |
| 23.04.2019 | Killossery Lodge Equestrian |
| 11.05.2019 | Galway Equestrian Centre |
| 26.05.2019 | Maryville Equestrian Centre |
| 27.06.2019 | FINAL Mullingar Equestrian |

Format of Competition

Three Phase competition

1. Dressage – British Dressage Novice Test 2008. No 28
2. Performance Working Hunter
3. Showjumping

Each phase of the competition will be allocated points; the winner of the competition is the competitor with the highest points after ALL three phases.

Point's allocation for each phase

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| First Place | – | 100 points |
| Second Place | - | 95 points |
| Third Place | – | 90 points |
| Fourth Place | – | 85 points |
| Fifth Place | - | 80 points |

This continues down to 20th place in increments of 5 points

Qualifiers are open to both Members and Non-Members of the IPS. For the Final all competitor's (ponies and riders) must be registered and a current member of the IPS, all ponies must have a current measuring certificate. Connemara Ponies entered in the Connemara classes ONLY do not need to be measured.

At each qualifier the first three ponies will qualify from each competition for the final. If a pony is not able to compete in the final, the next placed pony from that qualifier will be brought forward to the final.

Riders that are eliminated for any reason, in any phase will not be allowed to continue due to health and safety. placings. League points will only be awarded to pony's that complete all three phases at the qualifier.

League

League Points as follows:

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| First Place | 10 points | Sixth Place | 5 points |
| Second Place | 9 points | Seventh Place | 4 points |
| Third Place | 8 points | Eight Place | 3 points |
| Fourth Place | 7 points | Ninth Place | 2 points |
| Fifth Place | 6 points | Tenth Place | 1 point |

| Classes | Pony | Rider Age on 01.01.19 | Max Fence H/W Height/ Width |
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| 1. Combined Training/S Stakes | Not exceeding 133cm | U 12yrs | 75CM 84cm |
| 2. 13 Hand Class | Not exceeding 133cm | U 14yrs | 90CM 1mt |
| 3. 14 Hand Class | Not exceeding 143cm | U 17yrs | 1 Mt 1.05mt |
| 4. Registered Connemara Pony | | U 16yrs | 1 Mt 1.05mt |
| 5. Registered Connemara Pony | | Over 16yrs | 1 Mt 1.05mt |
| 6. 15 Hand Class | Not exceeding 153cm | U20yrs | 1.05Mt 1.20mt |
| 7. 158 Class | Not exceeding 158cm | U25yrs | 1.15mt 1.20mt |

1. Ponies in all classes must be 5 years or over on 1.1.19
2. Combined training/Starter Stakes class will be a Dressage and Performance Hunter competition only. Dressage Test: South Munster Dressage introduction to Dressage Test C 2012
3. Children riding in the Combined Training/ Starter Stakes class MAY NOT ride in any other class in the competition.
4. Riders can ride a maximum of two ponies at the qualifiers and the final
5. Connemara ponies can ONLY compete in one class at any given qualifier on a day however can attend and compete in another class at a different qualifier. (eg can compete in Connemara pony class at one qualifier and the 14hand class at another qualifier BUT can only qualify for one class in the final)

Dressage Phase

British Dressage Novice Test 2008. No 28.

Dressage times will be available two days before the date of competition.

The Dressage phase is to be ridden before the jumping phases and to be ridden in a snaffle. All transitions from one pace to another may be progressive. It will be permitted to change tack between phases.

1. All trot to be executed sitting or rising.
2. The test is to be ridden by memory with no outside assistance allowed.
3. Competitors must not enter the arena until the judge has rung the bell.
4. Dress must be in accordance with Dressage Ireland rules, gloves must be work, spurs are not permitted, black or brown saddles, numnahs can be white black or brown with no logo.
5. Nosebands only of cavesson, drop, flash, grackle or Mexican are permitted and must not have chain or rope.
6. Martingales, side cheek or running reins are not permitted.
7. Whips are allowed up to 75cm.
8. Dressage times will be available two days prior to competition.

Permitted BITS in IPC Dressage as per attached sheet

Performance Hunter Phase

This is run under IPS rules (<http://www.irishponysociety.ie/members-area/rulebook/>).

This phase will be jumped over a course of natural fences, no less than ten fences and will include a double, solid fences, water jumps, skinnies; banks etc. may also be included.

Each fence is marked out of ten.

The total mark is divided by two and any penalties are subtracted. Penalties as follows :

Fall of rider equals elimination, rider and pony must leave arena on foot.

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| <i>Refusals</i> | 1 st refusal | 15 penalties |
| | 2 nd refusal | 20 penalties |
| | 3 rd refusal | elimination |
| <i>Knock down</i> | | 10 penalties |

(The height or width of the fence must be altered to constitute a knockdown)

Premature departure from the arena equals elimination.

Error of course equals elimination.

Dress Code

- Tweed or hunting style jacket.
- Neat shirt and tie.
- Beige fawn or cream breeches.
- Long black boots, jodhpur boots or leather half chaps/gaiters with boots.
- Combined/starters can wear short boots.
- Gloves must be worn.
- Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended kitemark standard.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders as per IPS rules.
- Long hair tied neatly and placed in a hairnet.
- No jewellery on face or ears.

Showjumping phase

This phase is jumped over one round with second half being against the clock. In the event of equality of faults time will be the deciding factor.

- Tack as per performance working hunter phase
- Showjumping jackets and jodhpurs allowed

