



AMERICAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

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Purpose:

To reward Connemaras and Halfbreds which have achieved national recognition in discipline organizations that tabulate national rankings each year.

Committees:

A Leader for these awards shall be appointed by the Over-All Awards Chair(s), with the approval of the ACPS President. Hopefully the Leader will serve for at least three years to simplify coordination with the staff of each discipline organization.

Policies:

- The pony must be registered with the ACPS or an ICCPS Society AND with the national association of the particular discipline (USEF, USDF, USEA, NATRC, etc)
- The pony's breed must be specified as Connemara or halfbred Connemara with the respective discipline organization.
- **Be appraised** The current owner, rider or lessee may be required to be a member of the applicable national organization

Disciplines:

- **Eventing:** The McKenna Trophy, given in memory of Joan McKenna, is awarded to the high score pure or halfbred Connemara at Preliminary level or above, competing at USEF recognized events.
The ACPS Eventing Awards are given to the purebred and halfbred Connemaras at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced levels with the highest cumulative score for the year at USEA events. The winner of the McKenna Trophy is not eligible to win an ACPS National Award for Eventing in the same year.
- **Hunter:** The Clifden Trophy, offered by D.J. Moore and Laura Balding, is awarded to the purebred Connemara with the highest cumulative score in USEF Pony Hunter Horse of the Year Divisions
The ACPS Hunter Award is given to the leading halfbred in the USEF Hunter Divisions.
- * **Jumper:** The ACPS Jumper Award for the purebred or halfbred Connemaras with the highest cumulative scores in USEF jumper divisions.
- **Dressage:** The USDF/ACPS All Breeds Awards are awarded by the United States Dressage Federation to purebred and halfbred Connemaras with the highest median scores in competition at each level. The efforts of ACPS riders within the USDF Programs (Junior, Adult Amateur, Vintage, and Free Style) are also recognized.
- * **Competitive Trail.** The ACPS/NATRC Award for purebred or halfbred Connemaras with the highest cumulative scores at NATRC sanctioned events.

Responsibilities of the Leader for Each Discipline:

- Keep in contact with the awards department at the national organization.
- Contact each participating discipline organization for their year end rankings of Connemaras and Halfbreds,
- Check the registration of the ponies.
- Determine the winner, or winners.
- Notify the winners as to where the award will be presented.
- Ask winners to send photos and a short description of the pony's accomplishments to the American Connemara Magazine by Feb 1.

Revision History

Date	Changes	Author
10/20/07	Updated language	Pat Lightbody, Sally Oxnard
2006	Updated	Chris Knox
09/01/03	Revised format to ACPS Template	Charlie Morgan
9/6/02	Combined Committee duties; created new policy	Pat Lightbody
1/98	Created policies A-N-02 AHSA Awards and A-N-03 USDF Awards	V. Morgan