



The 59th Annual

ACPS Region 1 Connemara Breed Show Prizelist

At Green Mountain Horse Association

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South Woodstock, Vermont

July 20, 2025

Official Class List

We Need Your Help!

We look forward to seeing you! We still have room for many class sponsors, advertisers, and friends.

We especially need volunteers to help out on the day of the show.

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Welcome to the 59th Annual Region 1 Connemara Show!

The Show runs on volunteer power. We need volunteers and we need to appreciate the work they do. Please come to the volunteer table and offer to help a little or a lot. Please thank volunteers for their efforts.

The Show Committee would like to remind all competitors, parents, and spectators to practice good sportsmanship throughout the weekend. Let us know how things are going in an informative way; we will do our best to keep things running smoothly.

All exhibited Connemaras and Halfbred Connemaras must be permanently registered with the American Connemara Pony Society and/or the Connemara Pony Breeders' Society of Galway, Ireland, or any other Connemara Society recognized by the parent organization, CPBS. All Connemaras under the age of two years must have (or applied for) a Temporary Foal Certificate (TFC). **A Copy of Registration or TFC must accompany all entries.**

All ponies must be exhibited under their full registered names.

All entries may be shown as Native ponies or as appropriate to their performance division.

Braiding is optional. Stallions may compete in performance classes.

Adults may show ponies in all classes unless class specifications state otherwise. Juniors are those who have not turned 19 by January 1, 2025

FEI approved helmets are required whenever mounted.

All classes will be held in accordance with USEF rules and specifications when applicable.

Entry fees for In Hand classes are \$15/class; Performance classes are \$20/class if postmarked by July 10. **Entries postmarked after July 10 will be subject to post-entry fees of \$25 per horse/rider combination.** Scratches after closing date (7/10) will receive a refund of stabling fee and shavings ONLY!

Trophy and six ribbons to be awarded in all regular classes.

Stabling: Stabling will be in D Barn with overflow to C Barn. Stabling is \$35/night if GMHA member or \$50 if non-GMHA member. Shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bale or you can bring your own.

If you must bring your dog, please keep it leashed.

GMHA requires a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination and Coggins certificate within 12 months for all horses entering the grounds.

Stall assignments will be posted at the GMHA office by Friday A.M. along with contact info for vet. They will also be posted on the Region 1 facebook page the week before the show.

Entries without proof of 2025 Negative Coggins, Rabies vaccine, appropriate registration copy and check will not be accepted. We do not have past years' entries or your old paperwork, so please send us a fresh copy of everything.

Stalls must be stripped clean when you leave or we get a BIG fine (thank you!).

****PLEASE, NO CAMPING ALLOWED****

Entries arriving with postage due will be charged a \$20 processing fee.

The Fitting & Showing Class is not eligible for points towards year end ACPS awards.

IN HAND CLASSES 10AM JULY 20,2025

The White Ring

Judge: Joe Burke

- 1. Halfbred Connemara in hand**
- 2. Purebred Connemara Colts/Geldings/Fillies of 2025/2024/2023/2021 in hand** *Youngstock Champion is the Morning Cadence Award*
- 3. Purebred Connemara Geldings and Stallions in hand** Four years and older
- 4. Purebred Connemara Mares in hand** Four-Ten years
- 5. Purebred Connemara Mares in hand** Eleven years and older
- 6. Champion Connemara Mare in hand** (First and second place fillies and mares from classes 2,4,5) *American Connemara Pony Society Trophy*
- 7. Champion Connemara Gelding in hand** (First and second place geldings from classes 2,3) *The Tower Hill Award*
- 8. Champion Connemara in hand** (First and second place from classes 2,3,4,5) *GMHA Perpetual Trophy*
- 9. Novice Handler age 8-11** Open to all breeds. Required class for junior championship. Judged on the ability of the handler to exhibit their pony to their best advantage with additional scoring being placed on the grooming and presentation of both horse and handler. Handlers may be attired in full show attire or may be presented in polo shirts and slacks but must be clean, neat and workmanlike. *Cynthia Richards Memorial Trophy*
- 10. Junior Handler age 12-18** Open to all breeds. Required class for junior championship. Judged on the ability of the handler to exhibit their pony to their best advantage with additional scoring being placed on the grooming and presentation of both horse and handler. Handlers may be attired in full show attire or may be presented in polo shirts and slacks but must be clean, neat and workmanlike. *The Brenda Martin Junior Handler Trophy*

- 11. Fitting and Showmanship** Open to all breeds. Judged on the ability of the handler to exhibit their pony to their best advantage with additional scoring being placed on the grooming and presentation of both horse and handler. Handlers may be attired in full show attire or may be presented in polo shirts and slacks but must be neat, clean and workmanlike.

Stallion Parade to recognize Connemara Stallions and Connemara Sporthorse Stallions

SPECIAL ADDENDUM TO OUR SHOW IN THE WHITE RING FOLLOWING CONNEMARA CLASSES

DALES PONY IN HAND

OPEN TO DALES AND PARTBRED DALES ALL AGES

EACH PONY WILL BE PRESENTED INDIVIDUALLY TO THE JUDGE AND WILL BE HANDLED BY THE JUDGE. THE PONY MUST STAND STILL FOR THIS INSPECTION AND TRAINED TO LIFT A FOOT. THE PONY WILL BE EXPECTED TO WALK AWAY FROM THE JUDGE AND THEN WALK BACK, THEN TROT AWAY, A GOOD LONG ACTIVE TROT, AND BACK, THIS TIME CARRYING ON PAST THE JUDGE BEFORE RETURNING TO THE LINE. THE JUDGE IS LOOKING FOR STRAIGHT POWERFUL ACTION AND THE PONY SHOULD BE TRAINED TO TROT FREELY WHEN ASKED. THE HANDLER SHOULD RUN AT THE PONY'S SHOULDER AND IN TIME WITH THE PONY'S STRIDE. ONCE ALL THE PONIES HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT, THE JUDGE MAY EITHER ASK FOR A FINAL WALK ROUND BEFORE CALLING THEM BACK IN FOR THE FINAL PLACING.

DALES PONY RIDDEN TRADITIONAL AND INTERMEDIATE:

THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO BOTH TRADITIONAL (W/T) AND INTERMEDIATE/OPEN (W/T/C), EXHIBITOR WHEN PERFORMING "SHOW".

TRADITIONAL CLASS JUDGED ON CONFORMATION, TROT AND WALK AND PONIES SHOULD BE WELL BALANCED, VERY FREE AND ACTIVE, REALLY COVERING THE GROUND. PONIES WILL WORK TOGETHER IN THE ARENA AT WALK AND TROT AT JUDGE'S COMMAND, THEN LINE UP TO BE CALLED FORWARD BY JUDGE FOR CONFORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL SHOW EXHIBIT. CANTER IS NOT EXPECTED IN THE GROUP SHOW. A BREAK FROM TROT TO CANTER WILL BE PENALISED BY THE JUDGE.

THE INDIVIDUAL SHOW SHOULD INCLUDE A FIGURE OF EIGHT OR RIDER'S CHOICE AT TROT (INCLUDE CANTER INTERMEDIATE/OPEN), COLLECTED ON THE BENDS BUT REALLY PUSHING INTO EXTENSION ACROSS THE DIAGONALS, HAND GALLOP IF INTERMEDIATE/OPEN, AND FINISHING WITH AN EXTENDED

TROT ON THE LONG SIDE OF THE RING BEFORE A SMOOTH TRANSITION BACK TO WALK. A REIN BACK MAY SOMETIMES BE ASKED FOR, AND THE PONY SHOULD STEP BACK FOR FOUR PACES WITHOUT BEING HAULED BACKWARDS, AND MOVE THEN FORWARD TO A SQUARE HALT BEFORE RETURNING TO LINE. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO BOTH TRADITIONAL AND INTERMEDIATE/OPEN DEPENDING ON ENTRIES.

DRESSAGE TRAIL 8AM-12PM WALKER RING

- 12. *Dressage Trail 1***
- 13. *Dressage Trail 2***

DRESSAGE TRAIL TESTS

Objective: To demonstrate obedience, handiness and response to rider's aids. The horse must softly accept the bit and may show more "roundness" in the parts of the test separate from the obstacles. Posting is optional. Transitions into and out of the halt may done through the walk. Test may be called. To be shown in the small (20 x 40-meter) arena. Note: there may be "surprise" additions to the test at the show – check with the gatekeeper. Collectives: Safety (handling obstacles); Submission (attention to aids, confidence, cooperation); Rider (seat and position, correctness and effectiveness of aids) X2; 140 points possible.

TEST 1

- 1. A Enter working trot.
X Halt and salute. Proceed working trot. (Ground poles are placed 10 meters before and after X.)
- 2. C Track right. Negotiate shallow serpentine of 5 cones (spaced 6 meters apart) inside track on long side.
- 3. A Working walk. Turn right on quarterline and negotiate U-shaped rails. Track right.
- 4. V Halt. Pick up object on top of a stack of hay bales. Walk to near E and deposit object on top of a second stack of hay bales.
- 5. E Working trot.
C Track right.
A Track left.

6. A After turning, working walk. Negotiate five-cone serpentine on long side.
7. R Pick up ball from top of stack of hay bales. Working trot, one handed.
8. C 20-meter circle, one handed.
9. C At the end of the circle, drop ball in bucket at C. (Optional: you may halt at the bucket to drop the ball.) If you are no longer holding the ball, then just wave at the judge. Pick up both reins.
10. E 10-meter half circle to X. Halt between X and ground rail and salute.

TEST 2

1. A Enter working trot, crossing ground pole at L.
X Halt, salute; proceed working trot.
2. I Trot over cross rail. C Track right.
3. B Negotiate shallow serpentine of 5 cones (spaced 6 meters apart) inside track on long side.
4. V Halt between bales and rail. Rein back 3 to 4 steps. Proceed working walk back to bales.
5. V Halt. Pick up object on top of hay bales. Walk to near E and deposit object on top of a second stack of hay bales.
6. E Working trot.
C Canter, followed immediately by circle right 20 meters.
7. M to E Change rein. Working trot near centerline.
8. A Working walk. Release reins. Negotiate five-cone serpentine on long side on a loose rein.
9. R Pick up reins and then pick up ball from top of stack of hay bales. Working trot, one handed.
C 20-meter circle, one handed. At the end of the circle, drop ball in bucket at C. If you are no longer holding the ball, then just wave at the judge. Pick up both reins.
10. E 10-meter half circle to X. Halt between X and cross rail and salute.

AWARDS

The following championships have options and require competitor reporting so please try to keep track throughout the weekend and be ready to submit to the secretary as soon as possible following your last qualifying class. Forms are available at the booth.

RHF O'HARAZAN PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR GRAND CHAMPION PUREBRED CONNEMARA

Awarded to the Purebred Connemara accruing the most points in its In Hand class(mandatory), Jumpers(Class 23-25 with 1 extra pt for class 24 and 2 extra pts for class 25), Pleasure(Class 7 or 11) and Dressage(Training and above). *(2 extra pts will be given for first level and above)*

ACPS REGION ONE JR CHAMPIONSHIP AND RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Awarded to the Jr rider(who has not turned 19 by 1/1/25) accruing the most points in three performance classes(ridden) and Novice or Jr Handler(mandatory). Sportsmanship points may be added to points total by the judge or show staff. **Each competitor must volunteer at least 2 hours at the show**

SUE DEXTER MEMORIAL VERSATILITY AWARD

Awarded to the purebred or halfbred Connemara accruing the most points in Trail(mandatory-Class 31 or 32), Pleasure(Class 7 or 11), Jumpers(Class 23-25 with 1 extra pt for class 24 and 2 extra pts for class 25) and Dressage(Training and above with 2 extra pts for first level and above). The rider/pony combination must be the same for all classes.

HALFBRED/CONNEMARA SPORTHORSE AWARD

For the halfbred with the most points in any five ridden classes

WE WILL ALSO AWARD HIGH PT DRESSAGE SR AND JR AWARDS AND TRAIL CHAMPION AWARD(ridden classes only).

Dressage scores will be weighted for the degree of difficulty.

Introductory 0 pts added

Training 2 pts added

First 4 pts added

Second 6 pts added

Third 8 pts added

Fourth 10 pts added

FEI 12 pts added

