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HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW QUALIFIERS 2026

HOYS Qualifiers entry fees will include a €20 HOYS contribution

Qualifying classes:

NPS & Supreme Products M&M Ridden Connemara of the Year

The Price Family Supreme In-hand Championship

Catplant Group of Companies Ltd Show Hunter of the Year

Hamilton Tarmac Small Show Hunter of the Year

Alan Marnie & Family (Meta Lounge Ltd & SHB(GB)) WH Horse of the Year

Ponies / Horses / Riders / Owners that are resident in the Republic of Ireland and are competing in the HOYS qualifiers at Clonmel Shop **DO NOT** need to belong to any of the HOYS approved societies. Should a combination qualify for the Horse of the Year Show, Ponies / Horses / Riders / Owners will need to join one of the HOYS approved societies (NPS, UK , Ponies & Horses The Showing Register, SHB(GB), BSHA or BSPS & their respective Breed Society) within ten days of qualification. If you qualify for the Horse of the Year Show at the NEC in October your animal will also need a current/valid JMB height certificate within 28 days of the notification of qualification from HOYS or by the closing date of HOYS entries, whichever is sooner.

Exhibitors are required by DEFRA to carry with them Official Identity Documents for all horses/ponies when competing or travelling. Competitors are reminded that it is a DEFRA requirement that the Official Identity Documents must be in the name of the legal owner within 30 days of ownership. This must be registered with the breed society, relevant studbook or ID issuing agency, dependant on breed/type of animal. Spot checks may be carried out at qualifying shows and by breed societies.

All data given upon entry of these classes is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. Please ensure all information is accurate.

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NPS & Supreme Products M&M Ridden Connemara of the Year

Class 49

This competition is open to stallions, mares and geldings, four years old and over, to be registered in, and complying with the showing requirements of, the main body of their respective stud books.

Part-bred are not eligible to compete. These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the HOYS rule book. <https://hoys.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/HOYS-Rulebook-2026-FINAL-FORMATTED.pdf>

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Additional Rules:

- i) Ponies must not exceed the height limits as stipulated by the relevant Breed Societies.
- ii) Riders and Owners must be members of their respective Breed Society, NPS, UK Ponies & Horses, The Showing Register or BSPS. (only applies to qualified combinations)
- iii) Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place.
- iv) All Animals competing in ridden height restricted Pony classes, will be required to be in possession of a current/valid JMB height certificate within 28 days of the notification of qualification from HOYS or by the closing date of HOYS entries, whichever is sooner. Failure to do so may result in qualification of the pony being removed, at the discretion of GML.
- v) Riders must not compete in the M&M Lead Rein and/or the M&M First Ridden Pony of the Year and the M&M Ridden Pony of the Year. This includes both at qualifiers and the Final.
- vi) Riders of stallions must have obtained their 12th Birthday (small breeds) or 14th birthday (large breeds) before the 1st January in the current year.

Marks must be awarded in the following way:

Show, freedom of action: 50 maximum

Breed type and conformation: 50 maximum

In the case of equality, the pony with the highest show, freedom of action mark will be deemed the winner. If there still be equality at this point, then the judges' decision will be final.

This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026.

Qualification will not pass below 3rd Place. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

Full rules: <https://hoys.co.uk/news/horse-of-the-year-show-2025-rulebook/>



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Class 50 The Price Family Supreme In-hand Championship

Champions from Championships; 4,7,10,13,16,19,22,25,28,68,72,75,78 & 81

The following class is a qualifier for the Supreme In-Hand Championship, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026. The objective of the competition is to find the supreme light horse or pony in-hand champion of the year, irrespective of breed or type (excluding heavy horses).

The Champion horse or pony from the following classes will be eligible to compete, provided it has not already won a qualifying round in 2026.

- Classes **4,7,10,13,16,19,22,25,28,68,72,75,78 & 81**

If the Champion has already qualified for Horse of the Year Show 2026 or is ineligible, then the Reserve Champion of that section may come forward, provided it has not already qualified and is eligible. If both Champion and Reserve Champion have already qualified for Horse of the Year Show 2026 or are ineligible then the section will not be represented in this qualifying round. Foal champions are not eligible.

In the event of a horse/pony having been awarded more than one section Championship at this show, that horse/pony will represent both/all sections and the qualification will not pass down to the Reserve Champion in the 2nd and any subsequent sections.

There will be no direct entry into Supreme In-hand Championship Qualifier, all animals must be a section champion.

This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.

All classes are open to Stallions, Yearlings, 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, broodmares and barren mares only. Broodmares must be with foal at foot or a relevant certificate of pregnancy.

All Handlers must be aged 16 years.

There will be no direct entry into Supreme In-hand Championship Qualifier, all animals must be a section champion.

For full rules please review the HOYS Rule Book using the following link.

<https://hoys.co.uk/news/horse-of-the-year-show-2025-rulebook/>



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CLASS 45: Alan Marnie & Family (Meta Lounge Ltd & SHB(GB)) WH Horse of the Year

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This competition is for Working Hunters, any weight, mares, geldings or stallions (competing stallions must have a red, white and blue ribbon displayed in their tail) four years old or over, exceeding 148cm, to be ridden. Any horse which has qualified as a Grade A Show Jumper or Advanced Event Horse as at 1st January in the current year is not eligible to compete in Working Hunter classes. Horses / Riders / Owners that are resident in the Republic of Ireland and are competing in the HOYS qualifiers at Clonmel Show **DO NOT** need to belong to any of the HOYS approved societies. Should a combination qualify for the Horse of the Year Show, Ponies / Horses / Riders / Owners will need to join one of the HOYS approved societies (British Show Horse Association The Showing Register or Sport Horse Breeding (GB)) within seven days of qualification.

Fences will not exceed 1.15m in height, there should be a minimum of 8 fences and a maximum of 12 fences. The course must contain a combination and should contain a water tray.

This class will be judged in two parts. Part One (Jumping) will be judged first, without a jump-off. All clear rounds and any other horses the judges may require will go forward to the next part. A rider can ride up to two horses in the jumping phase but then must select only one horse to take forward into the ride and conformation section if so required (no change of rider is allowed).

This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com. <https://www.grandstandentries.com/>

Marks must be awarded in the following way:

PHASE I

(60 MARKS)

A: JUMPING POINTS 40 MARKS

B: STYLE WHILE JUMPING 20 MARKS

PHASE II

(40 MARKS)

C: CONFORMATION 20 MARKS



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D: RIDE 20 MARKS

In the event of equality, the CONFORMATION MARK from Phase II will take precedence, followed by the RIDE MARK, and then the STYLE MARK.



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CLASSES 35,36 & 37 Catplant Group of Companies Ltd Show Hunter of the Year

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This competition is for hunters, mares or geldings, 4 years old or over, to be ridden. Horses / Riders / Owners that are resident in the Republic of Ireland and are competing in the HOYS qualifiers at Clonmel Shop **DO NOT** need to belong to any of the HOYS approved societies. Should a combination qualify for the Horse of the Year Show, Horses / Riders / Owners will need to join one of the HOYS approved societies (BHSA, The Showing Register or SHB(GB)) within **SEVEN** days of qualification.

This class will be divided into three sections as follows:

Section A Lightweight hunter, capable of carrying up to 12 stone 7lbs.

Section B Middleweight hunter, capable of carrying from 12 stone 7lbs to 14 stone.

Section C Heavyweight hunter, capable of carrying more than 14 stone.

These classes will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.

Competitors must enter their horses in the appropriate sections, but section A will be judged first, and the judges shall have the power to transfer exhibits to section B or C if they deem it necessary.

This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026.

Qualification will not pass below 5th place.

Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

Class 38, Hamilton Tarmac Small Show Hunter of the Year

Entries must be accompanied with your Grandstand Media information you can register for free using the following link <https://www.grandstandentries.com/>

This competition is for Small Hunters, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, to be ridden.

Horses / Riders / Owners that are resident in the Republic of Ireland and are competing in the HOYS qualifiers at Clonmel Shop **DO NOT** need to belong to any of the HOYS approved societies. Should a combination qualify for the Horse of the Year Show, Horses / Riders / Owners will need to join one of



the HOYS approved societies (BHSA, The Showing Register or SHB(GB)) within **SEVEN** days of qualification.

Entries in this Class may not compete in the Show Hunter of the Year, and vice versa.

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This class will be run in accordance with the general rules as set out in the Horse of the Year Show rulebook, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.hoys.co.uk.

This is a Horse of the Year Show Qualifier, all data given upon entry of this class is provided to Grandstand Media Limited and stored on the Grandstand Entries System. For full policy details please visit www.grandstandentries.com.

This class is a qualifying class for Horse of the Year Show, NEC, Birmingham, 7th - 11th October 2026. Qualification will not pass below 5th place, with the exception of the BSHA National Championship show. Qualification will be verified by the Horse of the Year Show office.

