

# Dacorum and District Riding Club

Show Venue: Westwick Row Farm, Westwick Row, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 4UB

## 2025 SHOW DATES



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September



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# **DACORUM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB**

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# DACORUM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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We hope you all have an enjoyable day. Please remember that the DDRC committee are all volunteers who work very hard to provide you with a fun day, enabling riders of all abilities to compete and improve. We are always looking for more volunteers to help us, whether on the day or behind the scenes. Should you be interested in volunteering at DDRC, please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members on the show day or via phone, email, Facebook or Instagram.

## **We thank you all for your continued support.**



## **Show Jumping, Working Hunter and Dressage Qualifiers: Sunshine Tour Championships & Equine Grassroots Championships**

### **SHOWJUMPING**

#### **RING 1**

CLASS 1 – CROSS POLES (Qualifier for Sunshine Tour 30cm)

CLASS 2 – NURSERY STAKES (Qualifier for Sunshine Tour 40cm)

CLASS 3 – BEGINNERS JUMPING (Qualifier for Sunshine Tour 50cm)

CLASS 4 – JUMP ON UP (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championship 60cm)

CLASS 5 – DACORUM CHALLENGE CUP (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships 70cm)

CLASS 6 – PETER PAN STAKES (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships 80cm)

CLASS 7 – INTERMEDIATE (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships)

### **WORKING HUNTER**

#### **RING 4**

CLASS 37 – BEGINNERS WORKING HUNTER – (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships, Equifest)

CLASS 38 – NOVICE WORKING HUNTER – (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships, Equifest)

### **DRESSAGE**

#### **RING 5**

CLASS 39 - INTRO – (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships)

CLASS 40 - PRELIM – (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships)





## **Showing Qualifiers: Equifest & ESUK Qualifiers**

### **SHOWING**

#### **IN HAND**

CLASS 14 – YOUNG STOCK - ESUK Grassroots Championships Youngstock)

CLASS 15 – YOUNG HANDLER (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Young Handler)

CLASS 17 – COLOURED & ODD COLOURED (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships & Equifest In Hand Piebald/Skewbald)

CLASS 19 – BEST CONDITION (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Turnout)

CLASS 20 – MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND – SMALL & LARGE BREEDS (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships M&M Small or Large & Equifest Open M&M In Hand)

CLASS 21 – VETERANS (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Veteran)

CLASS 23 – RIDING HORSE/PONY (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Riding Horse/Pony & Equifest In Hand Riding Ponies)

CLASS 24 – RE-TRAINED RACEHORSE (IN HAND) (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Thoroughbred/Re-trained Racehorse & Equifest In Hand Riding Ponies)

CLASS 25 – PART BRED (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championship Part Bred)

### **RIDDEN**

CLASS 25 – BEST TURNED OUT (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Turnout)

CLASS 26 – TRUE BEGINNERS (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Walk & Trot)

CLASS 28 – FIRST PONY (LEAD REIN) (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Lead Rein & Tiny Tots Lead Rein & Equifest Show Ponies – Lead Rein)

CLASS 29 – FIRST PONY (RIDDEN) & FIRST PONY M&M (RIDDEN) (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships First Ridden & Tiny Tots First Ridden & Equifest Show Ponies – First Ridden)

CLASS 30 – VETERANS (Qualifier for Equifest Veteran & ESUK Grassroots Championships Veteran)

CLASS 31 – RE-TRAINED RACEHORSE (RIDDEN) (Qualifier for Equifest Re-trained Racehorse, ESUK Grassroots Championships Thoroughbred/Re-Trained Racehorse)

CLASS 32 – RIDDEN HUNTER (Qualifier for Equifest Ridden Hunter & Small Ridden Hunter & ESUK Grassroots Championships Hunter)

CLASS 33 – COLOURED & ODD COLOURED (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Coloured & Odd Coloured & Equifest Ridden Piebald/Skewbald)

CLASS 34 – MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND SMALL & LARGE BREEDS (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships M&M Small/Large & Equifest M&M Open Ridden)

CLASS 34 – COB (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Cob & Equifest Ridden Cobs & Maxi Cobs)

CLASS 36 – RIDING HORSE/PONY – (Qualifier for ESUK Grassroots Championships Riding Horse/Pony & Equifest Riding Horses)

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHECK THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFIER RULES PAGES CAREFULLY.**

***Points will be awarded as usual for the DDRC annual awards.***







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## **DDRC END OF YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP**

DDRC runs an end of season championship for our competitors.

During the season, all competitors are awarded points depending on their placings in each class at each show. Points are awarded to the horse/pony/rider/handler combination.

The points are awarded as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 6 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 4 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place = 3 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place = 2 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place = 1 point

At the end of the season, these points are added together and the competitor with the largest number of points for each class wins a Championship Trophy for that class. The second highest placed competitor wins a Reserve Champion Trophy. These trophies get presented to the winners at our Presentation Evening which takes place in October/November time.

Competitors must compete in classes at a minimum of 2 shows to qualify for the end of year championship.

**Please make entries clear using the same name throughout for the horse/pony (and rider)**

**Congratulations to all of our 2024 Champions and Reserve Champions.**





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## **RING ONE – 9.00AM START**

### **CLASSES 1, 2, & 3 ARE STRICTLY FOR BEGINNERS**

#### **CLASS 1 – CROSS POLES**

**Open to any BEGINNER horse/pony/ rider/combination.**

**Riders can to be lead. Competitors may not compete in Class 5-7.**

The class is for beginners only. All jumps will be cross poles. Maximum height 30cm

This class will be split into the following sections:

a) Lead Rein      b) Ridden

#### **CLASS 2 – NURSERY STAKES**

**Horse/pony/rider/combination may not compete in classes 5-7.**

Riders 12 years and under.

Jumps approx. 40cm (1'3") in the first round. Jump off against the clock.

This class will be split into the following sections:

a) Lead Rein      b) Ridden

#### **CLASS 3 – BEGINNERS JUMPING sponsored by Rustic Star Healing Equine Reiki**

**Riders not to be lead. Competitors may not compete in Classes 6 or 7.**

Jumps approx. 50cm (1'6") in the first round. Jump off against the clock.

This class will be split into the following sections:

a) Juniors      b) Adults

#### **CLASS 4 – JUMP ON UP sponsored by Chess Valley Bridleways Association**

**Riders not to be lead. Competitors may not jump in Classes 1 or 2.**

Jumps approx. 60cm (2'0") in the first round. Jump off against the clock.

### **CLASS 5 WILL NOT START BEFORE 1PM**

#### **CLASS 5 – DACORUM CHALLENGE CUP sponsored by Edward Chitty Equestrian**

**Horse/pony/rider/combination may not compete in classes 1 - 3.**

Jumps approx. 70cm (2'3") in the first round

Will be split into the following age groups:

a) 12 years and under      b) 13 years and over

This class will be judged under either Table A7 or two phase ruling depending on the number of entries.

#### **CLASS 6 –THE PETER PAN STAKES sponsored by Westwick Hall Cross Country Course**

**Horse/pony/rider/combination may not compete in classes 1 - 3.**

Open to any horse/pony/rider/combination not to have been placed 1<sup>st</sup> in any DDRC 80cm (2 ft 6") class in the prior calendar year. Jumps not to exceed 80cm (2'6") in the first round. Judged table A7.

#### **CLASS 7 – INTERMEDIATE sponsored by Eleanor Curley & William IV**

Open to any horse/pony/rider/combination.


**Horse/pony/rider/combination not to have competed in Classes 1 to 4.**

Jumps not to exceed 90cm (2'9") in the first round. Judged under table A7.

Classes 4, 6 & 7 will be split if numbers exceed 15 into the following sections:

a)Horses  
b) Ponies





# **RING TWO – 9.00AM START**

## **IN HAND SHOWING**

Once the rope on the showing rings has been fastened, there is **STRICTLY** no admittance to the ring by any competitors.

### **CLASS 14 – YOUNG STOCK (IN HAND)**

***Photocopy of Passport to be presented on request.*** Any horse/pony: 1,2 or 3 year old.

If there are sufficient entries the class will be split into:

- a) 1 and 2 year olds
- b) 3 year olds

This will be at the discretion of the judge. Please give age of animal when entering class.

### **CLASS 15 – YOUNG HANDLER**

Horses or ponies of any age. Will be split into the following:

- a) handler 11 years and under
- b) handler 12 years to 18 years.

Will be judged on the handler's ability to show the horse/pony to the best advantage and neatness of dress of handler. A rosette will be presented to each competitor in this class.

### **CLASS 16 – COB (IN HAND)**

Horses or ponies of any age. Open to any cob type excluding Welsh Cob.

### **CLASS 17 – COLOURED & ODD COLOURED (IN HAND)**

Open to any Skewbald, Piebald, Appaloosa, Creams, Dun, Palomino, Roans, Spots, Paints.

Horse/pony of any age and height. Will be split into the following sections:

- a) Coloured (Skewbald/Piebald)
- b) Odd Coloured (All others)

### **CLASS 18 – DRIVING TYPE (IN HAND)**

Open to horses or ponies of any age. The animal must be suitable for driving.

**CHAMPIONSHIP** - OPEN TO ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZEWINNERS IN CLASSES 14 TO 18.

## **CLASS 19 WILL NOT START BEFORE 1PM**

### **CLASS 19 – BEST CONDITION (IN HAND)**

Horse/pony and rider any age. Will be split into the following:

- a) Horse/pony stabled or part stabled
- b) Horse/pony kept entirely at grass.

### **CLASS 20 – MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND (IN HAND) – SMALL & LARGE BREEDS** [\*sponsored by Mobs Dogs\*](#)

Pure bred ponies of any age. Registered and unregistered. Shetlands, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Kerry Bog ponies, Welsh A, Welsh B, Welsh C, Welsh D, New Forest, Fell, Dales, Highland and Connemara.

### **CLASS 21 – VETERANS (IN HAND)**

***Photocopy of Passport to be presented on request.***

Open to any horse/pony over 15 years old (born either in or before 2010).

### **CLASS 22 – RIDING HORSE/PONY (IN HAND)**

Open to horses or ponies of Riding Horse Type of any age.

### **CLASS 23 – RE-TRAINED RACEHORSE (IN HAND)**

Thoroughbred mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, any height. Horses must have been raced in the GB to be eligible to compete.

### **CLASS 24 – PART BRED (IN HAND)**

Open to any horse/pony

**CHAMPIONSHIP** - OPEN TO ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZEWINNERS IN CLASSES 19 TO 24.

**Classes 16, 18, 21- 24 will be split, with a minimum number of 15, into the following sections: a) Horses b) Ponies**



## **RING THREE – 9.00AM START**

### **RIDDEN SHOWING**

Once the rope on the showing rings has been fastened, there is **STRICTLY** no admittance to the ring by any competitors.

#### **CLASS 25 – BEST TURNED OUT (RIDDEN)**

Will be judged on the dress of the rider and the neatness and overall impression of the horse/pony and rider. Lead rein accepted in this class. Any suitable bit can be used in this class.

#### **CLASS 26 – TRUE BEGINNERS (RIDDEN)**

A walk and trot showing class for beginners new to showing. Open to horses and ponies, all types and sizes. For beginner combinations just starting showing. You will not be asked to canter in this class. Lead reins accepted. Will be split into the following sections:

- a) Junior Beginners
- b) Senior Beginners

#### **CLASS 27 – HORSE & HUMAN HARMONY (RIDDEN)**

A walk and trot showing class. Open to horses/pony/rider combinations. Riders may be any age/ability for able and disabled alike. You will not be asked to canter in this class. Lead reins accepted.

Will be split into the following sections:

- a) Juniors
- b) Seniors

#### **CLASS 28 – LEAD REIN**

Open to any pony 4 years old and over and not exceeding 13.2hh. Must be in snaffle bridle.

Riders not to have attained their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. A rosette will be presented to each competitor in this class. Lead rein must be attached to the noseband..

#### **CLASS 29 – FIRST PONY (RIDDEN) & FIRST PONY M&M (RIDDEN)**


Open to any pony 4 years old and over and not exceeding 13.2hh. Must be in snaffle bridle.

Riders not to have attained their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. A rosette will be presented to each competitor in this class. There will be no cantering as a group in this class..

**CHAMPIONSHIP** - OPEN TO ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZEWINNERS IN CLASSES 25 TO 29.

**Class 25 will be split, with a minimum number of 15, into the following sections: a) Horses b) Ponies**





## RING THREE – 1.00PM START RIDDEN SHOWING - Cont.

Once the rope on the showing rings has been fastened, there is **STRICTLY** no admittance to the ring by any competitors.

### **CLASS 30 WILL NOT START BEFORE 1PM**

#### **CLASS 30 – VETERANS (RIDDEN)**

Open to any horse/pony over 15 years old (born either in or before 2010). Lead rein accepted in this class. Please note you may be asked to trot and canter in this class. - ***Photocopy of Passport to be presented on request.***

#### **CLASS 31 – RE-TRAINED RACEHORSE (RIDDEN)**

Thoroughbred mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, any height. Horses must have been raced in the GB to be eligible to compete.

#### **CLASS 32 – RIDDEN HUNTER**

Open to horses or ponies of any age of Hunter Type.

#### **CLASS 33 – COLOURED & ODD COLOURED HORSE/PONY (RIDDEN)**

Open to any Skewbald, Piebald, Appaloosa, Creams, Dun, Palomino, Roans, Spots, Paints.

Horse/pony of any age and height.

Will be split into the following if more than 15 competitors:

- a) Coloured (Skewbald/Piebald)
- b) Odd Coloured (All others)

#### **CLASS 34 – MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND (RIDDEN) SMALL & LARGE BREEDS** [\*sponsored by Equine Elegance Essentials\*](#)

Pure-bred ponies of any age. Registered and Unregistered. Shetlands, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Kerry Bog Ponies, Welsh A, Welsh B, New Forest, Fell, Dales, Highland, Connemara, Welsh C and D. Lead rein accepted in this class. Please note you may be asked to trot and canter in this class.

Will be split into the following sections more than 15 competitors:

- a) Small Breeds
- b) Large Breeds

#### **CLASS 35 – COB (RIDDEN)**

Horses/ponies of any age. Open to any cob type excluding Welsh Cob. May be shown hogged, plaited or unplaited.

#### **CLASS 36 – RIDING HORSE/PONY (RIDDEN)**

Open to any horse/pony.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP** - OPEN TO ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZEWINNERS IN CLASSES 30 TO 36.

**Classes 30, 35 and 36 will be split, with a minimum number of 15, into the following sections:**

- a) Horses**
- b) Ponies**







## **RING FOUR**

### **CLEAR ROUND**

Until 1pm

To run until 1pm - £4.00 per round. The height of jumps will be altered at intervals. Rosettes to all clear rounds.



### **WORKING HUNTER**

From 2pm

#### **CLASS 37 – BEGINNERS WORKING HUNTER**

Each class is split into two phases. Each combination will be required to complete a course of working hunter jumps, followed by an individual show. Height of fences 40cm. The first phase awards 50 marks for jumping (marks deducted for faults) and 20 marks for style, while the second phase gives 10 for manners and way of going and a further 20 for conformation, type and freedom of action.

Judges look for combinations going forward in a balanced rhythmical canter, meeting each fence without a break of stride and showing harmony between pony and rider.

#### **CLASS 38 – NOVICE WORKING HUNTER**

Each class is split into two phases. Each combination will be required to complete a course of working hunter jumps, followed by an individual show. Height of fences 60cm. The first phase awards 50 marks for jumping (marks deducted for faults) and 20 marks for style, while the second phase gives 10 for manners and way of going and a further 20 for conformation, type and freedom of action.

Judges look for combinations going forward in a balanced rhythmical canter, meeting each fence without a break of stride and showing harmony between pony and rider.





## **RING FIVE – 11.00AM START**

### **DRESSAGE**

Dressage entry will be online only and close on the Wednesday before the show date. Late entry/refunds/transfers are not available after the closing date. Times will be emailed out to competitors and published on the website.

The following classes will be held:

18 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 39 - Intro A (2008) Class 40 - Prelim 13 (2006 revised 2016) <a href="#"><i>sponsored by EK9B</i></a>
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Class 39 - Intro B (2009) Class 40 - Prelim 2 (2016) <a href="#"><i>sponsored by EK9B</i></a>
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 39 - Intro B (2009) Class 40 - Prelim 2 (2016) <a href="#"><i>sponsored by EK9B</i></a>
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 39 - Intro C (2016) Class 40 - Prelim 7 (2002 revised 2016) <a href="#"><i>sponsored by EK9B</i></a>

The dressage classes in August will be qualifiers for the Equine Grassroots Championships 2026.

Please check rules pages or our website for more information regarding qualifiers.

Should you require copies of the tests, they are available to purchase from British Dressage  
[http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/online\\_shop/category/test-sheets](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/online_shop/category/test-sheets)

#### **PLEASE BE AWARE**

If you are entered for one, or both, of the Dressage Classes and ALSO the Jumping or Showing Please be Aware these Classes may clash.

We do understand that this can be upsetting and annoying.

However, if you will come to the Dressage, Arena 5, and inform the steward, we will try our hardest to slot you in at a different time.

Failure to do this **BEFORE** your time will mean that you will be withdrawn from the Dressage





## **DDRC CLUB RULES**

1. Riding Jackets, jodhpurs and Riding Boots must be worn by all mounted competitors. Un-mounted competitors should be correctly dressed for showing.
- (a) In the case of extreme hot weather, riding jackets may be forfeited but a white long sleeved shirt/blouse must be worn. This is at the judge's discretion.
2. Riding hats with chinstraps must be worn by all persons when mounted on any horse/pony on any part of the showground. Hats must be according to current standards brought in on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the competition if already competed, or if not already competed, you will not be able to compete until you have found a hat which complies to the standard.
3. It is the rider/handler's responsibility to ensure their horse/pony is tacked up correctly. Random spot checks may be carried out.
4. Chinstraps must be fastened at all times. Failure to do so will result in automatic elimination.
5. All animals on the showground must be sound and in good condition.
6. The organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry to any class or entry to the showground without stating a reason
7. No entries will be accepted unless accompanied by the correct fee and all cheques must have the name and address of the signatory on the reverse of the cheque or they will not be accepted.
8. The organizers reserve the right to request a height certificate of any animal and proof of age of riders where there is an entry requirement We also reserve the right to measure any horse/pony Please note that for veterans and young stock a copy of a passport must be available on request.
9. Objections must be made within 30 minutes of the incident and accompanied by a deposit of £20.00 which will be forfeited if the objection is overruled
10. The organizers will not accept any responsibility or liability for loss, damage or illness to any property, person or animal however caused
11. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times on any part of the showground.
12. No horse or pony under the age of 4 years may be ridden on the showground
13. No galloping or cantering on the showground is allowed except as required by a judge or in the practice areas.
14. Improper use of whips or spurs at any time on the showground will result in elimination. No spurs to be worn by any competitor under the age of 16.
15. A riders age will taken as from January 1st 2025
16. Points will only be awarded from the first show date to the last show date during the year.
17. Competitors must attend a minimum of 2 shows during the year to qualify for the DDRC points system.
18. The ruling of any judge or official is final and any person found arguing will be asked to leave the showground
19. Any person found mistreating any animal or using bad language will be asked to leave the showground
20. A combination can enter no more than 4 classes of which no more than 3 can be a SJ/WH
21. The organizers reserve the right to either alter or cancel any class and to amalgamate any class where there are insufficient entries
22. Points are accumulated on rider/horse or pony and handler/horse or pony. Horse/pony names must remain the same throughout the season (if the horse is the same horse).
23. Once the rope on the showing rings has been fastened, there is STRICTLY no admittance to the ring by any competitors.
24. A horse or pony may now jump hors concours immediately after its competitive round and not wait until the end of the class. The horse/pony who has jumped hors concours will remain hors concours in that ring for the rest of the day.
25. We will not tolerate any abuse on our showground. Anyone using abusive behaviour to another person will be asked to leave the showground.
26. Judges decisions and rulings in any class are final.





# **ESUK CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

This show is affiliated to Equine Sports UK (ESUK) Grassroots Championships taking place at Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 31<sup>st</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025. The three highest placed exhibits will qualify in each class.

To register go to <https://equinesportsuk.com/register/registration-form>. Please only register once! If you are in doubt about whether you have already registered AND/OR have misplaced your membership number, please email [info@equinesportsuk.com](mailto:info@equinesportsuk.com).

DDRC Shows between April and September 2025 inclusive include qualifiers for ESUK.

Qualifiers for ESUK 2025 will run until 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Qualifiers for ESUK 2026 will run from the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025. Shows after this date will automatically be included for ESUK 2026.

Equine Sports UK Grassroots Championships are held solely for grass-roots competitors. We respectfully remind all competitors to enter in the spirit of grassroots championships.

*To avoid confusion our definition of Grassroots is as follows:*

*Definition of a grassroots rider - a person who engages in the most basic level of horse-riding (as opposed to an amateur - a person who engages in a pursuit, especially a sport, on an unpaid basis)*

The following restrictions apply and are excluded from the Championships:

Professional Riders, (those who make a *full-time* living out of buying, selling, producing, breaking, schooling, teaching, grooming, training or competing).

Horses/Ponies/Riders combination not to have qualified or competed in any classes at Olympia, RIHS or Horse of the Year Show including Search for a Star in the past five years.

Rider not to have ridden at Olympia, RIHS, Horse of the Year Show including Search for a Star in the past five years.

IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AT ESUK, PLEASE CONTACT US BEFORE ENTERING.  
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IF THEY ARE REPORTED AND FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE.





## **EQUIFEST SHOWING QUALIFIER RULES**

This Show is affiliated to Equifest, taking place at the Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The two highest exhibits not already qualified in each affiliated class will qualify.

Qualifiers for Equifest 2025 will run from the 1st August 2024 - 30th July 2025. Shows held after this date will be qualifiers for Equifest 2026.

### **1. EQUIFEST OPEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND IN HAND (DDRC Class 20)**

Open to In Hand Mountain & Moorland ponies registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C and D. Stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding, any age.

Classes may be divided according to entries

### **2. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND (DDRC Class 34)**

Open to Mountain & Moorland ponies registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C and D. Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age.

Classes may be divided according to entries

### **7. EQUIFEST OPEN SHOW PONY LEAD REIN (DDRC Class 28)**

Leading Rein Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle. Lead rein to be attached to the noseband only.

### **8. EQUIFEST OPEN SHOW PONY FIRST RIDDEN (DDRC Class 29)**

First Ridden Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. To be shown in any suitable bridle.

### **13. EQUIFEST OPEN SMALL HUNTERS (DDRC Class 32)**

Open Small Hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age.

### **14. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN HUNTERS (DDRC Class 32)**

Open Ridden Hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 158cms. Riders any age.

### **19. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDING HORSES (DDRC Class 36)**

Open Riding Horse, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, any height. Riders any age.

**Classes may be divided as follows:**

- Small Riding Horses - mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms. Riders any age.
- Large Riding Horses - mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 158cms. Riders any age.

### **20. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN COBS (DDRC Class 35)**

Open Ridden Cob, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. To be shown hogged and trimmed. Riders any age.

Classes may be divided as follows:

- Open Lightweight Ridden Cob, mare or gelding, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. To be shown hogged and trimmed. Riders any age.
- Open Heavyweight Ridden Cob, mare or gelding, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. To be shown hogged and trimmed. Riders any age.



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### **21. EQUIFEST OPEN MAXI COBS (DDRC Class 16)**

Open Maxi Cobs, mare or gelding 4 years old and over, exceeding 155cms – to be judged as Cobs. To be shown hogged and trimmed. Riders any age.

### **22. EQUIFEST OPEN RE-TRAINED RACE HORSE (DDRC Class 31)**

Thoroughbred mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, any height. Horses must have been raced in the GB to be eligible to compete.

### **24. OPEN RIDDEN VETERAN HORSE / PONY (DDRC Class 30)**

Stallion, mare or gelding, 15 years old and over. Any type or breed. Rider any age.  
Classes may be divided according to entries.

### **25. EQUIFEST IN HAND PIEBALD / SKEWBALD (DDRC Class 17)**

Open in Hand Piebald / Skewbald stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding, any age. The first three places will also qualify for the BSPA Championships subject to their show rules & conditions  
Classes may be divided according to entries.

### **26. EQUIFEST RIDDEN PIEBALD / SKEWBALD (DDRC Class 33)**

Open ridden Piebald / Skewbald stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over. Riders any age. The first three places will also qualify for the BSPA Championship subject to their show rules & conditions.  
Classes may be divided according to entries.

### **27. EQUIFEST OPEN IN HAND RIDING PONIES (DDRC Class 22)**

In hand Riding Ponies, stallion, mare, colt, filly or gelding. Any age, not to exceed 153cms at maturity.  
Classes may be divided according to entries.