The NCPA Cheshire Branch “Season Starter”

Registered Charity No: 264796

Sunday 18th February 2018

To be held at:

Reaseheath College Equestrian Centre, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF

**JUDGES**

RIHS BSPA – Ride/Conformation: Mr Ben Hester

Open In Hand – Mrs P Bevill-Pierce

Open Ridden – Miss D Aspinall

**This show is a qualifier for:**

The Royal International Horse Show - BSPA

NCPA Pony of the Year Show in September 2018

Qualifiers for the 2018 NCPA GOLDEN SUPREMES – Prize monies at the final £500,£300,£100,£50,£25,£25 for each

Qualifier for the TSR Showing Finals 2018

Qualifier for Equifest 2018

**Entry Fees:**

 **UP TO MIDNIGHT Friday 9th February 2018**

RIHS Qualifiers £30.00 (includes levy)

All other classes: NCPA MEMBERS £8.00 NON MEMBERS £12.00

**ON THE DAY**

RIHS Qualifiers £40.00 (includes levy)

All other classes: NCPA MEMBERS £12.00 NON MEMBERS £15.00

**Members must show their current year membership card when entering on the day**

**Each competitor must pay £2:00 first aid fee.**

On Line Entries close Midnight Friday 9th February 2018

Postal entries close Friday 2nd February 2018

**POSTAL ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL SHOW DAY AT ADDITIONAL COST**

**Postal entries together with fees payable to NCPA Cheshire send to:**

Miss K Green

Heatley Heath Farm, Wet Gate Lane, Lymm, WA13 9SL

**\*\*NO CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SHOW DAY – CASH ONLY\*\***

NO ENTRY FEE REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE

**\* This show is a qualifier for the NCPA Pony of the Year Show in September 2018. First, second and third in all appropriate classes will qualify.\***

**\*\*This show is a qualifier for the NCPA GOLDEN SUPREMES held in September 2018. ALL Champion & Reserve prize winners will qualify.\*\***

**NCPA Registered animals** – An NCPA Registered Rosette will be awarded in classes marked with **R** to the highest placed NCPA registered animal whose handler/rider is wearing a red armband and can produce their pink animal registration card to the judge.

**NCPA star rosettes** – An NCPA Star Rosette will be awarded in classes marked **S** to the highest placed exibitor who is wearing their NCPA badge and can produce their current year’s NCPA membership card to the judge.

**NCPA REGISTERED CLASSES**

To be held under NCPA Rules. Classes 15,16,24,25 are open to horses and ponies registered with the NCPA. Horse/Pony registration number to be quoted on entry form, red armband to be worn and pink card to be produced in the ring.

Mountain and Moorland ponies must be registered in their respective stud books and to be shown in their natural state.

**TSR Showing Finals** - **This show is a qualifier for the 2018 TSR Showing Finals.** Qualify and enter ANY of the finals Central, East Anglia, North West, North East, South East, South, Wales & South West or Scottish. You Do Not have to be a TSR member to qualify or enter a final. The Rider/Handler qualifies and can enter any horse/pony in any number of finals!
**TSR Riders Finals** - 1st & 2nd riders qualify and will receive a qualification card in the ring.

**TSR In Hand Finals** - The two highest placed Handlers with a TSR In Hand Card will qualify in any In Hand class. Handlers MUST have their cards signed in the ring by the judge/steward, cards are available FREE from the TSR website.  Full details at <http://www.theshowingregister.co.uk/>

**TSR Medal Awards** - TSR members can collect qualification cards & signatures and redeem for a TSR Medal see TSR website for details.

**BSHA Grass Roots  Champs** - With a TSR qualification card you can also enter the BSHA Grass Roots Champs in Sept at Addington Equestrian Centre - You do not have to be a BSHA member to qualify or enter the final. See [www.britishshowhorse.org](http://www.britihsshowhorse.org/)

**This Show is affiliated to Equifest**, taking place at the East of England Showground on the **8th – 12th August 2018.** The **two** highest exhibits not already qualified in each affiliated class will qualify.

**ROSETTES AND QUALIFICATION CARDS**

Rosettes will be awarded to 6th place in every class

It is the competitors’ responsibility to ensure that they have received the appropriate qualification card before they leave the showground. In classes where membership or qualification cards need to be produced it is the competitors’ responsibility to ensure that they have these cards with them in the ring. Failure to produce these cards may result in no entry to the class, disqualification or non-award of qualification.

**The Supreme of Show is very kindly sponsored by Galloping Geldings and will take place on completion of all the In Hand and Ridden Class Championships. The Champion and Reserve from each section are eligible to compete and will be judged by the In Hand and Ridden Judge. The Supreme Champion will receive a sash and a rug from Galloping Geldings. The Reserve Supreme will receive a sash.**

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**The access gate onto the show ground must be kept closed at all times. Can we respectfully request that everyone takes responsibility for closing the gate on arrival or when leaving the show ground. We will endeavour to have a parking attendant present to assist.**

**\*\*\*HATS WITH CHIN STRAPS AND TO CURRENT STANDARD MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN MOUNTED\*\*\***

**Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and will not be allowed in the indoor arena.**

**RING 1 – Indoor Arena – To start at 9am**

**RIHS BSPA RIDDEN COLOURED CLASSES**

These classes are affiliated to the British Skewbald and Piebald Association and are qualifiers for the Royal International Horse Show, Hickstead Tuesday 24th July 2018. Classes will be judged under BSPA rules.  Download from [www.bspaonline.com](http://WWW.BSPAONLINE.COM).  All horses/ponies must be registered and all owners and riders BSPA members prior to the show.  Rider age taken from 1st January.  Membership and qualification cards must be carried in the ring by competitors and produced as required for inspection or signature. Failure to do so will mean disqualification.  Spurs may not be worn in any pony class. Ponies 153cm or under (Shetlands exempt) must possess a current JMB height certificate.

All stallions must be graded and licensed by BSPA or hold a BSPA Showing Permit (contact BSPA for Stallion showing permit information) for 2018 and have a BSPA stallion ID card and wear BSPA Stallion ID Disc.  No rider under 14 may exhibit a stallion in any class.

No competitor / owner / horse may compete in this class or enter the ring without current 2018 membership of BSPA and a RIHS qualification card.

*Qualification: 1st place and the next unqualified competitor standing 2nd or 3rd qualify from each class.  No competitor may qualifier from lower than 3rd place.  BSPA Office: 01354 638226; email:* *bspashows@gmail.com**.  Skewbald and Piebald horse / ponies only.  Highest placed Amateur and highest placed Junior in each class qualify for Amateur and Junior Supreme Championships Final to be held at the BSPA World of Colour Championship Show 2018 at the College EC., Keysoe, Bedfordshire.  Cards to be shown and qualification signed in the ring. All Champion and Reserve Champion winners qualify for BSPA Star Championship at WCC.*

*All horses/ponies must be registered with BSPA, all owners/riders members of BSPA prior to entry and membership + qualification cards must be carried into the ring and signed at the time of qualification in the ring by the Judge. Failure to comply with this rule will mean disqualification.*

1. **BSPA RIHS Skewbald & Piebald RIDDEN PONIES not exc 153cm PLAITED** – NO SPURS to be worn in this class. Judge will NOT ride. Individual shows will be required. No lead reins permitted.
2. **BSPA RIHS Skewbald & Piebald RIDDEN PONIES not exc 153cm TRADITIONAL AND NATIVE TYPES -** (to be shown in their natural state) – Hogged Cobs. NO SPURS to be worn in this class. Judge will NOT ride. Individual shows will be required. No lead reins permitted.
3. **BSPA RIHS Skewbald & Piebald RIDDEN HORSES exc 153cm PLAITED** – Judge WILL ride in this class.
4. **BSPA RIHS Skewbald & Piebald RIDDEN HORSES exc 153cm TRADITIONAL AND NATIVE TYPES** (to be shown in their natural state) – Hogged Cobs. Judge WILL ride in this class.

*The four classes above are eligible for Equifest Qualifier Number 22 – BSPA/Equifest Ridden Piebald/Skewbald. The first 3 places will also qualify for the BSPA Championship subject to their show rules & conditions.*

**BSPA Ridden Skewbald & Piebald Championship – 1st& 2ndprize winners from classes 1– 4 to compete. The Champion and reserve are eligible to go forward to the Supreme of Show.**

**The following classes will not start before 11am**.

The classes will start using the large outdoor arena (split into 2 rings) only if the BSPA Royal International Qualifier classes have not completed. They will then move into the indoor arena.

**Ring 2 – In Hand**

1. **Veteran Horse/Pony 15 years and over -** Stallion, mare or gelding. **R**
2. **Youngstock -** Any breed. Colt, filly or gelding, 3 years old and under.

*Equifest Qualifier number 24 – The 2 highest placed Riding Ponies will qualify.*

1. **Hunter/Riding Horse/Hack -** Stallion, mare or gelding, any age. **S**
2. **Riding Pony/Hunter Pony -** Stallion, mare or gelding, any age.

*Equifest Qualifier number 24 – The 2 highest placed Riding Ponies will qualify.*

1. **M&M Small breeds –** including welsh. Stallion, mare or gelding, any age.

*Equifest Qualifier number 1 – Spillers/Equifest Mountain & Moorland In Hand. Ponies must be registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies. The 2 highest placed will qualify.*

1. **M&M Large breeds –** including welsh. Stallion, mare or gelding, any age.

*Equifest Qualifier number 1 – Spillers/Equifest Mountain & Moorland In Hand. Ponies must be registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies. The 2 highest placed will qualify.*

1. **Coloured open –** Skewbald and Piebald. Native and non-native. Stallion, mare or gelding, any age.

*Equifest Qualifier number 23 – BSPA/Equifest In Hand Piebald/Skewbald. The first 3 places will also qualify for the BSPA Championships subject to their show rules & conditions.*

1. **Cob Type -** Traditional or Hogged Cob. Any colour. Stallion, mare or gelding, any age.
2. **Miniature Horse –** not to exceed 87cm at maturity. Stallion, mare or gelding, any age.
3. **Pure/Part Bred/Anglo Arab -** Stallion, mare or gelding, any age.
4. **Part Bred (Not Arab) –** Stallion, mare or gelding, any age. **R**
5. **NCPA Registered** – M&M, Stallion, mare or gelding, any age.
6. **NCPA Registered** – Non M&M, Stallion, mare or gelding, any age. **S**
7. **Young Handler** - Handler to be 7 – 10 years old.
8. **Young Handler** - Handler to be 11 – 16 years old.

**In Hand Championship – All 1st and 2nd placed competitors from classes 5-19 are eligible to compete. The Champion and Reserve will qualify for the “Golden Ticket” championship class at the NCPA Pony of the Year show 2018. The prizes at the final are £500, £300, £100, £50, £25, £25. The Champion and Reserve are eligible to go forward to the Supreme of Show.**

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**Ring 3 – Ridden**

1. **Lead Rein** – Mare or gelding, 4 years and over. Not to exceed 128cm. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday (M&M and HP) or 8th birthday (SP) before 1st January in the current year. Snaffle bridles only. **S**

*Equifest Qualifier Number 3 – Cavernoma Alliance UK/Equifest M&M Lead Rein. Open to M&M ponies registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest, Shetland and Welsh A or B. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.*

*Equifest Qualifier Number 7 – Davey’s Livestock Transport Ltd/Equifest Show Pony Lead Rein. Riders not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st January in the current year.*

*Equifest Qualifier Number 10 – Ashford Stables/Equifest Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.*

1. **First Ridden** – Mare or gelding, 4 years and over. Not to exceed 128cm. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday (M&M) or 10th birthday (SP) before 1st January in the current year. Exhibits will NOT canter together.

*Equifest Qualifier Number 4 - Equi-Chip/Equifest M&M First Ridden. Open to M&M ponies registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest, Shetland and Welsh A or B. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.*

*Equifest Qualifier Number 8 – Nathan Arnold Show Team/Equifest Show Pony First Ridden. Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.*

1. **Novice Rider** –Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Riders in their first year of showing. Riders any age. **R**
2. **Novice Pony** – Not to have won a first prize of £5 or more. Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not to exceed 148cm. Rider any age. No lead reins.
3. **Novice Horse** – Not to have won a first prize of £5 or more. Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, 148cm and over. Rider any age.
4. **NCPA Registered -** M&M, Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age.
5. **NCPA Registered** - Non M&M, Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age.
6. **Coloured – Skewbald and Piebald -** Native and non-native stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age. No lead reins.

*Equifest Qualifier Number 22 – BSPA/Equifest Ridden Piebald/Skewbald. The first 3 places will also qualify for the BSPA Championship subject to their show rules & conditions.*

1. **Cob Type -** Traditional or Hogged Cob. Any colour. Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age. **R**

*Equifest Qualifier number 17 – Nupafeed/Equifest Ridden Cobs (Not traditional). Exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 155cm.*

*Equifest Qualifier Number 18 – Haygain/Equifest Maxi Cobs exceeding 155cm.*

1. **Show Pony / Show Hunter Pony** – Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Show pony not to exceed 148cm. Show hunter pony not to exceed 153cm. No lead reins.

*Equifest Qualifier Number 6 – Ruby Maritime Services/Equifest Ridden Show Ponies. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st January in the current year.*

*Equifest Qualifier Number 9 – KBIS/Equifest Ridden Show Hunter Ponies. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before the 1st January in the current year.*

1. **Open Small Breed** – Welsh section A & B, Dartmoor, Exmoor and Shetland. Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. No lead reins.

*Equifest Qualifier Number 2 - Open Ridden M&M.*

1. **Open Large Breed** – Welsh section C & D, Connemara, New Forest, Fell, Highland and Dales. Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over.

*Equifest Qualifier Number 2 - Open Ridden M&M.*

1. **Pure/Part Bred/Anglo Arab** - Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age. No Lead reins. **S**

*Equifest Qualifier Number 21 – Equifest Ridden Part Breds. Ehibits in this section must be registered in the Part Bred section of their respective Breed Society. Registration numbers must be stated on the entry form. Horses and ponies will not be ridden at the final.*

1. **Part Bred (Not Arab)** – Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age. No lead reins.

*Equifest Qualifier Number 21 – Equifest Ridden Part Breds. Ehibits in this section must be registered in the Part Bred section of their respective Breed Society. Registration numbers must be stated on the entry form. Horses and ponies will not be ridden at the final.*

1. **Veteran Horse/Pony 15 years and over** - Stallion, mare or gelding. Rider any age.
2. **Hunter/Riding Horse/Hack** - Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Rider any age.

*Equifest Qualifier Number 15 – Hightopps Stud/Equifest Ridden Hacks. Open show hacks, exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 160cm.*

*Equifest Qualifier Number 16 – Nupafeed/Equifest Riding Horses. Open riding horse exceeding 148cm.*

*Equifest Qualifier Number 19 – Black Country Saddles/Equifest Ridden Hunters. Exceeding 153cm. Light/Middle/Heavy weight.*

*Equifest Qualifier Number 20 – R Crabtree Agri Services/Equifest Open Small Hunters. Exceeding 148cm but not exceeding 158cm.*

**Ridden Championship – All 1st and 2nd placed competitors from classes 20-35 are eligible to compete. The Champion and Reserve will qualify for the “Golden Ticket” championship class at the NCPA Pony of the Year show 2018. The prizes at the final are £500, £300, £100, £50, £25, £25. The Champion and Reserve are eligible to go forward to the Supreme of Show.**

Rules of Entry

When entering a pony / horse it is a condition of entry that these rules are abided by.

1. It is the exhibitors’ responsibility to ensure they are present in the ring at the start of the class.

2. Refunds of class fees will not be given if exhibitors miss their class.

3. The Judges decision is final.

4. The judge may withhold any prize where there is an evident want of merit.

5. Riders of stallions must be aged 12 years + for small breeds and 14 years + for large breeds.

6. Objections – Any objections to be made in writing to the Secretary with a deposit of £30.00 cash, which will be returned if the objection is upheld. All objections must be made within 30 minutes of the class taking place.

7. The Officials and Council of the NCPA accept no responsibility for loss, injury or damage to any person or their property whilst on the Showground, car parks or approaches. All entries are subject to these conditions.

8. Exhibitors alone are solely responsible for the accuracy and eligibility of their entries. No entry will be accepted unless accompanied with the correct fee. In the event of an entry proving incorrect, (whether by mistake or otherwise), the entry fee will not be returned.

9. An Exhibitor may not exhibit a pony / horse bred, sold, leased or produced by the Judge, their immediate family or their employer.

10. The Committee reserves the right to expel from the class or Showground any animal not considered to be under control, especially where a danger to the public could be created.

11. The Committee reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or divide any class should entries so warrant.

12. No substitute or nomination entries will be allowed.

13. In the event of the Show being cancelled by events beyond our control, a £7:00 administration fee will be deducted from each Exhibitor.

14. All persons entering the Showground must have personal third party insurance.

15. This Show operates under the NCPA Child and Vulnerable Persons Protection Policy.

16. Show canes and whips must not be more than 30 inches long.

17. Ponies / horses must leave the ring at walk.

18. Correctly secured BSI skull caps/riding hats accredited to the latest approved standards must be worn at all times when mounted. See details below.

19. Lead Rein Classes: Ponies to be shown in a snaffle bridle and the lead rein to be attached to the nose band on which it must remain whilst the pony is in the ring. Whilst in the ring, the pony must be led at all times.

20. First Ridden Classes: Ponies to be shown in a suitable bridle. No cantering allowed except for individual show.

21. Mountain and Moorland ponies must be shown in their natural state and must be registered with their respective Breed Society, and the registration number quoted on the entry form.

22. All Stallions and Colts must be licenced as stipulated by their relevant breed society and must be handled by a person over 14 years of age and be adequately bitted and under control.

23. No litter to be left on the Showground. CLEANING OUT HORSEBOXES & TRAILERS IS STRICTLEY FORBIDDEN.

24. All Exhibitors must be wearing the allocated number for the Exhibit when entering the ring.

25. Dogs must be on a lead and supervised at all times.

26. Handlers and Grooms must be appropriately dressed.

27. Anyone found to be mistreating a horse or pony may be asked to leave the show ground, and reported to the appropriate body.

28. All horses and ponies must have a valid passport which should accompany the animal on show days. Random checks may be carried out.

29. Handlers in In-Hand classes’ ages 14 years and under must wear a correctly secured current British Standard skull cap or riding hat

30. Exhibitors must have Public Liability Insurance when competing at NCPA events.

31. Horses must NOT be left tied to horse boxes

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The organisers will take any necessary precautions to ensure the Health and Safety of persons on the Showground. It is a condition of entry to the Showground that all persons will act on any instructions given to them by the show committee, in so far that it can affect the health and safety of all. All competitors must take due care to section 7 of the Health and Safety Act and have due regard for the safety of others. There is a Health and Safety Statement on display at the Secretary’s Office.

**Correctly secured Skull Caps/Riding Hats that meet one of the following current Safety Standards/specifications MUST be worn by all Riders of all ages. All PAS 015; VG1; ASTM F1163 04a onwards; SNELL E2001; AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards. Please note that from the 1st January 2017 the list of standards no longer includes BS/EN1384: 1996 or 2012 (or prior year suffix).**