



South West Pony Association

2025 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

Listed below are the championship class sections for the '2025 Championships' to be held on 28 – 30 August 2025

You will notice that we have removed the championship class Prefix Letter as it no longer serves a purpose

Pure, Part Bred & Anglo Arab In-Hand

All Equines in this section MUST be registered.

Classes may be split into ages and or height. Pure Breds may have their own classes.

Pure, Part Bred & Anglo Arab Ridden

Stallion, Mare or Gelding. All animals MUST be registered.

Riders any age. (see rules for Ridden Stallions)

Classes may be split into height sections. Pure Breds may have their own class.

Hacks & Riding Horse In-Hand

Hacks not to exceed 160cms. Riding Horses to exceed 148cms.

Classes may be split into ages and or height sections.

Hacks & Riding Horse Ridden

Mare or Gelding. Hacks not to exceed 160cms. Riding Horses exceeding 148cms.

Riders to have attained their 15th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Classes may be split between Hacks & Riding Horses.

Traditional Cob Type In-Hand

Stallion, Mare or Gelding, Any Height.

Show Cobs Ridden

Mare or Gelding.

Riders to be suitable size equine ridden)

Classes may be split between Lightweight, Heavyweight & Maxi.

Traditional Cobs Ridden

Stallion, Mare or Gelding. Riders any age. (see rules for Ridden Stallions)

Coloured Horse/Pony In-Hand

To include SKEWBALD, PIEBALD, APPALOOSA, SPOTTED, PALOMINO and DUN.

Classes may be split into ages and or Colour Type.

Coloured Horse/Pony Ridden

To include SKEWBALD, PIEBALD, APPALOOSA, SPOTTED, PALOMINO & DUN.

Stallion, Mare or Gelding. Riders any age. (see rules for Ridden Stallions)

Classes may be split into Colour Type.

Hunters In-Hand

To exceed 148cms.

Classes may be split into ages.

Hunters Ridden

Mare or Gelding. Exceeding 148cms.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Mountain & Moorland Part Bred In-Hand

All Part Breds must be registered.

Classes may be split into ages and or height.

Mountain & Moorland Part Bred Ridden

Stallion, Mare or Gelding. All M&M Part Breds must be registered.

Riders any age. (see rules for Ridden Stallions)

Classes may be split into height sections.

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Show/Riding Pony In-Hand

Not to exceed 148cms.

Classes may be split into age and or height sections.

Show/Riding Pony Ridden

Mare or Gelding. Not to exceed 148cms.

Classes may be divided as follows: -

n/e 128cms, ex 128cms - n/e 138cms, ex 138cms - n/e 148cms

Riders to be suitable size for pony ridden.

Show Hunter Pony In-Hand

Not to exceed 153cms.

Classes may be split into age sections.

Show Hunter Pony Ridden

Mare or Gelding. Not to exceed 153cms.

Classes may be divided as follows: -

n/e 122cms, ex 122cms - n/e 133cms, ex 133cms - n/e 143cms, ex 143cms - n/e 153cms

Riders to be suitable size for pony ridden.

Intermediate Show Riding Type / Show Hunter Type

Mare or Gelding. Exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 158cms.

Riders to be suitable size for equine ridden.

Junior Mountain & Moorland Ridden

Mare or Gelding. All ponies must be registered with their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

Small Breeds. Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Large Breeds. Riders not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Junior Open Ridden (excluding M&M)

Mare or Gelding. Any Type or Colour.

n/e 138cms, Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

exc 138cms, Riders not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Mini Ridden *Mare or Gelding. **NO STALLIONS. SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY***

Open Show Pony / Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein

Not to exceed 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Open Show Pony / Show Hunter Pony First Ridden

Not to exceed 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein

To be registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

Not to exceed 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Mountain & Moorland First Ridden

To be registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

Not to exceed 128cms. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Working Hunter

Lead Rein Working Hunter Pony

Mare or Gelding. Not exceeding 122cms. Mountain & Moorland ponies to be registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

*Riders not to have competed off the Lead Rein in **ANY** WHP classes before 1st January in the current year.*

SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY. Maximum Height of Fences 1ft 6inches.

First Ridden Working Hunter Pony

Mare or Gelding. Not exceeding 122cms. Mountain & Moorland ponies to be registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

*Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Riders not to have competed in **ANY** WHP classes with jumps exceeding 1ft 9inches before 1st January in the current year.*

SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY. Maximum Height of Fences 1ft 9inches.

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PLEASE NOTE, NOVICE WORKING HUNTER RULES:

PONIES/HORSES NOT TO HAVE WON A FIRST PLACE IN ANY WORKING HUNTER CLASS BEFORE 1st JANUARY IN THE CURRENT YEAR. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU INCLUDE THE WORDING 'SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY SHOULD BE WORN' AS SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FINALS

Novice Working Hunter. All Types

Stallion, Mare or Gelding. Mountain & Moorland ponies to be registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

Riders any age. (See rules for Ridden Stallions)

Riders to be suitable size for pony ridden.

Open Working Hunter. All Types

Stallion, Mare or Gelding. Mountain & Moorland ponies to be registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

Riders any age. (See rules for Ridden Stallions)

Riders to be suitable size for pony ridden.

Mountain & Moorland In-Hand

Ponies must be registered with their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

Classes may split into Ages and or Breeds.

Mountain & Moorland Ridden

Stallion, Mare or Gelding. To be registered with their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.

Riders any age. (see rules for Ridden Stallions)

Classes may be split into Breed sections.

Novice Ridden

PLEASE NOTE, NOVICE RIDDEN RULES:

PONIES/HORSES NOT TO HAVE WON A FIRST PLACE IN ANY RIDDEN CLASS BEFORE 1st JANUARY IN THE CURRENT YEAR. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU INCLUDE THE WORDING 'SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY SHOULD BE WORN' AS SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FINALS

Novice Mountain & Moorland Ridden

Stallion, Mare or Gelding. To be registered with their respective Pure Breed Society stud books.

Riders any age. (see rules for Ridden Stallions)

Classes may be split into Small & Large Breeds.

Novice Show/Riding Pony / Show Hunter Pony Ridden

Riding Pony, Mare or Gelding. Not to exceed 148cms.

Classes may be divided as follows: -

n/e 128cms, ex 128cms - n/e 138cms, ex 138cms - n/e 148cms

Riders to be suitable size for pony ridden.

Show Hunter Pony Mare or Gelding. Not to exceed 153cms.

Mare or Gelding. Not to exceed 153cms.

Classes may be divided as follows: -

n/e 122cms, ex 122cms - n/e 133cms, ex 133cms - n/e 143cms, ex 143cms - n/e 153cms

Riders to be suitable size for pony ridden.

Novice Intermediate

Mare or Gelding. Exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 158cms.

Riders to be suitable size for equine ridden.

Novice Hack / Riding Horse / Hunter / Cob Ridden

Mare or Gelding

Hack not to exceed 160cms.

Riding Horses to exceed 148cms.

Riders to have attained their 15th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Hunter to exceed 148cms.

Riders to have attained their 16th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Cobs to include Maxi Cobs. Riders to be suitable size for equine ridden)

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Novice Lead Rein

Mare or Gelding, Open to All types of ponies not exceeding 122cms. (Mountain & Moorland ponies must be registered with their respective Pure Breed Society stud books). Riders not to have attained their 8th birthday if riding a Show/Riding type or Show Hunter type pony, or 9th birthday if riding an M&M type pony, before 1st January in the current year.

Novice First Ridden

Mare or Gelding, Open to All types of ponies not exceeding 122cms. (Mountain & Moorland not exceeding 128cms and must be registered with their respective Pure Breed Society stud books). Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday if riding a Show/Riding or Show Hunter type pony, or 12th birthday if riding an M&M type pony, before 1st January in the current year.

Owner Bred In-Hand

*Mountain & Moorland: Ponies must be registered with their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.
Classes may split into Ages and or Breeds.
Open Type (excluding M&M): Horse or Pony. Any Age.
Classes may be split into Height, Type or Age.*

Competition Horse/Pony In-Hand

*Competition Type Horse/Pony
Classes may be split into n/e 148cms and ex 148cms, or into Youngstock and Four and over.*

Competition Horse/Pony Ridden

*Competition Type Horse/Pony. Stallion, Mare or Gelding. (excluding Mountain & Moorland)
Riders any age. (see rules for Ridden Stallions)
Judged 60% Performance to include Freestyle Show, and 40% Conformation.
Classes may be split into not exceeding 148cms and exceeding 148cms.*

Competition Mountain & Moorland Ridden

*Competition Type Mountain & Moorland. Stallion, Mare or Gelding. To be registered with their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books.
Riders any age. (see rules for Ridden Stallions)
Judged 60% Performance to include Freestyle Show, and 40% Conformation.
Classes may be split into Small & Large Breeds.*

Driving Type Horse/Pony In-Hand

*Driving Type Horse/Pony
Classes may be split into n/e 148cms and ex 148cms, or into Youngstock and Four and over.*

Veteran Horse/Pony In-Hand

*Horse or Pony. Fifteen years old and over.
Classes may be split into 15 - 25 years and 25 and over.*

Veteran Horse/Pony Ridden

*Horse or Pony. Fifteen years old and over.
Riders any age.(see rules for Ridden Stallions)
Classes may be split into 15 - 25 years and 25 and over.*

World Breeds inc. Moorland & Hill Bred In-Hand

*Horse or Pony. (Excluding British Native Breeds, M&M Part Breeds, Pure, Part Bred & Anglo Arabs) Any Age.
Classes may be split into Youngstock & Adult Stock.*

World Breeds inc. Moorland & Hill Bred Ridden

*Horse or Pony. (Excluding British Native Breeds, M&M Part Breeds, Pure, Part Bred & Anglo Arabs)
Four years old and over.*

X Race Horse In-Hand

Horse or Pony. Four years old and over.

X Race Horse Ridden

Horse or Pony. Four years old and over.

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Young Handlers

Mare or Gelding. NO COLTS or STALLIONS.

Handlers to have attained their 4th birthday before 1st January in the current year but not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

Classes may be split into age groups, 4 – 9 years, 10 – 14 years, 15 – 18 years.

Miniature Horse / Pony In-Hand

Miniature Horse, registered with their respective Miniature Horse Society.

May be split into Youngstock & Adult Stock.

Miniature Shetland, registered with the Shetland Pony Society Stud Book.

May be split into Youngstock & Adult Stock.