CORRECT WORDING FOR EQUIFEST QUALIFIERS

The two highest placed exhibits not already qualified will qualify for the relevant Equifest Championship class to be held at Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 4th – 7th August 2027.

1. EQUIFEST OPEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND IN HAND

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

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.

3. EQUIFEST OPEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND LEAD REIN

Open to Mountain & Moorland ponies, registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest, Shetland and Welsh A or B. Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their **9th** birthday before 1st January in the current year. To be led by an attendant and shown in a Snaffle Bridle, the lead rein to be attached to the noseband only.

4. EQUIFEST MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND FIRST RIDDEN

Open to Mountain & Moorland ponies, registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest, Shetland, and Welsh A or B. Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their **12th** birthday before 1st January in the current year. To be shown in any suitable bridle.

5. JUNIOR RIDDEN MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND

Mares and geldings, 4 years old & over, registered in the respective pure bred Stud Books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland and Welsh Section A, B, C & D. Riders of Small Breeds not to have attained their **14th** birthday before 1st January in the current year. Riders of Large Breeds not to have attained their **18th** birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Classes may be divided as follows:

- **Junior Ridden Small Breeds** – mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, registered in the respective pure bred Stud Book of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Sections A & B. Rider not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
- **Junior Ridden Large Breeds** – mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, registered in the respective pure bred Stud Books of Connemara, Dales Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Sections C & D. Riders not to have attained their 18th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

6. EQUIFEST OPEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND WORKING HUNTER PONIES

Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter pony, stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, registered with their respective Pure Bred Societies of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland or Welsh A, B, C or D. ***Any suitable sized rider.*** Shows may run as many classes as they wish, as long as qualification for Equifest is only awarded in classes at a minimum height of 50cms. The course should consist of not less than 7 fences and should contain a change of direction and a spread fence. There will be 4 classes at Equifest as below. Qualified ponies may compete in a maximum of **TWO** of the following height classes at Equifest:

HEIGHT OF FENCES FOR M&M WHP CLASSES AT EQUIFEST:

CLASSES	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	MAXIMUM SPREAD
Class 1	50cms	50cms
Class 2	60cms	60cms
Class 3	70cms	70cms
Class 4	80cms	80cms

7. EQUIFEST OPEN SHOW PONY LEAD REIN

Leading Rein Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their **8th** birthday before 1st 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

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

9. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN SHOW PONIES

Open Show Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 148cms. ***Any suitable sized rider. Classes may be divided as follows:***

- Show Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms.
- Show Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 128cms but not exceeding 138cms.
- Show Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 138cms but not exceeding 148cms.

10. EQUIFEST OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY- LEAD REIN

Show Hunter Pony Lead Rein, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cms. Rider not to have attained their **9th** birthday before 1st January in the current year.

11. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN SHOW HUNTER PONIES

Show Hunter Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 153cms. ***Any suitable sized rider.***
Classes may be divided as follows:

- Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 123cms.
- Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 123cms but not exceeding 133cms.
- Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms.
- Mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 153cms.

12. EQUIFEST OPEN WORKING HUNTER PONIES / NURSERY STAKES

Working Hunter Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 158cms. ***Any suitable sized rider.*** Shows may run as many classes as they wish, as long as qualification for Equifest is only awarded in classes at a minimum height of 55cms. The course should consist of not less than 7 fences and should contain a change of direction and a spread fence. Classes at Equifest will be run according to height of fences **NOT** size of pony. Qualified ponies may compete in a maximum of **TWO** of the following height classes at Equifest:

HEIGHT OF FENCES FOR OPEN WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES AT EQUIFEST:

CLASS	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	MAXIMUM SPREAD
Class 1	55cms	60cms
Class 2	65cms	70cms
Class 3	75cms	80cms
Class 4	85cms	90cms

13. EQUIFEST OPEN SMALL HUNTERS

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

14. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN HUNTERS

Open Ridden Hunter, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 158cms. Riders any age.
Classes may be divided according to entries.

15. EQUIFEST OPEN WORKING HUNTER

Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms. Riders of stallions to have attained their **14th** birthday before 1st January in the current year. Maximum height of fences 1.05m (3'6") at the discretion of the Judges.

16. EQUIFEST YOUNG RIDERS (AMENDED FROM INTERMEDIATE SRT OR SHT)

Mare or gelding, exceeding 146cms but not exceeding 160cms. Riders not to have attained their **25th** birthday before 1st January in the current year. This class may be divided according to the affiliated show's preference or may be run as an Intermediate SRT or Intermediate SHT. ***Open to any type of horse – Hack, Hogged Cob, Traditional Cob, Riding Horse, Hunter or RoR. Horses will not be ridden by the Judge.***

17. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN HACKS

Open Show Hacks, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 160cms. Riders any age.
Classes may be divided as follows:

- **Small Hacks** – mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 154cms. Riders any age.
- **Large Hacks** – mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 154cms but not exceeding 160cms. Riders any age.

18. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDING HORSES

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.

19. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN COBS

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.

20. EQUIFEST OPEN MAXI COBS

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

21. EQUIFEST OPEN RE-TRAINED RACE HORSES

Thoroughbred mare or gelding, 4 years old & over, exceeding 148cms. Horses must have been raced in the GB to be eligible to compete. Riders any age.

22. EQUIFEST OPEN RIDDEN PART BREDS

Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over. Exhibits in this section must be registered in the Part Bred section of their respective Breed Society. Horses and ponies will not be ridden at the final. Suitable sized riders of any age.
Classes may be divided as appropriate.

23. OPEN IN HAND VETERAN HORSE / PONY

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

24. OPEN RIDDEN VETERAN HORSE / PONY

Stallion, mare or gelding, 15 years old and over. Any type or breed. Any suitable sized rider.
Classes may be divided according to entries.

25. EQUIFEST IN HAND PIEBALD / SKEWBALD

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

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. Spurs may not be worn by any rider on a pony (not exceeding 153cms). No pony under 153cms will be ridden by the Judge.
Classes may be divided according to entries.

27. EQUIFEST OPEN IN HAND RIDING / HUNTER PONIES

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

28. BRHHS EVERSLEY RIDDEN HEAVY HORSES

Open to horses 4 years old and over that are registered in the main British Stud Books of the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk or Percheron Society at the time of qualification and must be entered in the name and ownership they are registered. Qualification to be awarded no lower than third place if the winning horse has already qualified. At shows where there is no Ride Judge a stand/individual show will be required. Riders will be required to give a short individual show at walk, trot & canter or set show lasting approximately 2 minutes. Change of rein and lengthened strides in trot and canter must be shown. Rein back, (optional) stand still and obedience to the leg. Horses should leave the ring at a walk or trot. Entries will not be asked to jump. If there is both a Ride and Conformation Judge a marking system will be used:

Ride / manners	marks to be awarded out of a possible 50.
Conformation / type assessment	marks to be awarded out of a possible 50.

When judging classes using the Marks System horses should be stripped for the Conformation Judge. Where there is an equality of marks, the ride marks take precedence, however if there still remains a tie then the Ride Judge's decision is final. If an exhibitor declines the Judge's ride the horse will not be placed.

29. RESS IN HAND / RIDDEN RESCUE HORSE / PONY

DEFINITION OF RESCUE

1. Any equine that is adopted, fostered, under a guardianship scheme from any National Equine Welfare Council registered Charity (NEWC).
2. Any equine that has been adopted, fostered, under a guardianship scheme from any other equine charity (must be registered with the Charity Commission).
3. Any equine that has been 'independently' rescued by an individual. There must be supporting evidence (photographic, veterinary) that will be included in the 'Rescue History' for the equine, to demonstrate their rescue status.

MARK SYSTEM

The mark system is designed to reward those equines that have the strongest rescue history and most dramatic 'transformation'. Marks are awarded as follows:

Rescue History and Transformation	60%
Performance	40%

In the event of a tie, the Rescue History and Transformation takes precedence. All entries are asked to provide, on entry to the class, a written 'Rescue History', detailing the background and history of the equine. Also, to be included are 'before' and 'after' photographs. This will be for the Judge to discuss with the competitor during the Judging of the Class and marks awarded accordingly.