MHOYS

THE

MINIATURE HORSE

OF THE YEAR

Show

THE 31ST ANNUAL SHOW

26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Pickering Grange Equestrian
Ellistown, Leicestershire, LE67 1EZ

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The Miniature Horse of the Year Show

Terms & Conditions

All horses MUST be registered/over stamped with the International Miniature Horse & Pony Society Ltd. Over stamping MUST be completed prior to the show. To over stamp please visit the website and apply to the Registrar. www.imhps.com

Judges

Mr C McCormack
Mr M Jones
Mr L King
Mr R Miller

Show Location

Pickering Grange Equetrian, Ellistown Terrace Road, Leicestershire, LE67 1EZ, United Kingdom

IMHPS Membership fees

Associate Single Membership: £25.00
Associate Family Membership: £35.00

Show Date & Start times

Saturday 26th September 2026
08.00am

Entry Information

Member: £15.00 per class

Non-Member: £17.50

Elite Grading fee: £30 member
£40 Non-Member

Entries Via Entrymaster
www.imhps.lite.events
mhoys@imhps.com

Stabling

Please contact the show ground directly.
Pickering Grange Equestrian
Tel: 07932 667758
www.pickeringgrange.co.uk

Health Requirements

All horses must have documentation, endorsed by a veterinarian, of an initial series of 2 intramuscular injections for primary vaccination against equine influenza given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. Followed by the six month booster. With subsequent boosters within one year of previous booster vaccination. However horses cannot compete if they have been vaccinated within 7 days of arriving at the event venue

The Miniature Horse of The Year Show is under the auspices of IMHPS and is not to be confused with the Horse of the Year Show organised by the British Show Jumping Association.

The Miniature Horse of the Year Show 2026

Ring 1

0.8:00am **World of Colour of the Year**
Class 1. Coloured of the Year
Class 2. Spotted of the Year
Class 3. Dilute of the Year
Class 4. Solid Colour of the Year
Class 5. Other Colour of the Year

09:30am **Scaled Down of the Year**
Class 6. Scaled Down Hack
Class 7. Scaled Down Riding Horse
Class 8. Scaled Down Hunter
Class 9. Scaled Down Cob
Class 10. Scaled Down Arabian

11:00am **Weighted Miniature of the Year**
Class 11. Lightweight Yearling/2-Year-Old
Class 12. Lightweight Three Years & Over
Class 13. Middleweight Yearling / 2-Year Old
Class 14. Middleweight Three Years & Over
Class 15. Heavyweight Yearling / 2-Year Old
Class 16. Heavyweight Three Years & Over

12:30pm **Young Handler of the Year**
Class 17. 7 Years & Under Young Handler
Class 18. 8 Years to 12 Years Young Handler
Class 19. 13 Years to 18 Years Young Handler
Class 20. Young Handler Best Colour
Class 21. Young Handler with Mare
Class 22. Young Handler with Gelding

13:30pm **AMHA or Part Bred of the Year**
Class 23. AMHA Yearling
Class 24. AMHA Two Year Old
Class 25. AMHA 3-Years & Over Mare/Gelding
Class 26. AMHA 3-Years & Over Stallion
Class 27. AMHA Stock Horse

14:30pm **AMHR or Part Bred of the Year**
Class 28. AMHR Yearling
Class 29. AMHR Two Year Old
Class 30. AMHR 3-Years & Over Mare/Gelding
Class 31. AMHR 3-Years & Over Stallion
Class 32. AMHR Stock Horse

15:30pm **ASPC or Part Bred of the Year**
Class 33. ASPC Yearling of the Year
Class 34. ASPC Two Year Old of the Year
Class 35. ASPC Three Years & Over of the Year

16:15pm **Elite Graded Miniature Horse of the Year**
Class 36. Elite Graded Mare or Gelding
Class 37. Elite Graded Stallion

Ring 2

08:00am **Elite Grading**
Class E1.. Elite Grading Mares
Class E2. Elite Grading Geldings
Class E3. Elite Grading Stallions

09:30am **Foal of the Year**
Class 38. Filly Foal
Class 39. Colt/Gelding Foal
Class 40. Miniature Foal to mature Under 34"
Class 41. Miniature foal to mature Over 34"
Class 42. Shetland Foal

10:30am **Open Shetland of the Year**
Class 43. Open Miniature Shetland 1 & 2 Years
Class 44. Open Miniature Shetland 3 Years +
Class 45. Open Standard Shetland 1 & 2 Years
Class 46. Open Standard Shetland 3 Years +

12:30pm Championship Miniature Horse Classes
Class 47. Ultra Mini of the Year
Class 48. Veteran of the Year
Class 49. Falabella of the Year
Class 50. British Bred Miniature of the Year
Class 51. UK Born & Bred Miniature of the Year
Class 52. Gelding of the Year
Class 53. IMHPS Member of the Year
Class 54. S.E.N.D Handler of the Year

13:30pm **SPSBS Miniature Shetland Section**
Class 55. SPSBS Miniature Shetland 1 & 2 Years
Class 56. SPSBS Miniature Shetland Mare
Class 57. SPSBS Miniature Shetland Gelding
Class 58. SPSBS Miniature Shetland Stallion

14:30pm **SPSBS Standard Shetland Section**
Class 59. SPSBS Standard Shetland 1 & 2 Years
Class 60. SPSBS Standard Shetland Mare
Class 61. SPSBS Standard Shetland Gelding
Class 62. SPSBS Standard Shetland Stallion

17:00pm **Evening Classes**
Class 63. Fancy Dress
Class 64. Driving Championship

MHOYS Evening Championships

CH1 Youth Handler of the Year Championship
Judge Mr C McCormack
Sponsored by Looking Glass Show Team

CH2 Colour of the Year Championship
Judge Mr R Miller & Mr M Jones
Sponsored by Hamilton-Smith Show Team

CH3 Scaled Down Under 34" of the Year Championship
Judge Mr L King
Sponsored by Heart & Soul Miniature Horses

CH4 Scaled Down Over 34" of the Year Championship
Judge Mr L King

CH5 Weighted Under 34" of the Year Championship
Judge Mr R Miller

CH6 Weighted Over 34" of the Year Championship
Judge Mr R Miller

CH7 American Under 34" of the Year Championship
Judge Mr M Jones
Sponsored by Canter Media

CH8 American Over 34" of the Year Championship
Judge Mr M Jones

CH9 Condition & Turnout of the Year Championship
Judge Mr C McCormack
Sponsored by American Equine

CH10 Amateur of the Year Championship
Judge Mr C Johns
Sponsored by Pandoras Miniature Farm

CH11 Elite Champion of the Year
Judge Mr C McCormack
Sponsored by Diagio Miniatures

CH12 IMHPS Champion of Champions of the Year
Judge Mr M Chadwick

MHOYS Supremes 2026

Judges: Mr M Jones, Mr L King, Mr C McCormack, & Mr R Miller

S1 £100 Shetland of the Year Supreme

S2 £100 Midi of the Year Supreme

S1 £100 Miniature Horse of the Year Supreme
Sponsored by ACJ Security

THE OVERALL GRAND SUPREME CHAMPION OF SHOW
Sponsored by Olson Timber Buildings LTD
Judged by Surprise Guest Judge

£500 Voucher from Olson Timber Buildings to be won!

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Ring 1

08:00am Start

WORLD OF COLOUR OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr R Miller & Mr M Jones

Class 1. Coloured of the Year **Sponsored by Mr & Mrs Maywood**
Class 2. Spotted of the Year **Sponsored by Springtree Miniatures**
Class 3. Dilute of the Year
Class 4. Solid Colour of the Year **Sponsored by The Johns Family**
Class 5. Other Colour of the Year
(1st & 2nd from 1 to 5 qualify for CH2 Colour of the Year Championship)

SCALED DOWN MINIATURE HORSE OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr L King

Class 6. Scaled Down Hack of the Year **Sponsored by Alex Claughton**
Class 7. Scaled Down Riding Horse of the Year **Sponsored by Alex Claughton**
Class 8. Scaled Down Hunter of the Year
Class 9. Scaled Down Cob of the Year **Sponsored by Mr & Mrs Maywood**
Class 10. Scaled Down Arabian of the Year
(1st & 2nd from 6 to 10 qualify for CH3/CH4 Scaled Down of the Year Championship)

WEIGHTED MINIATURE HORSE OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr R Miller

Class 11. Lightweight Yearling / Two Year Old of the Year
Class 12. Lightweight Three Years & Over of the Year
Class 13. Middleweight Yearling / Two Year Old of the Year
Class 14. Middleweight Three Years & Over of the Year
Class 15. Heavyweight Yearling / Two Year Old of the Year
Class 16. Heavyweight Three Years & Over of the Year
(1st & 2nd from 11 to 16 qualify for CH5/CH6 Weighted of the Year Championship)

YOUNG HANDLER OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr C McCormack

Class 17. 7 Years & Under Young Handler **Sponsored by DS Hay & Straw**
Class 18. 8 Years to 12 Years Young Handler **Sponsored by Elaine Johns**
Class 19. 13 Years to 18 Years Young Handler
Class 20. Young Handler Best Colour of the Year **Sponsored by The Johns Family**
Class 21. Young Handler with Mare of the Year **Sponsored by The Gainey Family**
Class 22. Young Handler with Gelding of the Year
(1st & 2nd from 17 to 22 qualify for CH1 Youth Handler of the Year Championship)

AMHA or PART BRED OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr M Jones

Class 23. AMHA Yearling of the Year
Class 24. AMHA Two Year Old of the Year
Class 25. AMHA Three Years & Over Mare or Gelding of the Year
Class 26. AMHA Three Years & Over Stallion of the Year
Class 27. AMHA Stock Horse of the Year
(1st & 2nd from 23 to 27 qualify for CH7 American Under 34" of the Year Championship)

AMHR or PART BRED OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr L King

Class 28. AMHR Yearling of the Year
Class 29. AMHR Two Year Old of the Year
Class 30. AMHR Three Years & Over Mare or Gelding of the Year
Class 31. AMHR Three Years & Over Stallion of the Year
Class 32. AMHR Stock Horse of the Year
(1st & 2nd from 28 to 32 qualify for CH7/CH8 American of the Year Championship)

ASPC or PART BRED OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr R Miller

Class 33. ASPC Yearling of the Year
Class 34. ASPC Two Year Old of the Year
Class 35. ASPC Three Years & Over of the Year
(1st & 2nd from 33 to 35 qualify for CH8 American Over 34" of the Year Championship)

ELITE GRADED MINIATURE HORSE OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr C McCormack

Class 36. Elite Graded Mare or Gelding of the Year
Class 37. Elite Graded Stallion of the Year
(1st & 2nd from 36 to 37 qualify for CH11 Elite Champion of the Year Championship)

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Ring 2

08:00am Start

ELITE GRADINGS

Judge: Mr C McCormack

Class E1. Elite Grading Mares
Class E2. Elite Grading Geldings
Class E3. Elite Grading Stallions

FOAL OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr M Jones

Class 38. Filly Foal of the Year **Sponsored by The Gainey Family**
Class 39. Colt/Gelding Foal of the Year **Sponsored by Soleshill Stud**
Class 40. Miniature Foal to mature Under 34" of the Year **Sponsored by Soleshill Stud**
Class 41. Miniature foal to mature Over 34" of the Year **Sponsored by Soleshill Stud**
Class 42. Shetland Foal of the Year **Sponsored by Soleshill Stud**
Championship (1st & 2nd from 38 to 42)
Sponsored by Soleshill Stud

OPEN MINIATURE SHETLAND OR PART BRED OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr M Jones

Class 43. Open Miniature Shetland Yearling or Two Year Old of the Year
Class 44. Open Miniature Shetland Three Years & Over of the Year
Championship (1st & 2nd from 43-44)
(Champion & Reserve qualify for S1 Shetland Supreme of Show)

OPEN STANDARD SHETLAND OR PART BRED OF THE YEAR

Judge: Mr M Jones

Class 45. Open Standard Shetland Yearling or Two Year Old of the Year
Class 46. Open Standard Shetland Three Years & Over of the Year
Championship (1st & 2nd from 45-46)
(Champion & Reserve qualify for S1 Shetland Supreme of Show)

CHAMPIONSHIP MINIATURE HORSE CLASSES

Judge: Mr L King

Class 47. Ultra Mini of the Year
Class 48. Veteran of the Year **Sponsored by Alan Johns**
Class 49. Falabella of the Year
Class 50. British Bred Miniature of the Year
Class 51. UK Born & Bred Miniature of the Year **Sponsored by Alan Johns**
Class 52. Gelding of the Year
Class 53. IMHPS Member of the Year
Class 54. S.E.N.D Handler of the Year
(1st & 2nd placed horses from classes 47 to 54 qualify for relevant Supreme of Show S1/S2/S3)

SPSBS MINIATURE SHETALND SECTION

Judge: Mr R Miller

Class 55. SPSBS Miniature Shetland Yearling or Two Year Old **Sponsored by Winford Miniature Shetlands**
Class 56. SPSBS Miniature Shetland Three Years & Over Mare
Class 57. SPSBS Miniature Shetland Three Years & Over Gelding
Class 58. SPSBS Miniature Shetland Three Years & Over Stallion
Championship (1st & 2nd from 55-58)
(Champion & Reserve qualify for S1 Shetland Supreme of Show)
Sponsored by Equine Weight Team

SPSBS STANDARD SHETALND SECTION

Judge: Mr R Miller

Class 59. SPSBS Standard Shetland Yearling or Two Year Old
Class 60. SPSBS Standard Shetland Three Years & Over Mare
Class 61. SPSBS Standard Shetland Three Years & Over Gelding
Class 62. SPSBS Standard Shetland Three Years & Over Stallion
Championship (1st & 2nd from 59-62)
(Champion & Reserve qualify for S1 Shetland Supreme of Show)
Sponsored by Perfecto Miniature Horses

Evening Classes

Ring 1: Not before 17.00pm

Judge: Mr C Johns

Class 63. **Fancy Dress of the Year (Free to enter)** **Sponsored by Elaine Johns**

Class 64. **Driving Miniature Champion of the Year** **Sponsored by DS Hay & Straw**

Evening Championships

If you place Champion or Reserve in Championships 1 to 9 you qualify to compete in your relevant supreme of show (S1/S2/S3).

CH1. Youth Handler of the Year Championship **Sponsored by Looking Glass Show Team**
CH2. Colour of the Year Championship **Sponsored by Hamilton-Smith Show Team**
CH3. Scaled Down Under 34" of the Year Championship **Sponsored by Heart & Soul Miniatures**
CH4. Scaled Down Over 34" of the Year Championship
CH5. Weighted Under 34" of the Year Championship
CH6. Weighted Over 34" of the Year Championship
CH7. American Under 34" of the Year Championship **Sponsored by Canter Media**
CH8. American Over 34" of the Year Championship
CH9. Condition & Turnout of the Year Championship **Sponsored by American Equine**

If you place Champion or Reserve in Championships 10 to 12 you qualify to compete in your relevant supreme of show (S1/S2/S3) & fast track into Overall Grand Supreme of Show

CH10. Amateur of the Year Championship

CH11. Elite Champion of the Year **Sponsored by Diagio Miniatures**

CH12. IMHPS Champion of Champions of the Year (Champions from MHOYS Qualifying Shows. Please enter this championship on EntryMaster)

Supreme Championships

S1. £100 Shetland of the Year Supreme

S2. £100 Midi of the Year Supreme

S.3 £100 Miniature of the Year Supreme

Sponsored by ACJ Security

Supremes and Reserve Supremes from Shetland, Midi and Mini Supremes are eligible to come forward for Overall Grand, in addition to (CH10) Champion & Reserve Amateur, (CH11) Champion & Reserve Elite and (CH12) IMHPS Champion of Champions.

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MHOYS Class Descriptions 2026

At MHOYS, you are welcome to enter your miniature horse/pony into any classes that are appropriate for its type, colour, and eligibility.

Height Divisions

MINIATURE CLASSES – Under 34”
MIDI CLASSES – Over 34” and up to 42”

World of Colour Section

The **World of Colour** section is open to all miniature horses and Shetland ponies, regardless of breed registration. Classes are judged on **80% colour** and **20% conformation**.

- **Solid Colour** – For horses displaying a single solid colour, such as black, bay, or chestnut.
- **Spotted** – For spotted patterned horses, including full leopard, near leopard, blanket spot, few spot, snowflake, snowcap, pintaloosa, and similar patterns.
- **Coloured** – For horses with broken coat patterns, including skewbald, piebald, overo, tobiano, and other pinto markings.
- **Dilute** – For cream dilution colours, including palomino, buckskin, cremello, perlino, and other dilute shades.
- **Other Colours** – For horses exhibiting colours or patterns such as silver, dun, roan, and other recognised colours not covered by the above classes.

Scaled Down Section

The **Scaled Down** section is divided into the following types: **Show Hack, Riding Horse, Show Hunter, Show Cob,** and **Arabian**. Horses are judged on how closely they resemble their respective full-sized type in miniature.

Classes may be divided into **Miniature** and **Midi** height categories if entry numbers permit. If classes are not split, awards will be presented to the highest-placed **Miniature** and highest-placed **Midi** exhibit.

- **Show Hack** A horse of beauty, refinement, and elegance, displaying light, extravagant, daisy-cutting action.

- **Riding Horse** An elegant, quality horse that falls between the refinement of the Hack and the substance of the Hunter. It should be well-balanced, free-moving, and have a good length of rein.
- **Show Hunter** A horse of quality and substance with a powerful, workmanlike appearance. It should be well-proportioned throughout the body and limbs, with strength and athleticism while maintaining quality.

- **Show Cob** A compact, workmanlike horse with a quality head, well-set neck, strong shoulder, short back, deep girth, short cannons, and plenty of bone. There is **no requirement for the mane to be hogged**.

- **Arabian Type**
  One of the most distinctive of all horse types, the Arabian is recognised by its dished head, well-set neck, flat croup, quality limbs, and extravagant, floating straight action.

Weighted Classes

The **Weighted Classes** are in-hand halter classes divided according to the horse's natural build and bone structure. Exhibits are entered into one of three categories: **Lightweight, Middleweight,** or **Heavyweight**.

Young Handler Classes

Youth Classes are open to handlers under 18 years of age.

The Youth section is open to **mares and geldings only**.

All exhibitors must be **suitably and safely dressed**. This includes wearing correctly fitted, **protective headwear**, **suitable footwear**, and **gloves**.

AMHA Classes

The **AMHA Classes** are open to horses registered with the **American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA)**, or horses with at least one fully registered AMHA parent.

All horses entered in this section must measure **34 inches or under**.

AMHR Classes

The **AMHR Classes** are open to horses registered with the **American Miniature Horse Registry (AMHR)**, or horses with at least one fully registered AMHR parent.

All horses entered in this section must measure **38 inches or under**.

ASPC Classes

The **ASPC Classes** are open to horses registered with the **American Shetland Pony Club (ASPC)**, or horses with at least one fully registered ASPC parent.

All horses entered in this section must measure **42 inches or under**.

Elite Grading – E1,E2,E3

The **Elite Grading** assess each horse's suitability as a breeding animal.

Horses that successfully pass the grading will receive **lifetime qualification** for the **Miniature Horse of the Year Show (MHOYS)** and become eligible for inclusion in the **Studbook**.

Once a horse has successfully passed the Elite Grading, it does not need to be graded again.

Elite Section

The **Elite Section** is open exclusively to miniature horses that have successfully passed the **Elite Grading** and hold **Elite** status, regardless of the year in which they were graded.

Once a horse has achieved Elite status, it remains eligible to enter this section.

Foal Section

The **Foal Section** is open to foals born during the **2026 foaling season**.

Foals may be exhibited with their dam or shown individually if they are considered old enough and suitable to do so. **Weaned foals must be vaccinated in accordance with the show's vaccination requirements.**

Foals may be presented either **clipped or in their natural coat**.

Foals are not eligible to compete in the Evening Gala or Supreme of Show Championships.

Open Shetland Classes

The **Open Shetland Classes** are open to both **registered and unregistered native Shetland ponies**.

These classes are also open to **part-bred Shetlands**, provided they have at least one registered or recognised Shetland parent.

Miniature Shetland: Under 34" tall
Standard Shetland: Over 34" up to 42" tall

Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society (SPSBS) Classes

The **SPSBS Classes** are open exclusively to Shetland ponies that are registered with the **Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society**. All exhibits must comply with the current **SPSBS rules and regulations**. Please refer to the SPSBS guidelines for full class requirements and eligibility criteria.

Miniature Horse Championship Classes

The **Miniature Horse Championship Classes** will be judged as championship classes. The horse placed **1st** in each class will be awarded **Champion**, and the horse placed **2nd** will be awarded **Reserve Champion**.

The **1st and 2nd placed horses** from classes **47–54** will be eligible for the relevant **Supreme of Show Championship**(**S1/S2/S3**).

Class 47. Ultra Mini of the Year

The **Ultra Mini Class** is open to miniature horses measuring **under 30 inches at maturity**. Yearlings must measure **under 28 inches**, and two-year-olds must measure **under 29 inches** to be eligible for these classes.

Class 48. Veteran of the Year

The **Veteran Class** is open to horses and ponies aged **15 years or older**.

Class 49. Falabella of the Year

The **Falabella Class** is open to horses that are **100% Falabella** and registered in accordance with the rules and requirements of the **Falabella Society**.

Class 50. British Bred of the Year

The **British Bred Class** is open to miniature horses that are registered with the **British Miniature Horse Society (BMHS)**, the **British Spotted Pony Society**, or those with recognised **British heritage**.
American-bred horses that have been **Starseekered into the BMHS registry** are **not eligible** to compete in these classes. However, **offspring from Starseekered parents are eligible if registered in the BMHS Main Studbook**.

Class 51. Born & Bred in the UK of the Year

The **Born & Bred in the UK Class** is open to horses and ponies that have both been **born and bred within the United Kingdom**.

Class 52. Gelding of the Year

The **Gelding Class** is open to all types of geldings measuring **under 42 inches in height**.

Class 53. IMHPS Member of the Year

The **IMHPS Member Class** is open to all current **2026 IMHPS members**. Each member may exhibit **one horse only** in this class.

Class 54. S.E.N.D. Handler of the Year

The **S.E.N.D. Class** is open to competitors who have **disabilities and/or special educational needs**.

Performance Classes

Fancy Dress Class

The **Fancy Dress Class** is an opportunity for exhibitors to dress up themselves and their horse in a fun and imaginative theme.

This class is all about **creativity, originality, and enjoyment**. Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination and can be inspired by themes such as **TV characters, historical figures, mythical creatures**, and more.

Entries may be presented as a **group costume** or as an **individual exhibitor with their horse**.

Driving Class

The **Driving Class** is open to all types of **miniature horses and ponies**. All recognised **turnout styles** are welcome.

Horses must be **over three years of age** to compete in this class.

Championship Classes

CH9. Condition & Turnout Championship

The **Condition & Turnout** championship focuses on the overall presentation, appearance, and tidiness of both the horse and handler. Judging is based on **turnout and presentation**, rather than conformation or breed type.

To be eligible to compete in the **Condition & Turnout Championship**, exhibitors must have been awarded one of the **Condition & Turnout rosettes**.

C10. Amateur Championship

Exhibitors wishing to compete in the **Amateur Championship** must declare their amateur status with the show office **prior to the show**/on their show entries.

The highest-placed amateur in each eligible class will receive an **Amateur Championship Qualifying Rosette**. This rosette will not be awarded if the exhibitor has already qualified and received a rosette.

To be eligible, horses must be **owned, produced, and exhibited by the amateur exhibitor**. The horse must not have been kept in a **professional training yard from 1st January 2026**.

The horse must be **trained, conditioned, clipped, groomed, and shown** by the owner or an immediate family member.

No exhibitor may compete as an amateur if there is a **professional trainer within their household or on the premises**.

Exhibitors who have won the **Overall Supreme Championship at MHOYS** are not eligible to compete in the Amateur Championship.

If an exhibitor has won a **Supreme Championship** but believes they still meet the criteria to be considered an amateur/non-professional, they must contact the **Show Committee** for clarification of their eligibility before entering.

CH12. Champion of Champions

The **Champion of Champions** Championship is open to horses that have been awarded **IMHPS Champion** at an **MHOYS Qualifier in 2026**.

This championship must be **pre-entered** prior to the show.

Miniature Horse of the Year Show Rules

All Persons competing or attending any IMPHS affiliated show regardless of membership are subject to the rules of the society. The rules must be obeyed, Failure to comply with rules will result in refused entry or disqualification.

1.The governing members of the Society / Show reserve the right to refuse entry to any person without explanation

2.The Judge's decision is final.

3. No substitutions are allowed, and no refunds will be given. Every exhibitor is responsible for completing the entry forms correctly and with integrity. Please fill in ALL sections of the entry form that are appropriate.

4. The Society, the governing members and the show committee are not responsible for any loss, injury or death to any persons/animals at any time whilst on the showground whether competing or not.

5. The show committee reserves the right to cancel, alter, amend, split or amalgamate any class at any time.

6. Any animal showing signs of disease or illness will be asked to leave the show.

7. Any exhibitors or attendants who have knowingly brought animals from stables/farms that currently have outbreaks of any contagious/infectious disease are subject to immediate disqualification and asked to leave the showground.

8. Any animals that are unruly / deemed to be unsafe will be asked to leave the showground.

9. BSI standard hats must be worn by all juniors whilst handling in the ring, mounted, or driving.

10. No lunging in the collecting rings or in the carpark areas.

11. Dogs must be always kept under control and ON A LEAD.

12. Any objections must be made in writing within 20 minutes of the class/incident finishing and handed to the secretary with a deposit of £50.

13. Please ensure you have valid and up to date Public Liability Insurance

14. Owners are responsible for all Vets, Doctors fees etc. incurred at the showground.

15. Please conduct yourselves in a courteous manner. Any abuse to any person or animal at the show will not be tolerated in any way, and the culprit will be asked to leave the showground immediately and forfeit any prizes won.

16. Any height objections can be lodged with the secretary and a deposit of £50 cash on the day, this will be returned to the complainant should the animal fail to measure the required height. The Owner of the horse to be present at time of measuring by qualified measurer.

17. Any complaints will be dealt with by the show Directors and Committee, and their decision is FINAL.