

New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society



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Forest Mare Grading 2018 General Details

There will be two opportunities for Forest mares to be graded this year, as follows:

1. Grading on the Forest. The judging team will be available to inspect mares on the Forest (or on the holding, providing they have had the marking fee paid for them this year), **between 2 and 15 July only**. Please enter only if you are sure you are available between these dates to find and show your mare. Entries will be limited. Entries will be limited to 8 mares per owner. **Closing date 28 June**.
2. **Saturday 29 September**, at Beaulieu Road. **STUD AND FOREST MARES**. This venue is suitable for **all mares**, whether handled or unhandled, and either with or without a foal at foot. Even well-handled mares are likely to be trotted loose because of the limited size of the show ring. Please contact the office after the Breed Show if you would like to bring a mare.

Any registered mare, who is a minimum of four years old is eligible, and must be of a suitable condition to be judged.

***** NEW*** from 2018, mares do not need to have had a foal.**

*****NEW*** PSSM1 Testing: From June 2018** Mares will only be graded if they test clear for PSSM1. Hair will be taken at the time of inspection. Passport must be produced. If mares cannot be handled on inspection, then grading will not be awarded until hair has been acquired (for example at a drift) and the test result is received.

Entry Fee: £15 per mare entered, which includes subsidised PSSM1 testing (normally £25).

Judging: Each mare will be assessed individually by three Society Breed Panel judges.

Scoring

Scoring will be based upon the following: 50% Conformation; 20% Type; 30% Movement

Conformation will be split into the following sub-categories:

Fore Limbs, Hind Limbs, Head, Neck, Shoulder, Topline, Depth, Width, Hind quarters, Bone.

Each sub-section will be scored between 1 – 5 (5 being the maximum).

Type will be a single mark based upon the Society Breed Standard.

Movement will be split 15% on walk & 15% trot. The pass mark is 70%.

Grading

At this initial grade, the progeny of the mare will not be included.

Grading points enter into the Elite Scheme. A list of mares graded in 2018 will be published in Volume 60 of the Stud Book. Grades achieved will be recorded in the passport.

The top two mares assessed on the Forest, and the top two mares assessed at Beaulieu Road will be awarded rosettes.

Notes for Forest Mares Only

A Forest mare is defined as one on which a marking fee has been paid in the year of entering the scheme.

Mares that have gained three Forest Fed Premiums are considered graded (if PSSM1 clear). Please list them on your entry form, with the premium-winning years. These mares do not count in your 8-limit.

Three progeny will be registered without charge if done by the owner/breeder.

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