

NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING AND CATTLE SOCIETY

PERFORMANCE GRADES FOR NEW FOREST PONIES AND REGISTERED PART-BRED NEW FOREST PONIES

The New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society is very pleased to announce some additions to our performance grading schemes for 2018.

DRESSAGE GRADING

As before, there are two ways to achieve dressage grading. This can either be by submission of the pony's BD record, or by submission of test sheets – for Dressage Grade One and Grade Two. What is new is that the restriction on the calendar year has been removed, and rolling dates will now be used. Candidates can submit four original Prelim test sheets, or four original Novice test sheets. The minimum score on each sheet must be 65% and tests may be ridden at any event but the judge must be a BD Listed Judge. You must achieve Dressage Grade One first although tests at both levels can be ridden at any time. There is a £10 administration fee and rosettes are awarded following verification. The full scheme can be found on the Society website.

EVENTING GRADE

Some research on the British Eventing database had identified a number of New Forest ponies which were achieving a good number of BE Foundation Points. As there is a minimum height limit for BE not all New Forest ponies can participate, but equally we were not recognising, rewarding and celebrating the achievements of those that are, in a system that is not aimed at ponies.

The Society is therefore very pleased to announce a new Eventing Grade. Grade 1 is for 5 BE Foundation Points, Grade 2 for 15 FP, Grade 3 for 25 FP, and Grade 4 for 35 FP and above. Applicants are asked to submit a print-out of their BE record and a £10 administration fee. As soon as the record has been verified by the Committee, the rosette will be awarded.

PART-BRED PERFORMANCE GRADES – DRESSAGE AND EVENTING

An exercise requesting feedback from members resulted in several replies from owners of part-bred ponies asking for greater recognition of their ponies through the Society's various schemes and awards.

The Society therefore announces that registered part-bred ponies can have their dressage and eventing records submitted for our new Part-Bred Performance Grades. Burgundy-based rosettes (to match the burgundy part-bred passports) will be awarded. For both dressage and eventing, the conditions are the same as for pure-bred ponies.