New Forest Pony Breeding & Cattle Society

Boxing Day Point-to-Point, 26 December 2026: Race Schedule

EVENT DETAILS:

- **THE FINISH WILL BE NORTH OF THE A31**
- **ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2026**
- **ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR DELIVERED TO FORD FARM**
- **ENTRIES MUST BE PURE OR PART BRED NEW FOREST PONIES ONLY, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE X REGISTER**

RACE CONDITIONS FOR THIS YEAR:

To comply with the event licence conditions the following restrictions apply:

- Vehicle admission to the race finish will be by ticket only
- Two vehicle tickets per entry will be issued and will be the only means of entry to both the assembly and finish (see parking details below).
- There will be a maximum race entry of 100
- Please note there is no restriction on numbers of people attending, only on the number of vehicles, only authorised vehicles can enter the event.

We are also asking competitors and others to adhere to the following:

- Competitors only to assemble at the designated start location
- Car parking stewards will be responsible for ensuring that parking at the start and the finish is in the designated car parking areas only, please follow their instructions on the day
- Vehicular entrance at the finish is limited to ticket holders only, no general admittance.

Assembly is 9.30 a.m. at the designated meeting place to be made known the day before the race (Friday 25th December) by phoning the number on your vehicle ticket **ONLY** after 8 am.

A pre-race safety briefing event for all competitors will be held on **Friday 11 December 2026 at Lyndhurst Community Centre SO43 7FZ, 7.30pm.**
All competitors are strongly encouraged to attend.
Compulsory NFPB&CS hat tagging will be available at the briefing event

GENERAL RULES OF ENTRY:

1. All runners must have Equine Passports which have been issued or over-stamped / endorsed for breeding by the NFPB&CS. No other passports are acceptable, and these must be available for inspection at the designated meeting place. Anybody not producing a passport at the meeting place will only be allowed to run if they pay a fine of £10, and they must also produce the passport to Society Officials within 7 days.
2. All runners must be transferred into the correct ownership in their passport to correspond with that stated on the entry form before the close of entries.
3. All ponies must be 4 years old or over and not known to be suckling a foal, nor may they be entered in more than one race.

4. All ponies must be registered New Forest Ponies in the approved, main section of the Stud Book except in races 1A, 6A, 6B & 6C where they may be in the X Register or the New Forest Part-Bred or First Cross Register.
5. All owners and riders in adult races must be paid up members of the Society.
6. All riders must be named on the entry form. Any changes to the nominated rider must be notified before the race day and a Rider, Medical and Competence Declaration form must be completed and lodged with the race secretary.
7. A Rider, Medical and Competence Declaration form must be completed and signed by all competitors and signed by a parent or guardian for competitors under the age of 18 on the day of the races.
8. There is no requirement to qualify at drifts or with the NF Bloodhounds for specific races (but see rule 12 for required experience)
9. Riders must be 18 years and over on the day of the races, except for races 2 & 3 where they must be under 18 years on the day of the races.
10. Veterans minimum age in class 1 is 55 years on the day of the races.
11. Children in race 2 must have attained the minimum age of 10 years by the day of the races, and the minimum age of 14 years in class 3.
12. All competitors must have been riding regularly for at least 2 years, be familiar with riding across the New Forest terrain at speed and their ponies should have been hunted or colt hunted / drifted.
13. All competitors in the children's races will be subject to a tack check prior to the start of the event including stirrups and stirrup leathers. Any tack considered inappropriate or unsafe must be rectified before the competitor is permitted to race and may result in being prevented from taking part.
14. Adult competitors will also be required to confirm, through the Rider Declaration, that their tack is safe and of an appropriate standard.
15. Colours must be distinctive & clearly stated on entry form.

RULES FOR RACEDAY:

1. The Race Starter will have the power to prevent any competitor from taking part who they consider to be out of control or dangerous.
2. All competitors must ride astride – no side saddles.
3. Competitors must not gallop along roads nor cross fenced main roads.
4. No pilots allowed. Competitors receiving guidance, particularly via the use of mobile phones or smart devices, especially at the start, will be disqualified; they are only to be used in emergencies.
5. Competitors receiving assistance at or approaching the finish will be liable to disqualification.
6. All race numbers to be returned immediately after the race and in races 4 – 7 all riders finishing in the first four places must ride directly to the clerk of the scales immediately after the finish of their race to weigh in.
7. All competitors must ride responsibly approaching and at the finish. All riders are reminded that they should continue to keep both hands on the reins until after the finish and should not wave to the gallery.
   Failure to observe this may result in disqualification.

8. The use of Whips, Sticks or Spurs is now totally banned in all races, as is the flailing of reins by competitors. Failure to adhere to this condition could also result in disqualification**.**
9. All competitors are required to wear the current safety standard Skull Cap, no fixed peaks are allowed and Body Protectors (Beta Level 3, 2018 Blue Label). Lists of the current approved safety standards are available on the Society website. Hat Chin Straps must be worn correctly at all times when mounted. Air Jackets maybe worn over a body protector but not instead of.
10. All hats must be tagged with an official NFPB&CS hat tag prior to race day. Hats must be presented upon obtaining race numbers for their tags to be checked. **There will be no hat tagging available on race day, any competitors without a Society tagged hat will not be able to compete.**
11. Suitable footwear with a smooth sole and a defined heel must be worn in all races.
12. Race Numbers are obtainable on the day. No competitor may take part in a race without their number. Race numbers must be collected before weigh-out or measuring takes place at the designated meeting place. Numbers are to be returned as soon as the race is over.
13. The use of head or body cameras is strictly forbidden.
14. The consumption of alcohol or recreational drugs is strictly forbidden throughout the whole event. Any competitor contravening this rule will be immediately disqualified from the event.
15. Competitors using foul or abusive language at the event will be liable to disqualification.
16. Objections or Complaints must be lodged on completed objection forms with the event secretary/stewards along with a payment of £50 and within 10 minutes of the incident. The fee is returnable if upheld. Objections or complaints received outside of this condition will not be considered.

SPECIAL RACE CONDITIONS:

Measuring: The society reserves the right to measure up to height animals in any race on race day. Ponies will be measured at the assembly point, but official Society/JMB height certificates are also accepted. These height certificates for horses/ponies under the age of eight will only be accepted if they have been measured within 12 months of the event i.e. permanent height certificates will be accepted for animals aged 8 & over.
Half an inch will be allowed for shoes.

Weights: Races 1 2 & 3 catchweights. Race 6A ponies 15.2hh to carry 12st. 7lbs allowance for each full inch under stated maximum height. Race 6B ponies 15.2hh and over to carry 14st. 7lbs allowance for each full inch under stated maximum height. Race 6C Minimum Weight 15st. Competitors must supply own weights. No more than 2 st deadweight to be carried in any race. In races 4, 5 and 7 ponies 14.2 to carry 11st 7lb.

Veterinary & Euthanasia: Competitors are reminded that if their animal is injured or must be destroyed, it is their responsibility to bear all costs. Euthanasia will be carried out by lethal injection unless otherwise decided by the organisers.

Cups: Cups previously won must be returned clean and in good condition by the closing date of entries in December 2027 to Heidi Whetren, Calmore Cottage, Pauletts Lane, Calmore. SO40 5RS Tel. 07876 254275.
Anybody not returning cups by the deadline is liable to face disqualification from taking part in future years.

DISCLAIMER:

The NFPB&CS can take no responsibility for any injury or accident to any person competing or otherwise who attend this event. All competitors agree to these conditions by signing both the entry form and the rider declaration, medical and competence form.

ENTRIES:

Entries should be made online via Entrymaster here: www.entrymaster.co.uk
Paper entry-forms can be printed from the Society website: **NF Point to Point**

Hard copy paper entries will only be accepted if hand-delivered to Ford Farm, Brockenhurst, SO42 7TB by the closing date of entries.
Entries emailed or delivered to the Society office will not be accepted.

Please ensure your email address is included within your entry otherwise your confirmation and vehicle passes will not be sent to you.

If less than 6 entries are received in any section or race, and less than 4 run on race day, these races may be amalgamated.

Individual race entries of more than 12 in the children's races, and more than 14 in the adult races will be split via random ballot.

If more than 100 entries in total are received, then entries will be subject to balloting.

2026 RACE SCHEDULE:

Races 1B, 2,3,4,5&7 are for Registered Pure Bred New Forest ponies in the approved, main section of the New Forest Pony stud book only
Races 1A & 6A,B&C are for Part Bred, First Cross and X Register New Forest ponies.

HARVEY STRIDE CUP to the best turned out pony & rider in race 2 or 3

Races 1 to 3 are run over a distance of approximately 1.5 half miles.
All other races are run over a distance of approximately 3 miles**.**
Rosettes will be given to 6th place. No prize money is given**.**

2026 RACE ORDER:

RACE 1A VETERANS. Part Bred New Forest ponies also open to those ponies in the New Forest X register
Riders 55 years & over. Rockley cup to the winner **ENTRY FEE £20**

RACE 1B VETERANS. Riders 55 years & over. Tanner cup to the winner
ENTRY Fee £20

RACE 2 CHILDRENS RACE. Children not to have attained their 14th birthday by the day of the races. Pulteney Cup to the winner. Cup/Memento to best novice child (never to have won a 1st in New Forest Races) **ENTRY FEE £10**

RACE 3 CHILDRENS RACE. Children who have attained their 14th birthday, but not their 18th by the day of the races. Beaulieu Road cup to winner. Cup in memory of Charlotte Smith to best novice child (never to have won a 1st in New Forest Races) **ENTRY FEE £10**

RACE 4 - OPEN PURE BRED NEW FOREST PONIES Star Trophy to the winner **ENTRY FEE £20**

RACE 5 - YOUNG COMMONERS ON PURE BRED NEW FOREST PONIES For young commoners who turn out in their own name and have attained the age of 18, but not the age of 35 on the day of the races. Special form to be completed. Slipper cup to the winner **ENTRY FEE £20**

RACE 6 OPEN Registered NEW FOREST PART BRED AND FIRST CROSS PONIES *also open to those in the New Forest X Register.*
This race will be divided into three sections (entries permitting), details of each division are set out as below:

RACE 6A - NOT EXCEEDING 15.2hh TO BE RIDDEN BY LADIES. See Special Conditions. Cree Cup to the winner **ENTRY FEE £20**

RACE 6B – COLT HUNTERS. See Special Conditions. Pipers Gold Cup to the winner **ENTRY FEE £20**

RACE 6C- HEAVYWEIGHTS. Minimum Height 15.2hh, Minimum Weight 15st See Special Conditions. Heavyweight Cup to the winner **ENTRY FEE £20**

RACE 7 - NOVICE PURE BRED NEW FOREST PONIES for ponies which have not previously won a Registered New Forest Pony Race. Eileen Lockyer Cup to winner **ENTRY FEE £20**