

## **Kilmannan British Ridden Heavy Horse Championship Summary**

Open to Purebred Heavy Horses 4 years old and over that are registered in the main British Stud Books of the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk or Percheron Society. Horses must be entered in the name and ownership they are registered in.

The class may be open to any recognised traditional breed of Heavy Horse but the qualification can only be awarded to the highest placed British Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk or Percheron horse on the day.

To enable the qualifier to be awarded there needs to be a minimum of three horses forward in the class on the day. The qualifier can be awarded no lower than third place in the event of the winning and runner up horses having already qualified.

**Please note: Qualifiers are not offered to shows holding mixed pure and part bred classes or classes that include horses of heavy stature rather than recognised Heavy Horse Breed types.**

## **Kilmannan British Ridden Heavy Horse Championship Ridden Heavy Horse Class Judging Guidelines**

### **To be judged on Breed Type, Ride, Manners and Conformation**

*Horses should be of breed type, have substance, good bone, correct conformation, presence and true free action. Heavy Horses should be judged in the same procedure as Hunters. Horses should be well schooled and attention should be paid to manners.*

*In mixed breed classes the emphasis should be on judging an active well balanced ride that is comfortable to sit on. Conformation and action should be judged on breed criteria.*

When judged by both a Performance/Ride and Conformation/Type Judge marks should be awarded as follows:

#### ***Phase 1***

***Ride / Manners & Way of Going within breed type - marks to be awarded out of a possible 50.***

#### ***Phase 2***

***Conformation / Type and Freedom of Action assessment - marks to be awarded out of a possible 50.***

When judging classes using the Marks System horses will be stripped for the conformation judge. Where there is an equality of marks, the ride marks take precedence.

*When horses are not ridden by the Performance/Ride Judge - 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 should not be asked to jump.

**The qualifying horse will receive a Kilmannan Qualifier Rosette and Prize Card and are eligible to compete in the final of the Kilmannan British Ridden Heavy Horse Championship to be held at Equifest Extravaganza on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016.**

*\*In the event of the performance judge riding exhibits it is recommended that the Show confirms that the judge holds their own public liability ride insurance or ensures that they are covered to ride exhibits under the show public liability insurance.*