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## Rule Change Intent

This rule change is a revamp of the way points are awarded for the Connemara Horse of the Year awards. The Connemara Committee wanted a points system that brought more fairness, structure, and leveling across the many different avenues that Connemaras compete in. The rule change eliminates the requirement of at least three horses competing in a class to earn points and the points calculation of three points awarded per horse defeated in a class. Instead this rule change proposes three points charts each tailored to different types of competitions that Connemaras compete in: Eventing, Dressage, and collective classes. The Dressage points chart delineates points based on the level of test completed and the percentage score earned in the class. The Eventing points chart awards points based on the level of competition and the placement earned in the level. The collective class type chart is used for in-hand, hunter, and jumper classes and delineates points based on the number of horses in the class and the placement earned in the class.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

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## Member Comments

**GR1113 Credit**

1. No credit will be given for classes where judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation rules. Points will not count towards Horse of the Year Award competitions and classes will not be counted for division or section ratings.
2. No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed. Exceptions:
   a. Hunter Breeding, Pony Hunter Breeding, and Conformation Model Classes.
   b. Hunter Classes, a minimum of three entries must have completed (per HU120) to receive full points and money won.
   c. At a National or Premier rated hunter/jumper competition where it is required that the division be held over two days, if there are fewer than three exhibitors the second day, Zone and National Horse of the Year points will still apply.
   d. Andalusian/Lusitano
   e. Friesians
   f. Carriage Pleasure Driving (GR1125)
   g. Hackney
   h. Jumper Classes, a minimum of three entries must have competed per JP136.13.
   i. Morgans
   j. American Saddlebreds
   k. Shetlands
   l. Arabians (Exception: Championship classes based only on scores or high point awards are not awarded points.)
   m. National Show Horse
   n. Roadsters
   o. Ladies Side Saddle Over Fences Class in the Hunter Division, see HU149.
   p. Driving Combined (GR1127).
   q. Western Dressage.
   r. USEF Western Equitation Junior Medal Class and USEF Western Equitation Adult Amateur Medal Class (EQ129.7).
   s. Welsh. Classes with fewer than three entries will receive reduced points. Refer to charts in GR1142.
   t. ***Connemaras***

**GR1116 Special Conditions**

1. No credit will be given in any class that does not count toward a division or section rating (See GR313).
   a. Exceptions:
      1. In Hunter Classics Bonus Points will be awarded in horse's respective section.
      2. In cases which Juniors, Young Riders and Amateur Owners compete in a Combined class, prize money will be awarded in the horse's respective section.
      3. Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes listed as eligible classes in GR1132.13 will count for points even if the class does not count toward division or section rating.
2. Where the term Championship is omitted from a class title, the class that is open to all horses in a division or section that has the required specifications will be counted as the Championship. When Championships are awarded on a point basis, only the Champion and Reserve will receive points for a Horse of the Year Award. (Exception: Arabian, see GR1124).
3. Only classes held in accordance with HU149 will count toward Ladies Side Saddle Hunter.
4. Credit for the following will be applied as specified in Chapter 11:
   a. Andalusian/Lusitano Division will be applied as per GR1123.
   b. Arabian Division will be applied as per GR1124.
   c. Friesian Division will be applied as per GR1130.
   d. Hackney Division will be applied as per GR1131.
   e. National Show Horse Division will be applied as per GR1136.
   f. Morgan Division will be applied as per GR1135.

g. Roadster Division will be applied as per GR1139.
h. American Saddlebred Division will be applied as per GR1140.
i. Shetland Division will be applied as per GR1141.
j. Western Dressage Division will be applied as per GR1145.
k. ***Connemara Division will be applied as per GR1126.***

**GR1126 Connemara**

1. For eligibility see GR1110 and CO101.
2. Point tabulations. See GR1113-1119. Points will be awarded ***as follows:*** ~~according to the number of horses defeated in a class for which the Federation has class specifications. Three points will be awarded for every horse defeated in a class at Federation Licensed Competitions.~~
   a. Championship In Hand classes will be awarded double points.
   b. ***Points for award categories listed in GR1126.3 and GR1126.4.f-j are awarded as follows:***

| *Exhibitors v. Placing* | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* | *8* | *9* | *10* | *11-15* | *16-20* | *21+* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *1st* | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* | *8* | *9* | *10* | *11* | *12* | *13* |
| *2nd* | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* | *8* | *9* | *10* | *11* | *12* |
| *3rd* | | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* | *8* | *9* | *10* | *11* |
| *4th* | | | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* | *8* | *9* | *10* |
| *5th* | | | | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* | *8* | *9* |
| *6th* | | | | | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* | *8* |
| *7th* | | | | | | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* |
| *8th* | | | | | | | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* |
| *9th* | | | | | | | | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* |
| *10th* | | | | | | | | | | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* |

***c. Points for award categories listed in GR1126.4.a-b and GR1126.5 are awarded as follows:***

| *Score v. Level* | *55.00-59.99%* | *60.00-64.99%* | *65.00-69.99%* | *70.00-74.99%* | *75.00% +* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Introductory* | *0* | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* |
| *Training* | *0* | *2* | *4* | *6* | *8* |
| *First* | *0* | *3* | *6* | *9* | *12* |
| *Second* | *0* | *4* | *8* | *12* | *16* |
| *Third* | *3* | *5* | *10* | *15* | *20* |
| *Fourth* | *4* | *6* | *12* | *18* | *24* |
| *FEI* | *6* | *7* | *14* | *21* | *28* |

***d. Points for award categories listed in GR1126.4.c-e are awarded as follows:***

| *Level v. Placement* | *Beginner Novice-Training* | *Modified/1** | *Preliminary/2** | *Intermediate/3** | *Advanced/4*/5** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *1st* | *10* | *15* | *20* | *25* | *30* |
| *2nd* | *9* | *12* | *18* | *23* | *28* |
| *3rd* | *8* | *10* | *16* | *20* | *26* |
| *4th* | *7* | *9* | *14* | *18* | *24* |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th | 6 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 22 |
| 6th | 5 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 20 |
| 7th | 4 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 19 |
| 8th | 3 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 18 |
| 9th | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 17 |
| 10th | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 16 |

3. Awards will be given in the following categories for horses participating in Federation Connemara competitions or Connemara classes held at Federation competitions as described in Chapter CO:
   a. Purebred Connemara Mare- to include points earned in In Hand classes for purebred mares 3 years of age and older
   b. Purebred Connemara Stallion or Gelding-to include points earned in In Hand classes for purebred stallions or geldings 3 years of age and older
   c. Purebred Connemara Hunter- One award category
   d. Purebred Connemara Jumper- One award category
   e. Halfbred Connemara Hunter - One award category
   f. Halfbred Connemara Jumper - One award category