

Appleton Grange Riding Club Working Hunter Series & STARS Championships

The STARS championships will be held from the 17th to 20th November 2022 at Aintree Racecourse. 61 clubs have affiliated to the 2022 championships, including Appleton Grange Riding Club (AGRC). Each of the clubs will take a team to compete at the championships. Therefore, making for a fantastic atmosphere as not only are you competing for yourself, but you are there as part of a team. Ahead of the event, we will set up a group for our Championship team members with tips and advice to help you with your preparation and turnout, answer any questions and be there to cheer one another on at the big event.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR STARS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Appleton Grange Riding Club will be holding a number of Working Hunter shows ahead of the championships. These shows are open to all, including non-members and those not looking to qualify for STARS. However, if you wish to be in with of chance of qualifying for the STARS championships, you must be a member of the Appleton Grange Riding Club.

At each of our AGRC classes, points will be awarded to those placed in the top 6. The horse and rider combination with the highest points accrued across the show series and who are also eligible (see table below), will be invited to represent Appleton Grange Riding Club at the STARS championships. If this person is unable to go, the place will be offered to the next highest points scorer.

The right-hand side of the table below shows the Working Hunter classes that will be held at the STARS championships in November and describes the eligibility. The left-hand side of the table shows the corresponding classes that will be run during the AGRC show series. So, for example if your child is under 10 and riding a pony not exceeding 128cm and wishes to try to qualify for STARS they should enter our 35cm Working Hunter class. Should they accrue the most points across the series, they will be invited to represent AGRC at the STARS championship in the Tiny Tot WHP class which will be a maximum height of 40cm. Similarly, if you are riding a Mountain and Moorland exceeding 133cm, you could enter our 75cm class to compete for a spot to represent the riding club at STARS in the M&M WHP over a 75cm course. You can of course also enter our 65cm or 85cm class on a M&M exc. 133cm, but you would not gain any points towards qualifying for STARS in these classes.

Please note that these championships are aimed at the amateur rider and so no professional producers can compete, or any horse or pony that is in production on a professional showing yard.

For more information regarding the rules regarding qualification and show, please see <https://starschampionships.co.uk/show-rules/>

We really hope the above makes sense, as it is a little complicated. If you are unsure though, please do not hesitate to message us and we will be more than happy to answer any queries.

Appleton Grange RC	
Class No.	Height of jumps
1	Poles
2	25cm
3	35cm
4	45cm
5	55cm
6	65cm
7	75cm
8	85cm

STARS Championship		
Class Description	Pony / Horse Restrictions	Max. Height of jumps
Not applicable		
Lead Rein WHP. Rider to not have attained their 10th birthday in the current year.	Not exceeding 128cm	30cm
Tiny Tot WHP. Rider to not have attained their 10th birthday in the current year.	Not exceeding 128cm	40cm
Not applicable		
Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter.	133cm & under	60cm
Working Hunter Pony. Must be plaited or hogged.	133cm & under	65cm
Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter.	Over 133cm	75cm
Working Hunter Pony. Must be plaited or hogged.	133cm to 153cm	75cm
Working Hunter Horse. Must be plaited or hogged.	Over 153cm	90cm