



Appleton Grange Riding Club In-Hand and Ridden Show **(Incorporating STARS and Northern Lights qualifiers)** **8th April, 14th May, 11th June, 16th July, 6th August, 10th September 2023**

To be held at Appleton Grange Equestrian Centre,
Appleton Wiske, Northallerton, DL6 2AT

Non-members may enter this show, however only members of the Appleton Grange Riding Club will be eligible to gain points towards qualifying for the STARS Championships. Please see below for an explanation of the STARS Championship and how to qualify.

Top 3 placings in each class will qualify for the Northern Lights Championships to be held on the 1st & 2nd July 2023 at Arena UK.

Classes may be split or amalgamated subject to number of entries received.

Pre-entries only, to be made via Horsevents.

- Class 1** **IN-HAND - Youngstock Mixed Types (1, 2 & 3yo)**
Open to any type exhibit; yearlings, 2 or 3 year olds.
- Class 2** **IN-HAND – Veterans**
Open to all horses and ponies 14 years old or over
- Class 3** **IN-HAND - Open Coloureds**
Open to all coloured horses and ponies of any type and height, including alternative coloureds.
- Class 4** **IN-HAND - Open Plaited Ponies**
Open to all plaited ponies not exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
- Class 5** **IN-HAND - Open Plaited Horses**
Open to all plaited horses exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
- Class 6** **IN-HAND - Young Handler**
Handlers not to have received their 18th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Horse or pony any height.
- Class 7** **IN-HAND - Mountain & Moorlands**
Open to all M&M breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A, B, C & D Exmoor, Fells, Dales, New Forest, Connemara.
- Class 8** **IN-HAND – Cobs**
Open to all cobs including hogged and Traditionals.

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- Class 9** **RIDDEN - Tack and Turnout**
Open to any age rider, horse, or pony. Lead Rein ponies eligible for this class.
- Class 10** **RIDDEN - Lead Rein Pony**
Rider not to have attained their 10th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only. Lead rein must be attached directly to the noseband only.
- Class 11** **RIDDEN - First Ridden Pony**
Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before the 1st January in the current year. Ponies not to exceed 128cms. Snaffle bridles only.
- Class 12** **RIDDEN – Veterans**
Open to all horses and ponies 14 years old or over
- Class 13** **RIDDEN - Open Coloureds**
Open to all coloured horses and ponies of any type and height, including alternative coloureds.
- Class 14** **RIDDEN - Open Plaited Ponies**
Open to all plaited ponies not exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
- Class 15** **RIDDEN - Open Plaited Horses**
Open to all plaited horses exceeding 148cms. To be shown plaited and trimmed.
Highest placed ex-racehorse registered with ROR will qualify for the ROR finals at the STARS
- Class 16** **RIDDEN - Mountain & Moorlands**
Open to all M&M breed types: Shetland, Dartmoor, Welsh A, B, C & D Exmoor, Fells, Dales, New Forest, Connemara.
- Class 17** **RIDDEN – Cobs**
Open to all cobs including Hogged and Traditionals.
- Class 18** **RIDDEN – Lead Rein and First Ridden Equitation**
Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year. Snaffle bridles only.
Lead rein to be attached directly between noseband & the leader's hand only.
- Class 19** **RIDDEN – Junior & Senior Equitation**
Snaffle bridles only
- Class 20** **RIDDEN – Riding Club Horse and Pony**
Riders will be asked to jump a small cross pole as part of their show Height of fence will be increased for horses exceeding 148cm.

SHOW RULES in line with those of STARS championships

1. All competitors wishing to qualify for the STARS Championship must attend a minimum of 2 points shows.
2. Any competitor may compete in more than 1 class at STARS providing they meet the criteria for each class.
 1. Any stallions must be ridden/handled by a competent person with a minimum age of 14.
 2. Full and correct attire must be worn by all competitors and their grooms. All riders must wear correctly fitting headgear to PAS015 or higher, whilst mounted anywhere on the showground. Junior members MUST wear them when competing in hand. Grooms must wear suitable hats when attending in the ring.
3. Ages of horse/pony will be 1st of January in the current year.
4. Spurs are permitted for senior riders only (aged over 18 years).
5. Excessive use of whips is forbidden and will result in disqualification. Whips must be of regulation length.
6. The ruling of Judges/Officials is Final.
7. Neither the organizers, landowners, committee, or agents of the show accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, or illness to horses/ponies, any person, owner, rider, handler, spectator, land or property whatsoever, whether caused by negligence, breach of contract or in any way whatsoever.
8. All competitors wishing to compete at the STARS championship must have read and comply with the rules and eligibility. These can be found here on the STARS Champion of Champions Facebook page - https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=679255173993675&id=100057275955867
9. ALL COMPETITORS will be deemed to have read and accepted these rules as a condition of entry....

EXPLANATION OF THE STARS CHAMPIONSHIP

The STARS championships will be held from the 23rd to 26th November 2023 at Aintree Racecourse. 60 clubs have affiliated to the 2023 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 In-hand & Ridden 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 a chance of qualifying for the STARS championships, you must be a member of the Appleton Grange Riding Club.

In 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 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.