



Appleton Grange Riding Club Working Hunter Show Series (Incorporating STARS and Northern Lights qualifiers) 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 9th July, 3rd 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.

To avoid queuing for jumping, we will be running the Working Hunter show as time slots. Times will be published on the Thursday before the event both on here and on the Appleton Grange Riding Club Facebook page.

You may enter an additional class on the day, subject to availability and a £2 late entry surcharge. Please see the steward on the day to confirm.

Warm up will be in the outdoor arena and at your allocated time slot, please be ready to enter the indoor arena. You will then be invited to jump the course, after which boots can be removed. The judge will then ask you to perform your show. You will not be asked to strip the pony / horse.

Pre-entries only, to be made via Horsevents.

Class 1	POLES ON THE GROUND
Class 2	25cm
Class 3	35cm
Class 4	45cm
Class 5	55cm
Class 6	65cm
Class 7	75cm
Class 8	85cm

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 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.

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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