



## TFSS 2027 Qualifying Classes

These specifications apply to TFSS qualifying classes and their corresponding 2027 Championship classes. They match Appendix A of the TFSS Official Rulebook v3.0 and must be read alongside that Rulebook. Affiliated shows must use the current TFSS-approved wording.

### General qualifier rules

**Age of horses and ponies.** Horses and ponies must be four years old or over, except those entered in In Hand Youngstock. In Hand Youngstock is open to horses and ponies aged one, two or three years only. No foals.

**Mountain and Moorland registration.** Mountain & Moorland registration must be evidenced by a breed society passport or registration certificate. Part-breds are not eligible.

**Riders and stallions.** All riders must be suitably mounted. Stallions are subject to the Rulebook's eligibility and handling requirements. Junior competitors may not ride or handle stallions. Stallions are not permitted in Lead Rein or First Ridden.

**Judges and class format.** All TFSS qualifying and Championship classes must be judged by a current TFSS Approved Judges Panel judge. Judges will not ride competitors' horses or ponies. Competitors may be asked to perform an individual show as part of the class format.

**Qualification.** A maximum of two new qualifications may be awarded in each approved TFSS qualifying class. First and second place qualify, provided each horse or pony and its rider or handler have not already qualified together for the same TFSS Championship class. If either combination has already qualified, the qualifying place may pass to the eligible combination placed third. Qualification will not pass to fourth place or below. If both first and second have already qualified, only the eligible combination placed third may gain a new qualification. All qualifications remain subject to the judge's discretion to withhold qualification where the required standard has not been met.

**Qualified combinations.** Qualification belongs to the horse or pony and rider or handler combination that gained it. The same rider or handler must compete with the same horse or pony at the Championships. No substitutions are permitted. Qualification applies only to the Championship class for which it was awarded. In-hand and ridden qualifications are separate. The rider or handler must meet all applicable class eligibility and membership requirements at the Championships.

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**In Hand qualifiers**

| <b>Class</b>                                            | <b>Eligibility and class requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Open In Hand Cob</b>                                 | Open to horses and ponies of all cob types, including traditional and non-traditional cobs. Exhibits must be presented in accordance with their type.                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Open In Hand Coloured Horse or Pony</b>              | Open to horses and ponies of any breed or type with piebald, skewbald, tricoloured or spotted coat patterns, and to roan, palomino and dun horses and ponies. White facial or leg markings alone do not confer eligibility. Exhibits must be presented in accordance with their type. |
| <b>Open In Hand Riding Horse / Hack</b>                 | Open to horses exceeding 148 centimetres of riding horse or hack type. Judging will place emphasis on quality, conformation, movement, manners and suitability for the relevant type.                                                                                                 |
| <b>Open In Hand Hunter</b>                              | Open to horses and ponies of hunter type, including lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight types where applicable. Exhibits must be presented in accordance with their type.                                                                                                       |
| <b>Open In Hand Small Breed Mountain &amp; Moorland</b> | Open to registered purebred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A and Welsh Section B ponies. Ponies must be presented in accordance with their respective breed society's showing standards and shown true to breed type.                                                      |
| <b>Open In Hand Large Breed Mountain &amp; Moorland</b> | Open to registered purebred Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C and Welsh Section D ponies. Ponies must be presented in accordance with their respective breed society's showing standards and shown true to breed type.                                    |
| <b>Open In Hand Youngstock</b>                          | Open to horses and ponies aged one, two or three years, shown in hand only. No foals. Exhibits must be presented in accordance with their type. Judging will place emphasis on correctness, manners, movement and future potential.                                                   |
| <b>Racehorse Revisited In Hand</b>                      | Open to Thoroughbreds that have been trained for racing or have raced. All exhibits must hold a Weatherbys passport. Horses that were trained for racing but did not race are eligible.                                                                                               |
| <b>In Hand Veteran Horse or Pony</b>                    | Open to horses and ponies aged fifteen years and over, of any breed, height or type. Exhibits will be judged with consideration for their age, condition, fitness, manners and welfare.                                                                                               |

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**Ridden qualifiers**

| <b>Class</b>                                           | <b>Eligibility and class requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Open Ridden Cob</b>                                 | Open to horses and ponies of all cob types, including traditional and non-traditional cobs. Exhibits must be presented in accordance with their type. Judging will place emphasis on type, conformation, manners, movement and way of going.                                                                                         |
| <b>Open Ridden Coloured Horse or Pony</b>              | Open to horses and ponies of any breed or type with piebald, skewbald, tricoloured or spotted coat patterns, and to roan, palomino and dun horses and ponies. White facial or leg markings alone do not confer eligibility. Exhibits must be presented in accordance with their type.                                                |
| <b>Open Riding Horse / Hack</b>                        | Open to horses exceeding 148 centimetres of riding horse or hack type. Judging will place emphasis on quality, conformation, manners, movement and suitability for the relevant type.                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Open Ridden Hunter</b>                              | Open to horses and ponies of hunter type, including lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight types where applicable. Judging will place emphasis on type, conformation, manners, movement and way of going.                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Open Ridden Small Breed Mountain &amp; Moorland</b> | Open to registered purebred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A and Welsh Section B ponies. Ponies must be presented in accordance with their respective breed society's showing standards. Judging will place emphasis on breed type, conformation, manners, movement and way of going.                                     |
| <b>Open Ridden Large Breed Mountain &amp; Moorland</b> | Open to registered purebred Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C and Welsh Section D ponies. Ponies must be presented in accordance with their respective breed society's showing standards. Judging will place emphasis on breed type, conformation, manners, movement and way of going.                   |
| <b>Racehorse Revisited Ridden</b>                      | Open to Thoroughbreds that have been trained for racing or have raced. All exhibits must hold a Weatherbys passport. Horses that were trained for racing but did not race are eligible.                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Ridden Veteran Horse or Pony</b>                    | Open to horses and ponies aged fifteen years and over, of any breed, height or type. Exhibits will be judged with consideration for their age, condition, fitness, manners, way of going and welfare.                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Lead Rein</b>                                       | Open to mares and geldings of any breed or type, not exceeding 128 centimetres. Riders must be aged three to eight years inclusive on 1 January 2027. The lead rein must remain attached to the noseband throughout the class. Judging will place emphasis on safety, manners and the suitability of the pony and rider combination. |

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| Class               | Eligibility and class requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>First Ridden</b> | Open to mares and geldings of any breed or type, not exceeding 128 centimetres. Riders must be aged three to eleven years inclusive on 1 January 2027. Riders must ride independently, without a lead rein. Judging will place emphasis on manners, confidence, suitability and the pony and rider partnership. |

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