

AMERICAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

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Purpose: to encourage and reward purebred and halfbred Connemaras for participating successfully in a variety of disciplines.

Policies: Certificates of Achievement, Bronze, Silver and Gold Medallions shall be awarded each year to ponies that meet the requirements for excellence in a variety of competitive and non-competitive disciplines. Points in each discipline shall be accumulated over the LIFETIME of the pony, or until it receives the Award of Excellence, the final level in the program. Winners shall be announced in the *American Connemara* magazine.

The Award of Excellence recognizes outstanding performance in any of the Achievement Award disciplines.. Once the Gold Medallion has been awarded in a given discipline, any further Certificate or medallion in the same discipline allows the pony to receive the ACPS Award of Excellence.

The coveted Golden Shamrock shall be awarded to the winner of five Gold Medallions..

- All purebred and halfbred Connemaras shall be eligible.
- The pony must be ACPS registered prior to earning the points.
- The owner must be a member of the ACPS in good standing at the time the points are earned.
- The point scale shall be Board approved.
- Points shall be submitted in the year they are earned, but properly submitted points shall be cumulative over the lifetime of the pony.
- Double points shall be awarded if the competition is sanctioned by one of the following national organizations: ADS, AERC, CADORA, CEF, NATRC, USEF, USDF, USEA
- A pony shall be presented with the highest level award it earns each year.
- Awards shall be mailed to the owner of record.
- The Committee shall not be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.
- Reports must be postmarked by December 31 of the current year.

Committee: The Committee shall consist of at least a *Leader and* an Assistant. The *Leader* shall be appointed by the Over-All Awards Chair (s), with the approval of the ACPS president. The *Leader* shall appoint the Assistant, with the approval of the Over-All Awards Chair (s).

Responsibilities of the Committee *Leader*

- Maintain adequate computer software to keep track of cumulative results
- Check registration and membership of new entries
- Return inadequate reports with a note on the reason
- Send a list of the winners to the magazine by February 10
- Mail out the awards by the deadline

Procedures for Submitting Results:

- Obtain the current report form from the magazine, the web site, or the Over-All Awards Chair. Make photocopies for additional submissions.
- Submit completed reports, signed by the judge, show secretary or manager, for each competition or non-competitive activity. A copy of the signed dressage test may accompany the report form.
- If the competition is sanctioned by one of the listed organizations, a page from the prize list or program which states the competition is recognized and by whom must be also included.
- Keep sending the reports throughout the year. The final deadline is postmarked by December 31 of the current year.
- *The entire point structure for these awards shall be included in the Policy and Procedures Manual.*

Revision History

Date	Changes	Author
10/20/07	Omitted reference to competing under the full registered name. Substituted the name Leader for the committee chair.	Pat Lightbody, Sally Oxnard
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