



Competition Schedule

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW

5TH - 9TH OF AUGUST '26 AN  RDS EVENT



DEFENDER



Entries for the 2026 Dublin Horse Show must be made online via the following link -

www.dublinhorseshow.com/equestrian-information/online-entry

See **page 89** for further instruction on how to register and set-up an Online Entry account.

Entries open on **Monday, 25 May 2026, at 9am.**

Entries close on **Monday, 6 July 2026, at 5pm.**

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MISSION STATEMENT

The RDS Equestrian mission, and therefore the mission of the Dublin Horse Show, is to support the Irish sport horse breeder and producer through:

- Showcasing the best Irish bred horses
- Developing a marketplace for Irish bred horses
- Encouraging the highest standards in breeding for purpose, horse welfare, ethical training and effective horsemanship
- Demonstrating the benefits of the horse / human relationship for modern day society
- Promoting show jumping by hosting an International Show to the very highest standards

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW ETHICAL TRAINING AND HORSE WELFARE CODE

The RDS is fully committed to compliance with both the letter and the spirit of:

- The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and
- The Protection of Animals Acts 1911, 1965, 1994, the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013

and all the regulations stemming from these acts.

1. The RDS accepts the FEI Code of Conduct and expects all those involved in equestrian sport to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitors' or commercial pressures.
 - i. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands; this implies the highest standards in horse management, training methods, farriery, tack use and transportation.
 - ii. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete at the Dublin Horse Show. This includes medication and / or surgical procedures which might compromise welfare or safety. Mares over 120 days pregnant must not be competed with the exception of in-hand showing classes. The inappropriate use of natural or artificial aids is not tolerated.
 - iii. The RDS affirms that equestrian events must not prejudice horse welfare. Attention must focus on arenas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and the fitness of the horse for competition.
 - iv. It is the responsibility of the owner / exhibitor to ensure that horses receive proper attention during their participation at the Dublin Horse Show. This embraces skilful equitation, effective equine husbandry, proper veterinary intervention, and adequate care at all times.
 - v. The RDS along with the FEI encourages all involved in equestrian sport to acquire the highest level of competence in their respective areas of expertise.

In deference to this Code of Conduct, all equestrian performance at the Dublin Horse Show aspires to reflect best practice in the ethical training of all horses which compete on its Showgrounds.

Accordingly:

At the Royal Dublin Society Showgrounds, all horses in stables, at practice, in warm-up and competition must exhibit positive and social behaviour that is the consequence of:

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury and disease
- Freedom to express normal behaviour
- Freedom from fear and distress

It is necessary:

That the horse exhibits a quality of posture and performance that accurately reflects a systematic programme of training, appropriate to its age and peer standard in order that it may ultimately demonstrate its genetic potential.

The criteria by which classical training is measured:

- Rhythm
- Relaxation (Suppleness)
- Contact
- Impulsion
- Straightness
- Collection (Engagement)

Within these parameters, harmony in horsemanship and excellence in equestrian sport is best achieved.

2. The RDS is committed to making every reasonable effort to avoid and prevent accidents and to protect the welfare of all animals and persons on the Showgrounds.
 - i.* The RDS applies a zero-tolerance policy to any evidential transgressions of animal welfare standards.
 - ii.* Owners must accept primary responsibility for the welfare of their own stock and the health and safety of themselves and those nearby.
 - iii.* The RDS has a management structure in place which ensures that responsibility for animal welfare, health and safety is allocated and carried out at an appropriate level throughout the Showgrounds for the duration of the Dublin Horse Show.
 - iv.* While many of those entrusted with stewarding duties are volunteers, this in no way diminishes their individual or collective responsibilities, or that of the Royal Dublin Society in support of them.
 - v.* All those who work, with or among horses, should appreciate the implicit risks involved and exercise a duty to act with due consideration for the welfare, health and safety of all. They must report any potentially unsafe situation, dangerous activity or accident immediately to the Chief Steward and, where possible and appropriate, react to reduce or remedy the attendant risk.
 - vi.* The RDS has appointed a Chief Safety Steward who reports directly to the Show Director.
 - vii.* All stables, exercise areas and competition arenas will be under surveillance from time to time to monitor that the RDS commitment to animal welfare is adhered to.

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW CODE OF CONDUCT

Exhibitors / Competitors must:

- Ensure animal welfare is paramount and best horsemanship practice, as outlined in the Dublin Horse Show Ethical Training and Horse Welfare Code, is observed.
- Respect all those involved in the Show; RDS staff, officials, volunteers, other competitors and the horses and ponies taking part.
- Abide by the rules and regulations of the Society and respect the decisions of its officials.
- Show support and encouragement to fellow competitors.
- Never engage in conduct that brings themselves, their family, the Society, the sport, their fellow competitors, or sponsors into disrepute.
- Never use foul language or engage in discrimination of any kind.
- Never engage in, or encourage, un-sportsman-like or bullying behaviour.

Parents, Guardians and Trainers (the Persons Responsible) must:

- Never exert undue pressure on children, or force those who do not wish to ride or compete, to do so.
- Be a positive role model for children by respecting other competitors, the volunteers, officials and organisers.
- Promote fairness, and the well-being of children, over competitiveness and the desire to win.
- Never record a child who is not their own, or whom they are not directly involved with, as this is strictly prohibited.
- Be knowledgeable regarding rules of competition, in order to promote good behaviour.
- Discuss disputes or objections with officials in a respectful manner.
- Help children to recognise good behaviour by encouraging them to learn the rules and by discouraging bad behaviour.
- Conduct themselves in an appropriate and mindful manner on social media to ensure Child Welfare is prioritised.
- Promote strength of character, self-discipline and sportsmanship amongst child riders and competitors.

RDS Staff, Volunteers and Officials must:

- Be courteous and a positive role model to help build competitors' confidence and encourage the correct behaviour.
- Always be approachable.
- Ensure all competitors and colleagues are treated fairly and are never humiliated.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Listen to and respect the views and opinions of competitors.

THE RDS REQUIRES ALL THOSE WHO TAKE PART IN THE DUBLIN HORSE SHOW, AND ANY OF ITS QUALIFIERS, TO ADHERE TO THE ABOVE CODE OF CONDUCT, AND BY PLACING AN ENTRY FOR THE SHOW, EXHIBITORS / COMPETITORS AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CODE.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SHOW AND FUTURE SHOWS OF THE SOCIETY.

COMPETITORS (IN THE CASE OF CHILDREN, THE PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE) WHO QUALIFY FOR THE SHOW UNDER A SEPARATE AFFILIATE CODE OF CONDUCT ARE ALSO BOUND BY THAT CODE WHEN COMPETING AT THE DUBLIN HORSE SHOW. SHOULD A BREACH OCCUR, THE RELEVANT AFFILIATE ORGANISATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY THE APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY SANCTIONS.

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW

SAFETY RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

FOR EQUESTRIAN EXHIBITORS & COMPETITORS

(To be read in conjunction with the Dublin Horse Show Competition Schedule and all RDS Regulations)

The Royal Dublin Society is committed to ensuring the highest standards of safety, welfare, and conduct for all persons and horses on the Showgrounds. Exhibitors, competitors, grooms, and all accredited personnel are required to comply with the following instructions at all times. These rules apply throughout the RDS Showgrounds, including stabling areas, practice, exercise and warm-up rings, collecting rings and all designated horse walkways and movement routes.

General Conduct & Responsibility:

- Ensure animal welfare is paramount and best horsemanship practice, as outlined in the Dublin Horse Show Ethical Training and Horse Welfare Code, is observed.
- Horses must be handled only by competent persons familiar with equine behaviour and safe practice.
- Exhibitors and competitors must familiarise themselves with the layout of the Showgrounds, designated horse walkways, and emergency procedures.
- Instructions issued by RDS Staff, Stewards, Officials, Security Personnel and Arena Staff must be followed immediately and without exception.

Mobile Phones & Distractions (To ensure the safety of all horses and persons):

- The use of mobile phones or any handheld device is strictly prohibited while riding, leading, lunging or working with a horse.
- Headphones, earbuds, or any device that impairs hearing or situational awareness are not permitted in any horse area.
- Calls or messages must only be taken when the horse is stabled or handed to another competent person.

Riding & Leading Horses on the Showgrounds:

- Competition numbers must be worn and clearly visible at all times when riding or leading a horse.
- Only one horse may be led at a time. Leading two horses simultaneously is strictly prohibited.
- Maintain a safe distance from other horses at all times - a minimum of one-horses length when moving, and additional space when passing stallions or young horses.
- Horses must be walked only in designated horse walkways and must never be brought into public or pedestrian-only areas.
- Trotting or cantering in passageways, roadways, or any non-designated area is strictly forbidden.

Practice Arenas, Warm-Up Rings & Collecting Rings (To ensure fairness, order and safety):

- Access is restricted to accredited riders, grooms and officials only.
- Riders must follow the direction of travel, arena etiquette, and steward instructions at all times.
- Priority must be given to horses jumping fences; passing behind a horse approaching a fence is mandatory.
- Practice fences will be supervised by RDS Stewards or appointed arena staff. Their instructions must be obeyed at all times.
- Lunging is permitted only in designated lunging areas and never in warm-up arenas.
- Spectators, children, and non-essential personnel are not permitted inside practice arenas.
- A horse shy animal must wear a red "hazard" ribbon in its tail, browband and / or both, when out of its stable as other competitors and exhibitors must be made aware.
- Exercise Arena Times must be strictly adhered to. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from further classes at the Show.

Stabling Areas & Horse Walkways:

- Access to stables is restricted to accredited personnel only.
- Smoking, vaping, or the use of any open flame is strictly prohibited in all stabling areas and horse passageways.
- Aisles must be kept clear at all times - no tack, equipment, wheelbarrows, haynets, or personal items may obstruct passageways.
- Horses must be led in a bridle or headcollar with a lead rope; loose horses are not permitted under any circumstances.
- Running, shouting, or any behaviour likely to startle horses is strictly forbidden.
- Dogs are not permitted on the Showgrounds.

Fire Safety & Emergency Procedures:

- All exhibitors must familiarise themselves with fire points, extinguishers and emergency exits.
- Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, stables, and horse areas.
- Electrical equipment and unauthorised appliances are not permitted.
- In the event of an emergency, follow the instructions of RDS Officials immediately and proceed to the designated assembly point.

Horse Welfare & Behaviour:

- Any horse showing signs of distress, lameness, or unsafe behaviour may be removed from competition or the Showgrounds at the discretion of the RDS Veterinary Officer or Ground Jury.
- Welfare standards consistent with FEI and RDS regulations must be upheld at all times.
- Misuse of aids, rough handling, or any behaviour compromising horse welfare will not be tolerated.

Equipment, Tack & Attire:

- All tack must be in good condition and correctly fitted.
- Protective headgear conforming to recognised safety standards must be worn when mounted. See rule 12, page 26 of the RDS Dublin Competition Schedule.
- Body protectors are recommended and may be compulsory for certain classes as per the Competition Schedule, see rule 13, page 26.
- Competition numbers must be always worn when mounted or leading a horse.

Prohibited Behaviours (The following are strictly forbidden):

- Leading two horses at once.
- Riding or leading without a visible competition number.
- Use of mobile phones while handling horses.
- Smoking or vaping in stables or horse areas.
- Bringing horses into unauthorised zones.
- Allowing horses to be loose at any time.
- Interfering with practice fences or arena equipment without permission.

Compliance & Enforcement:

- Failure to comply with these instructions may result in removal from the Showgrounds, disqualification from competition, or disciplinary action as outlined in the RDS Dublin Horse Show Competition Schedule.
- The RDS reserves the right to amend these rules at any time in the interest of safety and welfare.

NOTES

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SHOWING CLASSES

Subject to Alteration

Wednesday 5 August

Morning

Performance Irish Draughts
Riding Horses
Connemara Performance Hunters
Three Year Old Potential Event Horses (Presentation)

Afternoon

Connemara Performance Hunters (cont.d)
Small Hunters
Young Event Horses (Presentation)
Parade of Connemara Pony Stallions
Three Year Old Potential Event Horses (Jumping)
Junior / Young Rider Event Horse

Thursday 6 August

Morning

Light-Weight Hunters
Two Year Olds
Ridden Connemara Ponies
Irish Draught Mares and Foals

Afternoon

Light-Weight Hunters (cont.d)
Three Year Olds
Ridden Connemara Ponies (cont.d)
Parade of Irish Draught Stallions
Irish Draught Mares and Foals (cont.d)
Ladies' Side-Saddle
Three Year Old Loose Performance

Friday 7 August

Morning

Middle-Weight Hunters
Yearlings
Heavy-Weight Hunters
Traditional Irish Young Horse Championship
Laidlaw Cup
Presentation of RDS Elite Show Jumping Foals

Afternoon

Middle-Weight Hunters (cont.d)
Parade of Thoroughbred Stallions
Cobs
Irish Draught Stallions
Coloured Horses
Pembroke Cup
RDS Elite Show Jumping Foal Sale

Saturday 8 August

Morning

Hunter Mare Championship (Laya Arena)
First Ridden Ponies
Hunter Weight Championships (Laya Arena)
Lead Rein Show Hunter Ponies
Lead Rein Show Ponies
Mares & Foals
Supreme Hunter Championship (Laya Arena)
Working Hunter Ponies

Afternoon

Racehorse to Riding Horses
Working Hunter Ponies (cont.d)
Thoroughbred Stallions
Pony Club Games (Heats)
Four Year Old Championship
Sportsman (Amateur Hunters)

Sunday 9 August

Morning

Show Hunter Ponies
Junior Equitation
Working Hunter Horses

Afternoon

Broodmare Futurity
Working Hunter Horses (cont.d)
Pony Club Games (Final)
Intermediate Side-Saddle
Pony Club Musical Ride
Carriage Driving & Display Vehicle

LIST OF JUDGES FOR SHOWING CLASSES 2026

Referee Judge	Ms Michelle Underwood, Westminster, UK.
Light-Weight Hunters & Light-Weight Hunter Championship	Ms Zara Owen, Powys, UK. Mr Patrick Lobb, Cornwall, UK.
Middle-Weight Hunters & Middle-Weight Hunter Championship	Mrs Beanie Sturgis, Wiltshire, UK. Ms Josephine Jefferson, North Yorkshire, UK.
Heavy-Weight Hunters & Heavy-Weight Hunter Championship	Mr Hayden Hankey, Cheshire, UK. Ms Ann Bassett, Dorset, UK.
Four Year Old, Hunter Mare & Supreme Hunter Championships	Ms Zara Owen, Powys, UK. Mr Patrick Lobb, Cornwall, UK. Mrs Beanie Sturgis, Wiltshire, UK. Ms Josephine Jefferson, North Yorkshire, UK. Mr Hayden Hankey, Cheshire, UK. Ms Ann Bassett, Dorset, UK.
Working Hunter Horses	Mr Hayden Hankey, Cheshire, UK. Ms Ann Bassett, Dorset, UK.
Sportsman (Amateur Hunter)	Mrs Beanie Sturgis, Wiltshire, UK. Ms Josephine Jefferson, North Yorkshire, UK.
Small Hunters	Ms Zara Owen, Powys, UK. Mr Patrick Lobb, Cornwall, UK.
Cobs	Mr Hayden Hankey, Cheshire, UK. Ms Ann Bassett, Dorset, UK.
Riding Horses	Ms Zara Owen, Powys, UK. Ms Josephine Jefferson, North Yorkshire, UK.
Ladies' Side-Saddle	Ms Michelle Underwood, Westminster, UK. Ms Ann Bassett, Dorset, UK.
Intermediate Side-Saddle	Ms Zara Owen, Powys, UK.
Coloured Horses	Ms Zara Owen, Powys, UK. Mr Patrick Lobb, Cornwall, UK.
Racehorse to Riding Horse	Ms Katie Walsh, Kill, Co. Kildare. Mr Michael Morris, Fethard, Co. Tipperary.
Mares and Foals	Mr David Dixon, North Yorkshire, UK. Ms Jane Holderness-Roddam, Wiltshire, UK.
Irish Draught Mares, Foals & Stallions (Led)	Mr Jonathan Geake, Wiltshire, UK. Ms Elizabeth Cooke, Gloucestershire, UK.
Performance Irish Draught	Mr Hayden Hankey, Cheshire, UK. Ms Ann Bassett, Dorset, UK.
Thoroughbred Stallions	Ms Lucinda Green, Hampshire, UK. Mr Patrick Lobb, Cornwall, UK.
Young Horses (Yearlings, Two Year Olds & Three Year Olds), Laidlaw & Pembroke Cups	Ms Lucinda Green, Hampshire, UK. Mr David Ingle, Northamptonshire, UK.
Three Year Old Potential Event Horse	Qualifiers: Mr Les Smith, Northumberland, UK. Final: Mrs Pippa Funnell, Surrey, UK.
Three Year Old Loose Performance	Qualifiers: Mr Roland Metz, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Final: TBC
Young Event Horses	Mr Andrew Hoy, Leicestershire, UK. Mr Martin Plewa, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. Mr Kai Rüder, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

Junior / Young Rider Event Horse	Mr Pdraig McCarthy, Devon, UK. Ms Jane Tuckwell, Gloucestershire, UK. Mr Hans Melzer, Lower Saxony, Germany.
Connemara Performance Hunter	Mr Terry Pendry, Berkshire, UK. 5 - 7 Year Olds: Mr Kai Rüder, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. 8 - 15 Year Olds: Mr Martin Plewa, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.
Ridden Connemara Ponies	Mr Terry Pendry, Berkshire, UK. Ms Fiona Cabrol, Essex, UK.
Show Hunter Ponies	Ms Gillian Simpson, Derbyshire, UK. Ms Fiona Cabrol, Essex, UK.
Junior Equitation	Qualifiers: Ms Jane Bradbury, Ballinclare, Co. Wicklow. Final: Mr James Doyle, New York, USA.
Lead Rein & First Ridden Ponies	Ms Gillian Simpson, Derbyshire, UK.
Working Hunter Ponies	Ms Aly Boswell, Ayrshire, Scotland. Ms Fiona Cabrol, Essex, UK.
Broodmare Futurity	Mr Philipp Baumgart, Lower Saxony, Germany. Mr Marcel Beukers, Waarland, Netherlands.

CUPS AND TROPHIES

Confined to animals eligible for and exhibited in their appropriate class.

The Society reserves the right to alter the times and conditions of competitions for any of these Cups or Trophies for future Shows.

All exhibitors (winning owners or riders, where applicable) who are awarded a cup or trophy at the Dublin Horse Show will have their details engraved on the trophy. Cups and trophies will no longer be given out to exhibitors between Shows. Winning exhibitors will have an opportunity to be photographed with the trophy at the prize giving ceremony and will be able to see the engraving details on the trophy at the following year's Show.

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 7 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the Champion Traditionally Bred Young Horse. Placed / rosette winning horses in Classes 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 will compete for this Trophy.

Awarded to Mr Aidan Williamson in 2025 for "KLF Robinhood"

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 19 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winning **rider** in the Junior Equitation Championship.

Awarded to Mis Ellie Rogan in 2025 for "Tullaree Fear Buí"

Perpetual Champion Trophy

Cup No. 22 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Best Irish Draught Stallion.

Awarded to Mr Patrick Hoare in 2025 for "Moylough Supremacy"

Perpetual Champion Trophy

Cup No. 27 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Best Loose Performance Filly.

Awarded to Mr Donnacha Anhold in 2025 for "Dolmen Decision Time"

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 35 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Small Hunter. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 20 and 21 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Ms Andrea McKee in 2025 for "Ebony King"

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 37 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion 138cm Jumping Pony.

Awarded to Ms Miriam O'Donnell in 2025 for "Mayfly Green Peter"

The "Croker" Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 38 – Presented by the late Edward Croker, Esq., Ballinagarde, Co. Limerick for the Best Thoroughbred Stallion.

Awarded to Mr Paddy McCarthy in 2025 for "Alhebayed"

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 39 – Presented for the Champion Yearling (Classes 52 & 53).

Awarded to Mr Desmond Gibson in 2025 for "Cushinstown Special"

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 40 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Two Year Old (Classes 54, 55 & 56).

Awarded Mr William Little in 2025 for "My Valleys Diamond"

The "Michael Moran" Memorial Trophy

Cup No. 41 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society in memory of Mr Michael Moran and to be awarded to the winner of the Six Year Old 'Cruising' National Show Jumping Championship.

Awarded to Mr & Mrs Michael & Fiona Roche in 2025 for "BP Othello"

The "Coote" Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 42 – Presented by the late Sir Algernon Coote for the Champion Hunter Broodmare (Classes 31, 32 & 36).

Awarded to Mr John Roche in 2025 for "Assagart Hopeful"

The "Frances Cash" Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 43 – Presented in memory of the late Ms Frances Cash for the Champion Heavy-Weight Hunter (Classes 9 & 10).

Awarded to Mr PJ Casey in 2025 for "Raglan Road"

The “Samuel Ussher Roberts” Perpetual Cup

Cup No. 44 – Presented by the friends of the late Mr Samuel Ussher Roberts, C.B., a former Vice President of the Royal Dublin Society, as a Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Light-Weight Hunter (Classes 1 to 5).
Awarded to Mrs Debbie Harrod in 2025 for “Bannside Dancer”

The “Pembroke” Challenge Cup

Cup No. 45 – Presented by the Earl of Pembroke in 1928 to replace the original cup won outright in 1927. The Cup is for the first prize winner in Classes 2, 3, 6, 9, (4 year olds only), 52 to 61 and Class 63, bred by the owner, and continuously owned by the owner up to the time of entry. To be won three years in succession by the same owner before it becomes his / her property. The owner must, when entering his / her horse, state on the online entry form whether the horse is eligible to compete for this Cup. The animals entitled to compete for the Cup will be the first prize-winners only in the classes named. In the adjudication for the Cup all horses competing must be shown in-hand without saddles.

Awarded to Mr Aidan Williamson in 2025 for “KLF Robinhood”

The “Laidlaw” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 46 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society in memory of the Right Honourable T. K. Laidlaw, P.C. for the Overall Champion Young Horse. Champions and Reserves from Cups 39, 40, 73, & 145 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Mr Patrick Finn 2025 for “Frenchfort Kildysart Lady”

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 48 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Cob. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 22, 23 and 24 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Mr Glenn Knipe 2025 for “Murrisk Hill Seasmoke”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 50 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Ladies’ Side-Saddle class.

Awarded to Ms Leonie O’Gorman in 2025 for “Lackaghbeg Augustus Star”

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 54 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Leading Rider in Young Rider National Jumping Competitions at the Show.

Awarded to Ms Niamh McEvoy in 2025

The “Michael Osborne” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 59 – Presented for the Best Loose Performance Colt / Gelding.

Awarded to Mr William Greene in 2025 for “Edentrillick Top Gun”

The “John Higgins” Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 60 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society in memory of John Higgins, K.S.G. To be awarded to the owner of the winner of the International 7 & 8 Year Old Championship.

Awarded to Aloga Stables Ltd. in 2025 for “Next Cornet”

The “Seamus Hughes” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 61 – Presented to the Royal Dublin Society in memory of Mr Seamus Hughes and to be awarded for the Four Year Old ‘Mo Chroí’ National Show Jumping Championship.

Awarded to Mr Richard Kirby & GBBS International Ltd. in 2025 for “Rich and Royal”

The “Joseph Widger” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 62 – Presented by Mrs Joseph Widger to perpetuate the memory of her late husband for the Champion Middle-Weight Hunter (Classes 6 to 8).

Awarded to Ms Hilary Gibson in 2025 for “Mr Venture Elm”

Perpetual Champion Cup

Cup No. 65 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Supreme Hunter Champion. The winners and reserves for Cup Nos. 43, 44, 62, 85 and 98 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Mr PJ Casey in 2025 for “Raglan Road”

Perpetual Champion Trophy

Cup No. 70 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Working Hunter Champion. The first and second prize-winners from Classes 13 to 17 will compete for this Trophy.

Awarded to Mr John McDaid in 2025 for “Tul na Rí”

The “Captain Anthony Maude” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 73 – Presented by Mrs Anthony Maude and her son Mr Hugh A. C. Maude (1939), in memory of Captain Anthony Maude for the Champion Three Year Old. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 57, 58, 59 and 61 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Mr Aidan Williamson in 2025 for “KLF Robinhood”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 74 – Presented by the Army Tattoo Committee to the Owner whose horses obtain the greatest number of first prizes in Classes 1 to 10 and 52 to 64 inclusive. If two or more Owners have been awarded an equal number of first prizes, then the second prizes won by these Owners will count and if this still does not determine the winner then third prizes will count and so on.

Awarded to Mr Desmond Gibson in 2025

The “Galway-Greer” Perpetual Champion Cup

Cup No. 85 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Four Year Old Hunter. The first and second prize-winning four year olds in Classes 2, 3, 6 and 9 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Ms Nicola Perrin in 2025 for “Ballarin Rosalin”

The “Leonard” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 93 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society in memory of Mr John Leonard, Esq. To be awarded to the winning team of the Pony Club Games Competition.

Awarded to Kildare Hunt Pony Club in 2025

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 98 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Hunter Mare. The first and second prize-winning mares in Classes 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will compete for the Trophy.

Awarded to Ms Nicola Perrin in 2025 for “Ballarin Rosalin”

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 99 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Show Hunter Pony (Classes 78 to 81).

Awarded to Mr Keith Moran in 2025 for “Scalacre Eclipse”

The “Eileen Parkhill” Perpetual Champion Trophy

Cup No. 100 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Irish Draught Mare.

Awarded to Ms Valerie Davis in 2025 for “Castlevew Lady Georgina”

The “Jack Bamber” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 120 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Five Year Old ‘Flexible’ National Show Jumping Championship.

Awarded to Ennisnag Stud & Westbury Stud in 2025 for “Unicum-H”

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 121 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Riding Horse. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 25 and 26 will compete for this Trophy.

Awarded to Ms Gillian Torrens in 2025 for “Redmays Romeo”

The “Lynn Aldridge” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 122 – Presented to the winner of the Breeders’ Championship, Class 49.

Awarded to Ms Valerie Davis in 2025 for “Becca Baby”

The “Vivienne Hillery” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 123 – Presented by Dr & Mrs Patrick Hillery for the Champion Working Hunter Pony. The first and second prize-winners from Classes 94, 95, 96 and 97 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Ms Penny Murphy in 2025 for “Kontiki”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 124 – Presented to the winner of the Breeders’ Championship, Class 50.

Awarded to Mr Martin Murphy in 2025 for “Castlegate Sweet Emotion”

The “Hanson” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 139 – Presented by Mrs William Hanson to the Royal Dublin Society for presentation to the winner of the Intermediate Side-Saddle class.

Awarded to Ms Katie Crozier in 2025 for “Darrowby Cougar”

The “Owen Ryan” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 145 – Perpetual Challenge Cup re-presented to the RDS (1996) by the late Ms Sheila Ryan in memory of her father Mr Owen Ryan who won this cup outright in 1927 (Pembroke Cup) for the Champion Yearling, Two or Three Year Old Filly. The first and second prize-winning fillies in Classes 53, 56, 59 and 61 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Mr Patrick Finn in 2025 for “Frenchfort Kildysart Lady”

The “Lt Col Ronnie MacMahon” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 146 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society in memory of the late Lt Col Ronnie MacMahon to the winner of the Four Year Old Young Event Horse class.

Awarded to Ms Bridget McGing in 2025 for “Point Up”

The “Tommy Brennan” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 147 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society in memory of the late Mr Tommy Brennan to the winner of the Five Year Old Young Event Horse class.

Awarded to Mr Richard Aimes in 2025 for “Belline Kasparov”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 148 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the winner of the Coloured Horses, Class 29.

Awarded to Mrs Debbie Harrod in 2025 for “Knockroe Flash”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 149 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the Champion Sportsman (Amateur Hunter), Classes 18 & 19.

Awarded to Ms Megan Hamill in 2025 for “Redwood Quality Street”

The “Eugenia Murray” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 150 – Presented for the Ridden Connemara Championship. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 73, 74, 75 and 76 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Ms Kathryn Smiley in 2025 for “Eastlands Jollybrae”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 152 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Potential Event Horse class (Class 61).

Awarded to Mr Robert Hatton in 2025 for “Livingston”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 153 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Connemara Performance Hunter (Class 70).

Awarded to Ms Geraldine Power in 2025 for “Pine View Ice Cool”

The “Corry” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 154 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winning **rider** of the “John Higgins” Trophy, awarded for the International 7 & 8 Year Old Championship.

Awarded to Mr Bertram Allen in 2025 for “Next Cornet”

The “Diana Gilna Keogh” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 155 – Presented by the Gilna / Keogh family in memory of the late Mrs Diana Gilna Keogh to the Leading Rider in the showing classes. Riders in Classes 1 – 10; the Show Hunters, Classes 20 & 21; the Small Hunters, Classes 22 - 24; the Cobs, Classes 25 & 26; the Riding Horses, Class 27; Ladies' Side-Saddle, Class 29; Coloured Horses, and Class 30; Racehorse to Riding Horse are eligible to compete for this Trophy. A points system of 3 points for a 1st, 2 points for a 2nd and 1 point for a 3rd in the above classes will determine the winner. In the event of a tie, the number of individual wins will count, the number of second placings, etc.

Awarded to Mr James Smyth in 2025

The “Michael W. Hickey” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 157 – Presented by the Hickey family in memory of the late Mr Michael W. Hickey to the **rider** of the Supreme Hunter Champion.

Awarded to Mr PJ Casey in 2025 for “Raglan Road”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 158 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Intermediate Combined Training.

Awarded to Mr Jerry Tobin in 2025 for “Broomfield Banner”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 159 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Members' Combined Training.

Awarded to Ms Clare Corballis & Ms Carol Gee in 2025 for “Copy Cat WM”

Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 160 – Presented by Mrs Faith Ponsonby in honour of the late Mrs Cherry Brandon to the winning rider in the Ladies' Side-Saddle class.

Awarded to Ms Leonie O'Gorman in 2025 for "Lackaghbeg Augustus Star"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 161 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Racehorse to Riding Horse class.

Awarded to Cheveley Park Stud in 2025 for "A Plus Tard"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 162 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Connemara Performance Hunter (Class 71).

Awarded to Ms Naomi Murphy in 2025 for "Pem Boy"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 163 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Broodmare Futurity.

Awarded to Equine Evolve in 2025 for "Juana Moussardiere"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 165 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Champion Irish Draught Foal. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 39 and 40 will compete for this Trophy.

Awarded to Mr & Mrs Kenneth & Wendy Bell in 2025 for "Unnamed"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 167 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Junior / Young Rider Event Horse.

Awarded to Mr & Mrs James & Sharon O'Connor in 2025 for "Ashwood Rio"

The "Iris Kellett" Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 168 – Presented in memory of the late Ms Iris Kellett to the winner of the Young Rider Bursary.

Awarded to Mr Paddy Reape in 2025 with "Mr Rocky Blue"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 169 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the 4 & 5 Year Old Performance Irish Draught class (Class 43).

Awarded to Mr Dermot Molloy in 2025 for "Two Mile Nigel"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 170 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winners of the Children on Horses Team Championship.

Awarded to "The Green Team" in 2025 (Mr Joe Widger & "Jerenice Dysenbeeck Z", Miss Ella Rush & "Beach Buggy", Miss Millie Jeffers & "Gildawn Gigi", Mr Jack Dore & "Hermies Vh Bergerhof Z")

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 172 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the Children on Horses Individual Championship.

Awarded to Ms Millie Jeffers in 2025 for "Gildawn Gigi"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 176 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winner of the 6 Years Old and Over Performance Irish Draught class (Class 44).

Awarded to Mr Liam Lynskey in 2025 for "DS Ballagh Bouncer"

Mementos

Memento No. 1 – Presented to the Leading Breeder in the Show Jumping Championships.

Breeders of horses exhibiting in the Three Year Old Loose Performance and the final rounds of the Four, Five and Six Year Old Show Jumping Championships are eligible to compete for this Trophy. A points system of 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, 1 point for 5th will apply for horses placed in the Championship classes. An additional 2 points will be awarded to the breeder for each additional horse that he or she has bred and who is competing in these Championships (all rounds to be included) over the course of the Show.

Awarded to GBBS International Ltd. in 2025

PARADES – SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

No person under 16 years of age on 1 January 2026 will be allowed to show, ride or lead ponies / horses in parades with the exception of riders in the Connemara Performance Hunter, Small Hunters, Riding Horses, Ridden Connemara Ponies and Coloured Horses.

Champion Parade (Friday)

The Winner and Reserve of the following Cups / Classes will parade in the Laya Arena from 2.15pm to 2.35pm. Assembly will take place in the International Warm-up Arena.

- Cup No. 46** Laidlaw Cup for Overall Champion Young Horse
- Cup No. 7** Traditionally Bred Young Horse Championship
- Cup No. 39** Yearling Championship
- Cup No. 40** Two Year Old Championship
- Cup No. 73** Three Year Old Championship
- Cup No. 100** Irish Draught Mare Championship
- Cup No. 35** Small Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 121** Riding Horse Championship
- Cup No. 146** Four Year Old Young Event Horse
- Cup No. 147** Five Year Old Young Event Horse
- Cup No. 150** Ridden Connemara Pony Championship
- Cup No. 153** Connemara Performance Hunter, Class 70
- Cup No. 162** Connemara Performance Hunter, Class 71
- Cup No. 167** Junior / Young Rider Event Horse
- Cup No. 169** Performance Irish Draught, Class 43
- Cup No. 176** Performance Irish Draught, Class 44
- Class 76** Ridden Connemara Stallions

Hunter Championship and Racehorse to Riding Horse Parade (Saturday)

The Winner and Reserve of the following Cups will parade in the Laya Arena at 5.20pm (before the Puissance).

- Cup No. 65** Supreme Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 85** Four Year Old Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 98** Hunter Mare Championship
- Cup No. 161** Racehorse to Riding Horse

Champion Parade (Sunday)

The Winner and Reserve of the following Cups / Classes will parade in the Laya Arena from 2.00pm to 2.35pm. Assembly will take place in the International Warm-up Arena. Ridden horses to parade first on Sunday after the Parade of Hounds.

- Cup No. 65** Supreme Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 85** Four Year Old Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 98** Hunter Mare Championship
- Cup No. 48** Cob Championship
- Cup No. 148** Coloured Horses
- Cup No. 149** Sportsman (Amateur Hunter) Championship
- Cup No. 161** Racehorse to Riding Horse
- Cup No. 42** Broodmare Championship

Stallion Parades

Connemara Pony Stallion Parade – Wednesday afternoon, Ring 1. Stallions are to be ready in their boxes at the allocated times and to parade as directed by the stewards.

Irish Draught Stallion Parade – Thursday afternoon, Ring 1. Stallions are to be ready in their boxes at the allocated times and to parade as directed by the stewards.

Thoroughbred Stallion Parade – Friday afternoon, Ring 1. Stallions are to be ready in their boxes at the allocated times and to parade as directed by the stewards.

NOTE: PARADE under class details denotes compulsory participation in a parade.

PRIZE MONEY & SPECIAL PRIZES

Please note: The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued

1 – 9 animals catalogued – prizes awarded from 1st to 3rd place

10+ animals catalogued – prizes awarded from 1st to 5th place

Prize money for each class is included in the class details

Special Prize

A Special Prize of €470 to the Winner and €205 to the Reserve will be awarded for the following Championships:

- Cup No. 42** Broodmare Championship
- Cup No. 70** Working Hunter Horse Championship
- Cup No. 100** Irish Draught Mare Championship

A Special Prize of €500 to the Winner and €250 to the Reserve will be awarded for the following Championships:

- Cup No. 44** Light-Weight Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 62** Middle-Weight Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 43** Heavy-Weight Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 85** Four Year Old Hunter Championship
- Cup No. 98** Hunter Mare Championship

Cup No. 46 The "Laidlaw" Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Overall Champion Young Horse - a Special Prize of €2,000 to the Winner and €1,000 to the Reserve will be awarded.

Cup No. 65 Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Supreme Hunter Championship – a Special Prize of €5,000 to the Winner and €2,500 to the Reserve will be awarded.

Cup No. 7 Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Champion Traditionally Bred Young Horse - a Special Prize of €1,000 to the Winner and €500 to the Reserve will be awarded.

The Meadows Equestrian Centre has kindly sponsored the Best Turned Out Prizes in the Young Horse classes (Classes 52 – 59). The winner of the Best Turned Out will receive €100. The Best Turned Out will be judged by the judges in the ring.

Special Breeders' Prize

A Special Breeders' Prize will be presented by the RDS to the breeders of the winners of the following Cups / Classes:

- Cup No. 22** Irish Draught Stallion Championship (€200)
- Cup No. 46** Overall Champion Young Horse (€200)
- Cup No. 65** Supreme Hunter Championship (€200)
- Cup No. 70** Working Hunter Horse Championship (€500)
- Cup No. 100** Irish Draught Mare Championship (€200)
- Cup No. 163** Winner of Broodmare Futurity, Class 118 (€675)

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Intending exhibitors must read all Rules and Regulations carefully, and not to enter anything for exhibition unless they are prepared to comply strictly with the same.

The rules and conditions for each class and competition as published in this Competition Schedule are complete, final and binding. No other version of the class detail or rules are considered official.

Horse Show Entries

1. All entries must be made through the Online Entry System which is available via the following link: <https://www.dublinhorseshow.com/equestrian-information/online-entry/> for more information on the Online Entry System see pg 89.
2. All online entry forms must be accurately filled for every particular and an entry fee must be paid when submitting your entry online. No entry will be accepted unless it is made through the official Online Entry System and is accompanied by the full amount of the fees. The acceptance of an entry fee by the Society shall not be regarded as an admission that the exhibit is eligible to compete or receive an award.
3. All entry fees must be paid online by credit or debit card. Payment by cheque, cash or postal order is not accepted.
4. **Entries for all classes** will open on **Monday 25 May 2026, at 9am** and close on **Monday 6 July 2026, at 5pm**. With the exception of classes with qualifiers which take place after entries close, no late entries will be accepted. A refund of 60% of the entry fee will be made to any owner who cancels his / her entry in writing on or before 13 July 2026. All refunds will be processed after the Show.
5. Any horse entered in a wrong class may be excluded from competition. No alteration whatsoever can be made to an entry after it has been received, except under very exceptional circumstances, and if the notice is received in time. A fee of €40 must accompany each and every such alteration, which will be refunded if the alteration cannot be affected. An animal may not be entered in more than one class except as otherwise provided. No change of entries is permitted once the Catalogue is finalised.
6. Except as otherwise provided, no horse will be allowed on the Showgrounds unless duly entered in one of the classes.
7. All horses competing at the Show must be entered in the ownership as stated on its passport. All foals over six months of age entered at the Show must have a passport, and owners of foreign-bred or registered horses must complete a movement notification before entering at the Show.
All particulars required in the online entry form must be fully stated; otherwise, the animal is liable to be disqualified for a prize, and to be excluded from the Show. The animal exhibited must be that described in the entry form and no other. The colour of each animal must be given on the entry form. Owners must state on the entry form the breeding of the horse, if known. The name and address of the breeder must also be given, if known. Each owner or agent must be prepared to verify every statement contained in the entry form in any manner the Committee may require. All horses and ponies must have a passport to enter the Showgrounds, and all animals issued with a passport after the 1 of July 2009 must be microchipped.
8. All horses must be entered and competed under their registered name, as it appears on the animal's passport currently. If a different name is given on the entry form, the Society reserves the right to refuse entry to the Showgrounds or change the name of the horse to its registered name.
9. All horses entered must be, from the time of entry to the date of the Show, bona fide, the property of the person in whose name the entry is made, except stallions which are hired for service in Ireland.
10. In the case of a horse entered in the name of joint owners, if any difference of opinion arises between the joint owners regarding entries, withdrawals, prize money or any other Show matter affecting the entry, the entry will be cancelled, no refund of the entry fee will be made, and all prize money will be forfeited.
11. The ages of horses competing is to be calculated from the 1 January, except in the case of yearlings and foals, when the month of birth must be given. An animal shall be regarded as a foal until the 1 January in the year after that in which it was foaled, and until the next succeeding 1 January it shall be regarded as a yearling, and so on.
12. Thoroughbred stock must be entered in the General Studbook (Thoroughbred) and must record the pedigree with the studbook reference given in the online entry form. In the case of Thoroughbred yearlings, the studbook reference of both the sire and dam must be given on the entry form.
13. No official of the Society is permitted to complete an online entry for an intending exhibitor.
14. Public Institutions may exhibit horses but shall not be eligible to receive prize money.
15. It is the responsibility of each owner to ensure that the handler, rider and horse meet all eligibility requirements when entering the Show. If an owner is found in breach of this rule they will be suspended from future Shows.
16. The Society reserves the right to decline or return any entry, without assigning any reason and shall not incur any liability thereby. In the event of the Society being unable to accept any entry, notice will be given as soon as possible after the final closing of the entries, and the fees lodged will be refunded.
17. No refund of entry fees will be made in the case of entries which are not sent forward for competition, or which are disqualified from the competition for failure to comply with regulations.
18. Only a certain number of stabling units are available on the Showgrounds, therefore entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Correct entries will receive preference.
19. Entire horses and ponies can only be entered in Classes 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 42, 43, 44, 48, 52, 54, 55, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 69, 70, 71, 76, 88, 89, 94, 95, 96, 97, 103, 104, 105, 106, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117. Stallions which are considered by the stewards to be dangerous or unmanageable will not be allowed to compete. Stallion identification tags and a blue 'hazard' tail ribbon must be worn on stallions at all times.

- 20. Irish bred classes** - All horses in classes subject to the 'Irish bred' restriction must have the appropriate documentation to support that they were foaled in Ireland.

In the case of the show jumping classes for 4, 5 & 6 year old horses **only**, competitions are restricted to animals registered as being bred on the island of Ireland, and to those entire animals (stallions and mares) bred outside of Ireland, that are registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture).

- 21. Traditionally Bred Championship** – Placed / rosette winning horses in Classes 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 will compete for this Championship provided they are eligible by virtue of being identified as a Traditional Irish Horse (TIH) in the Irish Horse Register.

- 22.** It is compulsory that all 4 and 5 year old horses / ponies entered in ridden and performance classes at the Show (with the exception of those classes with qualifiers) have competed in a minimum of three shows prior to 1 August 2026. Please note, owners will be required to state the three shows on their online entry form. An allowance will be made for owners who wish to compete in a Show scheduled between their time of entry and 1 August 2026, i.e. owners will be permitted to list a show that they intend to compete in. If an owner lists a future show but is then unable to attend the nominated show for reasons of force majeure, the owner must declare this to the Equestrian Office before 1 August 2026.

Proof of participation at these shows may be requested on arrival at the Dublin Horse Show and should incorrect or inaccurate information be supplied it will incur elimination. For 5 year old horses / ponies who competed as 4 year olds in 2025, this experience may be used to fulfil the three show requirement.

Postponement of Show

- 23.** The Society reserves the right to postpone the Show or any part thereof definitely or indefinitely without incurring any liability to any owner, exhibitor or other party.

Prize Money and Refunds

- 24.** Prize money and refunds will only be made payable to the Account Holder from which the entry was made. Prize money and refunds will be paid via transfer using the Trolley secure cloud-based payment platform only. (For more information on Trolley see the following link: <https://trolley.com>).

- 25.** The prizes awarded will be paid before the end of September; but any prize not applied for within one year from the last day of the Show shall be forfeited; and none shall be paid until the Certificates of Qualification as may be required are produced. Breeders' prizes will only be made payable to breeders residing in Ireland.

- 26.** A Parade of Champion and Reserve prize winning horses / ponies will take place in the Laya Arena as stated in the Programme; and every groom / exhibitor must be in attendance half an hour before the time announced for his / her Champion to appear in the parade. If a horse is absent from a parade, the owner will be liable to forfeit any prize or prizes which have been awarded to him / her for the horse. Any animals required for special parades must turn out for such parades when required to do so by the Society.

- 27.** Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the owner, groom or rider will entitle the Organising Committee to disqualify the horse for adjudication or from taking a prize. The Society reserves to itself the power to remove any groom or horse from the Show, without being liable for compensation.

Welfare

- 28. Drugs**

(a) The equine anti-doping rules of the Royal Dublin Society are the National Rules of Horse Sport Ireland, in particular, without limitation, National Rules 1.2, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and the Appendix, as may be amended from time to time, and these National Rules are and shall be construed as the rules of the Royal Dublin Society and apply to and are effective and binding on all owners of horses exhibited at the Dublin Horse Show who shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply strictly with the applicable National Rules.

(b) The selection of animals for testing will be decided by a Committee consisting of the RDS Chief Executive, the Chairman of the Equestrian Committee and the Show Director.

(c) The veterinary testing procedure will be explained by the testing veterinary surgeon to an owner / agent on request immediately prior to the testing procedure.

- 29.** The Society reserves the right to publish any findings of any drug test and or any decisions or findings pursuant to Rule 28, 77, 81 or 82.

- 30.** Rapping, excessive spurring, or any other form of cruelty is strictly forbidden. Breach of this rule may entail disqualification of rider and horse from this and future shows of the Society.

- 31.** Trimming or removal of an animal's whiskers is not permitted in line with international horse welfare regulations.

- 32.** The Society reserves the right to make such additional regulations in relation to animal health and welfare as may be required to implement the directions of any statutory body relating there to.

- 33.** Video cameras will be in operation in the warm-up and practice arenas as a security measure and to monitor that the welfare standards of the Society are adhered to.

Responsibility

- 34.** Neither the Society nor any of its Officers, Officials or Servants shall be in any way responsible or accountable for anything that may happen (from any cause or circumstance whatsoever) to owners or their agents, or to any exhibit or property brought into the Show premises or for anything else in connection with, or arising out of, or attributable to, the Society's Show. The Society shall not, in any way be responsible for, or accept any liability for horses or ponies left on the Society's Showgrounds after the last day of the Show. Each owner shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him / her, and for its description as given in the

Catalogue, and shall indemnify the Society against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto and take out appropriate insurance cover for this purpose. The Society will endeavour to have the Catalogue as complete as possible and in accordance with the particulars given on the entry forms; it cannot, however, hold itself responsible for any additions, omissions, or mistakes which may occur for any reason, whatsoever, in the Catalogue. Owners will be held responsible for the behaviour of their servants, or agents, and for the consequences of any misconduct of such servants or agents.

35. Owners and their agents are responsible for the security of their own animals. Whilst the RDS engages security personnel to provide general security during the Dublin Horse Show, this should not be understood to provide individual security for an exhibit. The security and the integrity of the exhibit remains solely the responsibility of the owners and their agents.
36. Any injury to an equine on the Showgrounds is the sole responsibility of the owner / agent.
37. **Owner Responsibilities**
 - (a) All exhibitors leading, riding or showing equines in competition must be over 16 years of age on 1 January 2026, unless otherwise stated in class description. No person under 16 years of age will be allowed to show, ride or lead ponies / horses in parade **with the exception of riders in the Connemara Performance Hunter, Small Hunters, Riding Horses, Ridden Connemara Ponies and Coloured Horses.**
 - (b) Owners must have a competent attendant in charge of their horses or ponies at all times until same are removed from the Showgrounds.
 - (c) Owners are responsible for ensuring that their animal(s) is presented for adjudication or competition when required.
38. No person may lead more than one horse or one pony at any time on the Showgrounds. Any person leading / riding an animal must be competent to do so. Each owner must ensure that their exhibits are in the ring at the correct time. Owners must see that (a) those in charge of led stock in the rings or general enclosure must be neatly dressed, (tracksuits and jeans are strictly forbidden, see Rule 61, pg 22) and (b) riders of their exhibits are correctly attired. Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 2011, Snell E2016 (with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), UTAC / CRITT or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards and must have SAI Global mark), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that as of 1 January 2023 hats with PAS 015 (1998) and Snell E2001 kitemarks / standards can no longer be accepted). It is compulsory for riders under the age of 16 years and for all riders competing in performance classes i.e. Working Hunter Horses, Working Hunter Ponies, Performance Irish Draught, Connemara Performance Hunter, Junior Equitation, Young Event Horse and Junior / Young Rider Event Horse. In the ridden show classes, gentlemen and lady riders over 16 years of age may, if they so choose, wear a bowler hat (gentlemen) or a velvet hunt cap (ladies).
39. All exhibitors leading, riding or showing equines in competition must be over 16 years of age on 1 January 2026, unless otherwise stated in the class description. No person under 16 years of age will be allowed to show, ride or lead ponies / horses in parade **with the exception of riders in the Connemara Performance Hunter, Small Hunters, Riding Horses, Ridden Connemara Ponies and Coloured Horses.**

Arrivals / Departures

40. Particulars regarding times of arrival will be supplied to owners prior to the Show. Owners must ensure that passports for each animal must be available for inspection on the actual day of arrival. If this passport is not available, the animal will not be allowed into the RDS Showgrounds (see also Rule 57 & 66).
41. No horse or pony will be admitted into the Showgrounds before the Monday prior to the Show.
42. All animals which have completed their adjudication, and are not required for parades, may be removed between 8.00am and 8.00pm via the Arrivals / Departure Area on surrendering their head number or travelling label. All animals that are finished their classes and not taking part in parades must be removed from the Showgrounds on the day they last compete.
43. No horse / pony shall be removed from the Show unless in consequence of illness requiring immediate veterinary treatment. To obtain a 'pass-out' for a horse so affected the owner or his / her agent must have his / her animal examined by one of the Society's official veterinary surgeons and on this certifying that the horse is ill, and that the necessary veterinary treatment cannot be delayed without serious risk or damage to the animal, and recommending its removal, the owner will be furnished with the necessary 'pass-out' by the Equestrian Office.

Competition / Catalogue Numbers

44. Exhibitors will be notified of their horse's Competition / Catalogue Number via their Online Account in the days leading up to the Show. Exhibitors must check their Online Account before arriving at the RDS Showgrounds and have each horse's Competition / Catalogue Number to hand for presentation and inspection at Arrivals.
Each horse / pony will be allocated its Competition Numbers in the Arrivals Area, one number to be worn by the handler and one to be displayed on the animal. These numbers must be worn by both the handler and equine when the animal is out of its stable or box. These Competition Numbers must be worn during **ALL** competitions and during exercise. *On the horse's neck in the case of jumping competitions. **No equine is permitted to leave its stabling area without displaying its Competition Number on its browband or around its neck.**
45. A penalty of €50 will be imposed if horses or ponies which are present on the Showgrounds are absent from the competition or judging ring unless prevented or excused by one of the Society's official veterinary surgeons.

Tack

46. Each horse / pony must be provided with sufficiently strong, well maintained and correctly fitting saddlery and harness and it must be suitable for the task. In the showing and show jumping classes saddles and bridles must be used. In the led classes (yearlings and upwards) a leather bridle complete with a suitable bit and lead rein must be used. Double bridles are not permitted in the Young Horse classes. Foals must have a sufficiently strong, leather head collar and lead rein. Any exhibitor who presents a horse in the competition arena with incorrect tack will be eliminated.

Stabling

47. All equines with stable accommodation must be in situ and remain undisturbed in their allocated accommodation from 9pm to 5am. No equine will be permitted entry or exit to the stable area after 9pm and / or end of competition and before 5am.
48. Grooms of horses remaining on the Showgrounds overnight must be in attendance at 7.30am each morning, and the boxes or stables must be cleaned out before 8.30am or after 6.30pm. A €60 fine will be levied on owners in breach of this rule.
49. No horse / pony shall be stabled by day or night, in any box, other than that allotted to it. No box must be used for purposes other than the stabling of the appropriate exhibit. **STABLE SWAPPING / MOVEMENT OF HORSES FROM ASSIGNED STABLES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Any owner / exhibitor found in breach of this rule will have to remove their horse from the RDS Showgrounds with immediate effect, forfeiting any entry fees paid and prize money won. In addition, the owner / exhibitor in question will be automatically prohibited from competing at the following year's RDS Dublin Horse Show. No appeals or excuses will be entertained. Each horse will be allocated a Competition Number and corresponding Stable. It is the responsibility of the owner / exhibitor to ensure the horse is stabled, and remains, in the assigned stable whilst on the Showgrounds. The RDS will enforce a Zero Tolerance policy in relation to stable swapping for a variety of reasons, most notable animal welfare and organisational needs.
50. Owners, or their servants, are to examine the boxes allotted to their horses, and should they see any defect in such boxes, they are to report the matter in writing to the Equestrian Office on the Showgrounds. The marking or defacement of the doors or walls of stables, and the removal of the numbers affixed thereto, is prohibited. The lighting and use of stoves, lamps or fires within the Showgrounds is prohibited. Smoking is strictly prohibited in the stabling areas.
51. Horses and ponies must be bridled at all times when out of their stable, under no circumstances can they be led using a headcollar only.
52. Hay will be provided free of charge. Exhibitors should bring their own hard feed. Stables will be bedded in shavings and exhibitors will receive the initial bed and a top up bale free of charge, any additional bedding required can be purchased from the supplier on site at a special Show rate. An exhibitor may bring their own personal supplies, should he / she so prefer. Exhibitors should remember to bring their own utensils for mucking out.
53. No placards or notification of any description shall be placed over any horse's box, or circulated on the Showgrounds, in reference to any horse exhibited unless sanctioned by the Committee.

Adjudication

54. The decision of the judges shall be final, except in cases of fraud, misrepresentation, substitution, or other breach of the rules, when the decision of the Society shall be final. No person shall enter the space enclosed or set apart for the adjudication or hold any communication with the judges or examining veterinary surgeons, without permission of the stewards of the class. Should a horse show any obvious symptoms of unsoundness to the judges when under adjudication in the ring, the judges may place the horse accordingly. Should it be deemed that there is an immediate welfare issue relating to the horse, the judges shall inform the Chief Steward of the class who will arrange for the horse to be examined by one of the Society's veterinarians who shall be entitled to call in any other of the Society's veterinary surgeons in consultation, and their determination on whether or not the animal is fit to continue in competition shall be final.
55. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor / competitor to ensure that his or her horse is present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before their class / competition is programmed to commence. The stewards may, if they wish, commence the judging of any class / competition 15 minutes before the programmed time.

Power of Stewards

56. The Committee shall be entitled to appoint as many stewards as they may consider necessary to assist at the Show, and all such stewards shall have full power to enforce all the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

Height Measurements

57. Ponies and horses from the 32 counties of Ireland entered in any class that has a height requirement (Classes 20 – 23, 25, 28, 77 – 81, 88 – 97) must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection. Only animals from Great Britain may present a JMB measurement certificate at the Show.

Tickets

58. Two wristbands will be issued for each horse or pony entered.

Additional exhibitor (season) wristbands can be pre-purchased via the Online Exhibitor Portal. Exhibitor (season) wristbands are priced as follows: €99.15, if purchased in advance of the Show. If purchased via the Online Exhibitor Portal during the Show, an exhibitor (season) wristband will cost: €105 (inclusive of processing fee).

The wristband system operates as follows – if pre-purchased each owner / exhibitor will receive an e-ticket which must be surrendered / redeemed upon arrival at the Showgrounds in exchange for a wristband.

E-tickets are not admission tickets and must be used to redeem a wristband at the designated areas, in either the Concert Hall Foyer, at the Shrewsbury Gate Porta Cabin or at the Belvedere Gate upon first arrival.

Each e-ticket holder must exchange their initial e-ticket for a wristband. An exhibitor will not be permitted to exchange e-tickets or collect a wristband on behalf of another individual, groom or rider etc. Wristband will be fastened securely by a member of the RDS Ticketing Staff. Removal of or tampering with wristbands throughout the five days of the Show will make them 'void' and invalid for use.

There are no concession prices available for exhibitor tickets. Please note exhibitor tickets are not available at the Equestrian Office.

Lost, mislaid, broken wristbands or wristbands that have been removed or tampered with will NOT be replaced free of charge. Wristbands that have been loosened may be confiscated by the Access Control Staff.

Please note the RDS does not issue child rider tickets.

59. Grooms in charge of horses stabled on the Showgrounds at night will be admitted at Gate L, Simmons Court Road on production of their exhibitor wristband.
60. Owners are advised that they will be held entirely responsible in all circumstances for any misuse of any wristbands issued to them by the RDS or any parties acting on behalf of the RDS.

Dress Code

61. Neat dress is required in the judging rings at all times. Please see below details of the acceptable dress for the various participants in the showing section;

a. Ridden Show Classes

- Tweed jacket for both ladies and gentlemen
- Neat shirt and tie
- Beige, fawn or cream breeches
- Long black boots
- Gloves
- Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 2011, Snell E2016 (with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), UTAC / CRITT or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards and must have SAI Global mark), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that as of 1 January 2023 hats with PAS 015 (1998) and Snell E2001 kitemarks / standards can no longer be accepted). It is compulsory for riders under the age of 16 years to wear protective headgear. In the ridden show classes gentlemen and lady riders over 16 years of age may, if they so choose, wear a bowler hat (gentlemen) or a velvet hunt cap (ladies).
- Showing cane

b. Working Hunter Horse, Working Hunter Pony, Performance Irish Draught, Connemara Performance Hunter, Junior Equitation*, Young Event Horse and Junior / Young Rider Event Horse Classes

- Tweed or hunting style jacket for both ladies and gentlemen
- Neat shirt and tie
- Beige, fawn or cream breeches
- Long black boots
- Gloves
- Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 2011, Snell E2016 (with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), UTAC / CRITT or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards and must have SAI Global mark), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that as of 1 January 2023 hats with PAS 015 (1998) and Snell E2001 kitemarks / standards can no longer be accepted).
- A body protector must be worn by all riders. A correctly fitted, BETA approved, and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector manufactured in the year 2018 or after is recommended. If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector, it must be worn over a recommended body protector.
- Showing cane (not permitted in the Junior Equitation classes).

*For Junior Equitation show jumping jackets will also be permitted.

c. In-Hand Show Classes

- Gentlemen should wear a suit or jacket and trousers, with collar and tie in addition to a bowler hat.
- Ladies may wear a tweed jacket and trousers with a hunting cap or a suitable skirt or suit with a hat.
- Footwear for both ladies and gentlemen should be appropriate for the terrain – non-slip, sturdy and low heeled i.e. jodhpur boots. Trainers are not permitted under any circumstance.
- Gloves
- Showing cane

d. Grooms

- Grooms must be neatly attired when entering the show ring, failure to observe the dress code will result in immediate expulsion from the ring.
- Neat collar and tie.
- Jacket or gilet.
- Trousers – jeans are not permitted under any circumstance.
- Suitable footwear i.e. jodhpur boots. Trainers are not permitted under any circumstance.

Veterinary

62. An area will be set aside to be used for private examination by veterinary surgeons from Thursday to Sunday. Please contact the Equestrian Office for further details.
63. Every owner of horses or ponies shall be liable to pay to the Society a sum not exceeding €1,000 for liquidated damages, if any animal which he / she sends for exhibition is, in the opinion of the Society's veterinary surgeons, affected with any contagious or infectious disease, or with any form of disease likely to prove dangerous to other animals, and for each and every such case, if more than one. All horses sent for exhibition will be inspected by the Society's veterinary surgeons, who are authorised to expel from the Showgrounds or place in quarantine any animal if it be affected with any disease which, in

their opinion, is likely to prove dangerous to other animals, and are instructed to give a certificate of the reason to the person in charge of the animal.

64. All horses and ponies must be examined, and certified free from infectious or contagious disease before entering their allotted stables. No animal suffering from skin or other disease or infection or from excessive warts can be admitted; and, should any animal manifest symptoms of disease or illness during the Dublin Horse Show, it must be immediately sent to the stables reserved for sick animals, and if necessary, removed from the Showgrounds. Jumping horses and ponies with recent superficial injuries to the skin surfaces, which are liable to come into contact with girths, bridles, etc. may be refused permission to compete.
65. For the convenience of exhibitors, the Society has arranged that a veterinary surgeon will be on call to attend to sick or injured animals but fees for his / her services will be payable by the owners concerned. The Society's veterinary surgeons may be contacted through the Equestrian Office during the day. Should the service of a veterinary surgeon be required during the night, contact can be made through the night security personnel. The Society, its Officers, Officials or Servants shall not, in any way be responsible for or accept any liability for any advice or treatment given or drugs administered, or tests or procedures carried out by these veterinary surgeons. Any contract entered into for the provision of veterinarian services is solely between the owner / their agent and the veterinary surgeon.
66. **Compulsory Vaccination against Equine Influenza** - To control Equine Influenza, all equines must be vaccinated every year as a routine measure. The primary vaccination must consist of two inoculations given at intervals not less than twenty-one days and not more than ninety-two days apart. Booster given between one-hundred-and-fifty days (5 months) and two-hundred-and-fifteen days (7 months) after the primary vaccination. The annual booster dose must be administered within twelve months of the previous inoculation. This must be properly documented on the animal's passport. Failure to do so will result in the animal not being admitted to the Showgrounds (see also Rule 40). Owners should consult their veterinary surgeon about vaccination of their animals. This is particularly important in the case of broodmares. Please note foals should be vaccinated from 5 months of age.

The following vaccination programme is therefore recommended and should be carried out routinely every year to provide adequate protection:

- Foals before weaning.
- Foals and yearlings before going to public sales.
- Stallions and teasers between breeding seasons.
- All horses in training when not in strong work.
- Store horses before going into training.
- Show jumping and three-day-event horses and ponies during the closed season.

Control: The influenza virus is easily destroyed outside the body. Cleanliness is required to control it. The greatest risk of spread appears to be by nasal discharge and by attendants' hands. Horses may harbour the virus for about nine or ten days after coughing ceases. The virus will survive in wet, humid conditions in horse boxes, stables, etc., but in warm dry conditions it soon dies.

N.B. All horses and ponies entering the Showgrounds must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza. Evidence of such vaccination must be entered and certified on the animal's passport. All entries must have a passport that is in accordance with the relevant current EU and Irish legislation. The primary vaccination which consists of two inoculations given at intervals not less than twenty-one days and not more than ninety-two days apart **will suffice for entry**.

ADMISSION TO THE SHOWGROUNDS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO ANIMALS WITH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION AND ON WHICH THE CURRENT VACCINATION STATUS IS PROPERLY CERTIFIED BY A QUALIFIED VETERINARY SURGEON.

ALL DOCUMENTED VACCINATIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE VETERINARY SURGEON WHO VACCINATES THE ANIMAL AND HIS / HER OFFICIAL PRACTICE STAMP, AND / OR HIS / HER OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CODED DATE STAMP MUST AUTHENTICATE EACH VACCINATION.

Statutory Declaration

67. Each owner of a horse must be prepared, when required by the Organising Committee, to make a statutory declaration that the Rules and Regulations affecting such horses have been complied with.

Photography / Videography

68. The Society reserves the right to photograph any horses in the Showgrounds. The grooms must lead out horses to be photographed when required to do so by the steward appointed for that purpose.
69. The Society reserves the right to use photographs, images, videos etc. arising from an entry for its own commercial and publicity purposes without further reference to or consent from the persons / competitors concerned.

Showgrounds

70. Condition of entrance to this Show is that owners and their agents only shall be allowed to transact business, and no persons will be permitted to solicit money except if he or she holds a licence from the Society to do so. Visitors or others infringing this rule shall be liable forthwith to be immediately removed from the Show and shall have no claim to a return of their admission money.
71. Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) will not be permitted to any part of the Showgrounds including the Arrivals Area.
72. The use of mobile phones is prohibited in all judging rings, exercise rings and jumping arenas.
73. The Society reserves the right to refuse entry into any arena / judging ring to owners / agents of exhibits in any capacity.
74. For reasons of safety, the riding of bikes (motor or pedal) is not permitted within the Showgrounds.

75. Exercise areas, in which some fences will be provided, will be available from the Monday preceding the Show onwards where exercise or examination of any horse or pony should take place.
76. Horses may only be ridden or led on the designated pathways, riding or leading a horse on any other part of the Showgrounds is prohibited at all times.

Anti-Doping Rules

77. The anti-doping rules of the Society for competitors are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by Sport Ireland launched in 2004, and updated 1 January 2021, and as amended from time to time. An owner or their representatives must submit to a doping test at any time during the Dublin Horse Show when requested by a representative of Sport Ireland or HSI. See Rules 81 and 82.

Refusal to Comply with Instructions

78. The Society shall have the power to remove from its premises the stock or property belonging to any owner who shall infringe any of the regulations or conditions of the Show, or who shall refuse to comply with any instructions given by the stewards or officials.

Protests

79. **Qualifier Events** - Complaints or protests arising at, or from Qualifier Events, will be dealt with by the Qualifier Organiser on the day as per the documented protest /complaints procedure. The RDS will not hear or entertain protests or appeals in relation to or arising from competition at qualifier events. The decision of the judge(s) in conjunction with the Chief Steward / appointed Officials on the day of the qualifier will be final and binding. The RDS will only hear an appeal where it relates to the applicability or interpretation of a rule.
80. Any owner, official or staff member wishing to lodge a protest having reference to exhibits at this Show must obtain from the Equestrian Office and properly fill up and sign a printed form for the purpose, and must deposit therewith a sum of €100, which will be refunded if the protest is sustained, or at the discretion of the Committee. All protests must be delivered at the Equestrian Office within 30 minutes of the end of the last competition on the evening of the day on which the award in dispute was made, and no protest will be subsequently received unless a satisfactory reason for the delay is provided. Objections arising in jumping competitions should be made in accordance with the rules under which the competition is judged.
Results of all national classes and competitions are deemed provisional until 30 minutes after the end of the last competition on the evening of the day on which the class / competition takes place.

Penalties for Breaches of Rules and Code of Conduct

81. In case it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Society that the owner of an animal exhibited, or any person in his employment, or under his control, has been guilty of any violation of the Rules or Regulations and / or the Code of Conduct, including but not limited to the following; making a false statement in the entry form; substituting another animal for that described in the entry form; placing a horse in a box, by day or night, other than that to which he / she is entitled; removing the competition number from the horse during the time the horse remains in the Showgrounds; or has been guilty of any practice calculated to deceive or mislead, or to secure an unfair advantage, the owner shall be liable to forfeit any prize, cup, medal, etc., awarded to him / her at this Show, together with all fees and deposits paid by him / her, and his / her horse or ponies will be liable to be immediately removed from the Showgrounds, and the owner shall be liable to be prevented from competing at this or any future shows of the Society.
All breaches and violations will be dealt with by the Show Protest Committee, whose role and composition are outlined below.

Interpretation Conditions

82. The Society reserves to itself the right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations of the Competition Schedule and to settle and determine all or any matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incidental to the Show. The Society also reserves the right to refuse or to cancel any entries, disqualify owners, prohibit exhibition of entries, vary or cancel awards of prizes or reserved numbers, and relax conditions as the Society may deem appropriate. The Society may act in respect of these General Rules and Regulations including the interpretation and implementation of same through a panel of not more than 5 persons, who will be known for the purpose of these rules as the Show Protest Committee as may be approved from time to time by the Trustee Council of the Society and / or through such an Executive Officer of the Society as may be approved from time to time by the Trustee Council of the Society.
The quorum for the Show Protest Committee shall be three members acting on any matter coming before such a Committee.
The Show Protest Committee is entitled on behalf of the Society to interpret these Rules and Regulations and any other conditions or provisions in this Competition Schedule and to investigate, settle and determine all or any matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to the Show including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the conduct of any owner, handler, rider, groom or their servant or agent.
Any decision made by the Society or the Show Protest Committee which involves an owner / exhibitor, or any person connected with or to that owner / exhibitor may be appealed by the person so affected to three persons nominated by the President of the Society, or in his / her absence nominated by the Vice President (in either case the 'Nominees'). Any such appeal must be made in writing (stating in summary the grounds of the appeal) which must be lodged with the Registrar of the Society within 15 days of the person being notified of the decision of the Society and the decision of the Nominees will be final in all respects. In hearing the appeal, the Nominees will be entitled to hear such submissions and evidence, whether in written or in oral form as they deem necessary, so as to enable them to make a decision on the appeal.

Data Protection Notice

- 83.** The RDS respects and is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who provide us with their personal information. The DHS privacy policy explains how we collect, use, store, share and protect your personal data in compliance with Data Protection legislation. Our privacy policy is available at www.dublinhorshow.com/privacy.

ALL EXHIBITORS AND PERSONS ADMITTED TO THE SHOWGROUNDS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES, ORDERS AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

IMPORTANT RULES FOR SHOWING

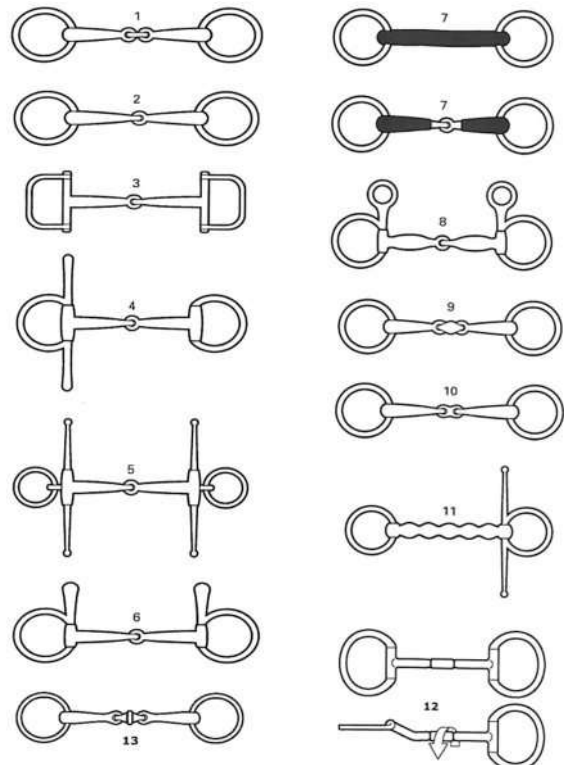
1. If fewer than 6 entries are received in any class, the class may be cancelled or amalgamated with other classes. Where it is found necessary to divide a class there will be no option of withdrawal, however in the case of a class being amalgamated owners will be given the option to withdraw.
2. All exhibitors leading, riding or showing equines in competition must be 16 years of age or over on 1 January 2026, unless otherwise stated in the class detail. No person under 16 years of age on 1 January 2026 will be allowed to show, ride or lead ponies or horses in parade **with the exception of riders in the Connemara Performance Hunter, Small Hunters, Riding Horses, Ridden Connemara Ponies and Coloured Horses.**
3. For all ridden classes, the rider's name and date of birth must be included on the online entry form. Date of birth will not be printed in the Horse Show Catalogue. Once the online entry form is submitted, the RDS must be notified of and approve any change of rider.
4. All horses must be entered and competed under their registered name, as it appears on the animal's passport currently. If a different name is given on the online entry form, the Society reserves the right to refuse entry to the Showgrounds or change the name of the horse to its registered name.
5. A horse / pony must be shown / competed by the named owner / rider during all phases of competition, and a substitution will not be permitted, except in the case of exceptional circumstances where special provisions are covered in the class detail and where the necessary permissions have been sought and granted.
6. The Society reserves the right to refuse entry into the judging ring to owners of exhibits in any capacity other than that of a rider in the riding classes or a leader in the led classes or to receive a trophy.
7. A veterinary certificate will not be required but the judges will take soundness into account when awarding the prizes and if they wish, may consult with the Referee Judge or one of the Society's veterinarians.
8. The use of mobile phones in the judging rings is strictly forbidden.
9. The Chief Steward may at his / her discretion refuse to allow a judge to ride a horse he / she considers unsuitable. The Chief Steward also has the authority to exclude any animal deemed unmanageable from competition. If the competitor is directed to leave the competition ring, they must do so immediately.
10. The fall of a rider or horse will incur elimination from competition. A rider is considered to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, they are separated from their horse / pony, in such a way that they touch the ground or find it necessary, in order to get back into the saddle, to use some form of support or outside assistance. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.
11. Excessive 'circling' in ridden classes will not be permitted.
12. Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 2011, Snell E2016 (with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), UTAC / CRITT or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards and must have SAI Global mark), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that as of 1 January 2023 hats with PAS 015 (1998) and Snell E2001 kitemarks / standards can no longer be accepted). Protective headgear conforming to the above standards is compulsory for riders under the age of 16 years and for all riders competing in performance classes i.e. Working Hunter Horses, Working Hunter Ponies, Performance Irish Draught, Connemara Performance Hunter, Junior Equitation, Young Event Horse and Junior / Young Rider Event Horse. Please note, fixed peak hats are not permitted for the Jumping Phases of the aforementioned classes. In the ridden show classes, gentlemen and lady riders over 16 years of age may, if they so choose, wear a bowler hat (gentlemen) or a velvet hunt cap (ladies).
13. A body protector must be worn by all riders competing in the Young Event Horse, Junior / Young Rider Event Horse, Working Hunter Pony, Junior Equitation, Working Hunter Horse, Performance Irish Draught and Connemara Performance Hunter classes. A correctly fitted, BETA approved, and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector manufactured in the year 2018 or after is recommended. If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector, it must be worn over a recommended body protector.
14. A pony entered in one of the Classes 69 to 97 may also be entered in any other of the Classes 69 to 97 provided they are eligible. Where height, age or registration is a condition of entry the onus rests with the owner to ensure the pony is qualified for the classes in which it is entered.
15. The attention of owners is drawn to the Rule of Measurement (see Rule 57, pg 21).
16. In classes for children's ponies, the manners and obedience of the ponies will be taken into consideration by the judges in awarding the prizes.
17. Spurs will not be permitted in the following pony ridden classes: Ridden Connemara Ponies, Show Hunter Ponies, Lead Rein Show Hunter Ponies, Lead Rein Show Ponies, First Ridden Ponies and Working Hunter Ponies.
18. The wearing of blinkers is prohibited.
19. Earphones and / or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in ridden competitions, and such usage is penalised by elimination. Furthermore, athletes may not wear earphones at any time while mounted; this applies everywhere within the Showgrounds.

20. In the case of child riders competing at the Show, the parent / guardian must verify that the child has attained the level of competence for the class / classes they are entered in on the Online Entry System. The child's trainer should also be identified on the online entry form in the space provided, permission for their inclusion should be obtained and is the responsibility of the parent. If it is the case that a parent primarily conducts the child's training, this should be recorded on the entry form also.
21. In all showing classes at the Show only a running martingale is permitted. Standing martingales are not permitted.
22. For all classes taking place in Rings 1 and 2, only tack permitted in the competition ring is acceptable in the practice / warm-up arena and throughout the Showgrounds (including stables).
23. Where lunging is necessary, it may only be done in the designated lunging areas and must be without side-reins or any other restriction. Long-reining is prohibited on the Showgrounds.
24. Once having passed through the Arrivals Area, only the designated rider may ride ponies competing in Rings 1 and 2.
25. Ring 3 will act as a collecting ring only during Show hours, exercising in Ring 3 is not permitted during these times. All riders must be mounted when leaving the collecting ring to proceed to the competition rings.
26. Excessive use of the whip (as defined by the FEI) is forbidden in both the competition and practice rings:
 - The whip cannot be used to vent a rider's temper. Such use is always excessive
 - The whip is not to be used after elimination or after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course
 - The whip is never to be used overhand (for example a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank)
 - The use of a whip on the horse's head is always excessive use
 - If a horse's skin is broken, it is considered excessive use of the whip
 - A horse should never be hit more than three times in any one incident
 - A rider identified as excessively using the whip may be disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Organising Committee
27. Owners are strongly advised that all equines competing at the Dublin Horse Show should have experience at other shows before being exhibited in Dublin.
28. In all matters of interpretation or circumstances unforeseen, the decision of the RDS Organising Committee will be final and binding on all.
29. Stallion identification tags and a blue 'hazard' tail ribbon must be worn on stallions at all times.
30. Only the following snaffle bits will be accepted when specified in the class details:

- Ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece
- Ordinary snaffle with jointed mouthpiece
- Racing snaffle - "D Ring"
- Eggbutt snaffle, with or without cheeks
- Other type of snaffle with cheeks
- Snaffle with upper cheeks only
- Rubber, leather, plastic or steel snaffle jointed or unjointed
- Hanging cheek snaffle
- Ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece with lozenge
- Ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece (French link)
- Unjointed straight or wavy plastic or rubber snaffle (not steel), with or without cheeks. Permitted also with mullen mouth or eggbutt rings
- Ordinary snaffle with rotating mouthpiece
- Ordinary snaffle with rotating middle piece

Please note that 'Wilkie' bits are not permitted unless otherwise specified in the class details.

Under no circumstances will the use of a tongue tie be permitted.



31. Neat dress is required in the judging rings at all times. Please see below details of the acceptable dress for the various participants in the showing section;

a. Ridden Show Classes

- Tweed jacket for both ladies and gentlemen
- Neat shirt and tie
- Beige, fawn or cream breeches
- Long black boots
- Gloves
- Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 2011, Snell E2016 (with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), UTAC / CRITT or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards and must have SAI Global mark), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that as of 1 January 2023 hats with PAS 015 (1998) and Snell E2001 kitemarks / standards can no longer be accepted). It is compulsory for riders under the age of 16 years. In the ridden show classes, gentlemen and lady riders over 16 years of age may, if they so choose, wear a bowler hat (gentlemen) or a velvet hunt cap (ladies)
- Showing cane

b. Working Hunter Horse, Working Hunter Pony, Performance Irish Draught, Connemara Performance Hunter, Junior Equitation*, Young Event Horse and Junior / Young Rider Event Horse classes

- Tweed or hunting style jacket for both ladies and gentlemen
 - Neat shirt and tie
 - Beige, fawn or cream breeches
 - Long black boots
 - Gloves
 - Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 2011, Snell E2016 (with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), UTAC / CRITT or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards and must have SAI Global mark), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that as of 1 January 2023 hats with PAS 015 (1998) and Snell E2001 kitemarks / standards can no longer be accepted). Please note, fixed peak hats are not permitted for the Jumping Phases of the aforementioned classes
 - A body protector must be worn by all riders. A correctly fitted, BETA approved, and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector manufactured in the year 2018 or after is recommended. If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector, it must be worn over a recommended body protector
 - Showing cane (not permitted for the Junior Equitation classes)
- * For Junior Equitation show jumping jackets will also be permitted

c. In-Hand Show Classes

- Gentlemen should wear a suit or jacket and trousers, with collar and tie in addition to a bowler hat
- Ladies may wear a tweed jacket and trousers with a hunting cap or a suitable skirt or suit with a hat
- Footwear for both ladies and gentlemen should be appropriate for the terrain – non-slip, sturdy and low heeled i.e. jodhpur boots. Trainers are not permitted under any circumstance
- Gloves
- Showing cane

d. Grooms

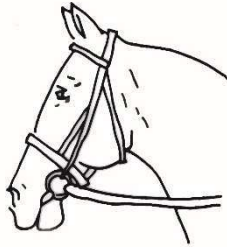
- Grooms must be neatly attired when entering the show ring, failure to observe the dress code will result in immediate expulsion from the ring
- Neat collar and tie
- Jacket or gilet
- Trousers – jeans are not permitted under any circumstance
- Suitable footwear i.e., jodhpur boots. Trainers are not permitted under any circumstance.

BIT & NOSEBAND STATEMENT

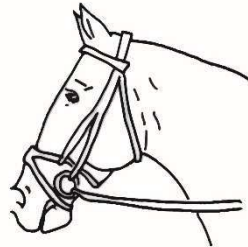
The RDS is committed to encouraging and enforcing the highest standards in terms of horse welfare, ethical training and effective horsemanship. The ethics of sports based on controlling an animal's locomotory response must be foremost in the minds of all who participate, organise and govern such sports. Critical to this is the reward of optimal welfare, and horsemanship practices, and the elimination of stress responses in performance horses. Taking into consideration that horses learn by / through avoiding pressure (such as leg aids, rein aids) it is important that inadequate training methods are not masked by applying additional pressures methods such as overly tight nosebands, martingales and unnecessarily harsh bits. The RDS wishes to promote the use of simple, well fitted tack, that takes mouth conformation into consideration, and to eliminate the need for tack that prevents a true response to a natural aid.

Permitted Nosebands

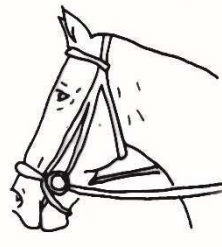
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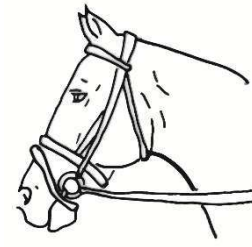
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2) Crossed Noseband

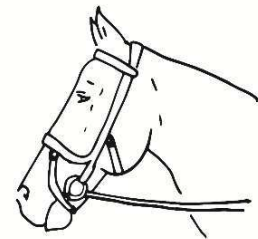


3) Drop Noseband



4) Flash Noseband

Variations of the above nosebands such as, but not limited to, the Micklem bridle (see diagram), may be permitted providing they comply with the objectives of the statement above, are properly fitted and do not interfere with the pony / horse's breathing.



5) Micklem Bridle

Fitting Nosebands

Nosebands must be fitted correctly. Correctly fitted nosebands should allow for a noseband taper gauge (as seen in the picture) to be placed between the noseband and the frontal nasal plane of the horse. It should allow for approximately two fingers width of the gauge to be placed between the noseband and the nose.



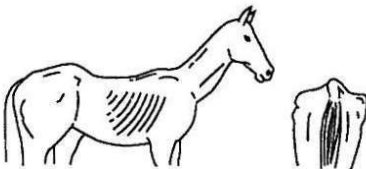
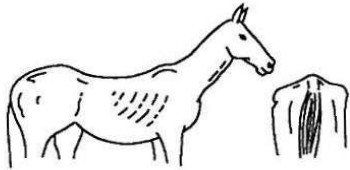
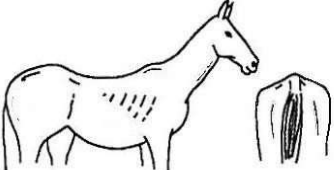
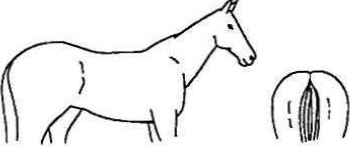
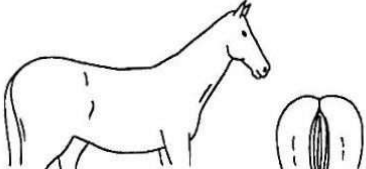
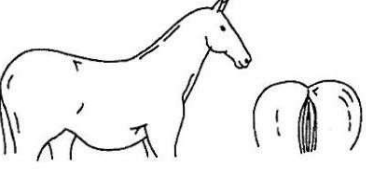
Fitting of a Drop Noseband

A drop noseband should not be fitted tightly, and it should not affect jaw mobility. The drop noseband should be fitted above the 'fleshy' part of the nose. It should sit on the bony part of the nose. As a guide, it should be around 6cm above the nostrils (about a hands width). The horse should be able to easily flare the nostrils. If it is fitted too low, there is the possibility to cause stress fractures to the nasal bones. The sides of the noseband straps should not interfere with the eyes. They should sit far enough away that the horse's vision will not be impaired. The drop noseband rings should not interfere with the bit rings. The width across the nose should be far enough away that the noseband rings do not touch the bit rings.

BODY CONDITION SCORING

Based on the Carroll and Huntington Method – to obtain the condition score for any horse, first score the pelvis, then adjust the pelvis score up or down by 0.5 if it differs by 1 or more points from the back or neck score.

It is recommended that horses competing at the Dublin Horse Show rate between 2 and 4 on the scale outlined below. Horses scoring outside of the recommended indicator are considered unhealthy on veterinary grounds and may be penalised.

0 Very Poor		
Pelvis	Angular, skin tight Very sunken rump Deep cavity under tail	
Back and Ribs	Skin tight over ribs Very prominent and sharp backbone	
Neck	Marked ewe neck Narrow and slack at base	
1 Poor		
Pelvis	Prominent pelvis & croup Sunken rump but skin supple Deep cavity under tail	
Back and Ribs	Ribs easily visible Prominent backbone with skin sunken on either side	
Neck	Ewe neck, narrow & slack at base	
2 Moderate		
Pelvis	Rump flat either side of backbone Croup well-defined, some fat Slight cavity under tail	
Back and Ribs	Ribs just visible Backbone covered but spines can be felt	
Neck	Narrow but firm	
3 Good		
Pelvis	Covered by fat and rounded No gutter Pelvis easily felt	
Back and Ribs	Ribs just covered & easily felt No gutter along back Backbone well covered but spines can be felt	
Neck	No crest (except for stallions), firm neck	
4 Fat		
Pelvis	Gutter to root of tail Pelvis covered by soft fat Need firm pressure to feel	
Back and Ribs	Ribs well covered – need pressure to feel	
Neck	Slight crest Wide & firm	
5 Very Fat		
Pelvis	Deep gutter to root of tail Skin distended Pelvis buried, cannot be felt	
Back and Ribs	Ribs buried, cannot be felt Deep gutter along back Back broad & flat	
Neck	Marked crest Very wide & firm Folds of fat	

HORSE CLASSES

ENTRY FEES: If a horse is entered in more than one class, the entry fee for each subsequent class after the primary class will be €200 (RDS Member) and €230 (Non RDS Member). The primary class is the class which takes place first. Please note that classes and their details are listed in numerical rather than programme order.

SHOW HUNTERS

Aim:

To demonstrate the Irish Hunter type horse, with quality, substance, movement and presence. Also, to encourage and promote traditional breeding.

The horse favoured by the judges in the Show Hunter Classes is that ideal combination of quality, substance and presence, which will carry an adult at speed and with safety over varying countryside in all types of going.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420

RDS Member €380

Owners are recommended to pay particular attention when selecting the weight categories for their entries.

Eligibility:

These classes are **restricted to 'Irish bred' horses** only (see Rule 20, pg 19).

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.

It is compulsory for all four and five year old horses in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Classes:

Light-Weight Hunters

1. GELDING, 6 years old and over, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).
2. GELDING, 4 years old, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).
3. MARE, 4 & 5 years old, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).
4. GELDING, 5 years old, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).
5. MARE, 6 years old and over, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).

Middle-Weight Hunters

6. MARE or GELDING, 4 years old, capable of carrying 83kg to 89kg (13st to 14st).
7. MARE or GELDING, 5 years old, capable of carrying 83kg to 89kg (13st to 14st).
8. MARE or GELDING, 6 years old and over, capable of carrying 83kg to 89kg (13st to 14st).

Heavy-Weight Hunters

9. MARE or GELDING, 4 years old, capable of carrying 89kg (14st) and upwards.
10. MARE or GELDING, 5 years old and over, capable of carrying 89kg (14st) and upwards.

These classes may be limited to a maximum of 15 primary entries per class. In the event of a limitation the first 15 correct primary entries received, and paid for, will secure entry. Please note there may be additional secondary entries in the above classes.

Rules:

Please note that horses which have been operated on for a wind infirmity are **not** eligible for entry into these classes.

Tack:

Owners are recommended to compete Four Year Old Show Hunters in snaffle bits (see Rule 30, pg 27).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

Classes 1 - 10:

1st €1,300, 2nd €900, 3rd €720, 4th €490, 5th €340

A Special Prize of €500 for the Champion and €250 for the Reserve Champion of the Light-Weight Hunters, Middle-Weight Hunters, Heavy-Weight Hunters, Four Year Old Hunters and Champion Hunter Mare will apply.

The RDS will present a Champion Prize of €5,000 and a Reserve Champion Prize of €2,500 for the Supreme Hunter Championship (Cup No. 65).

A special bonus prize of €10,000 will be available for four year old Show Hunters at the 2026 Dublin Horse Show. To be eligible to compete for the prize, the horse must win one of the Show Hunter classes (classes 2, 3, 6 or 9) and have won one of the Three Year Old classes (classes 57, 58 and 59) at the 2025 Show. Horses will be eligible to receive the special bonus prize regardless of whether ownership has changed. Should one or more horses meet the criteria, the special bonus prize will be divided equally.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 43 – The “Frances Cash” Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Heavy-Weight Hunter (Classes 9 and 10).

Cup No. 44 – The “Samuel Ussher Roberts” Perpetual Cup for the Champion Light-Weight Hunter (Classes 1 to 5).

Cup No. 62 – The “Joseph Widger” Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Champion Middle-Weight Hunter (Classes 6 to 8).

Cup No. 65 – Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Supreme Hunter Champion. The winners and reserves for Cup Nos. 43, 44, 62, 85 and 98 will compete for this Cup.

Cup No. 85 – The “Galway-Greer” Perpetual Champion Cup for the Champion Four-Year-Old Hunter. The first and second prize-winning four year olds in Classes 2, 3, 6 and 9 will compete for this Cup.

Cup No. 98 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Champion Hunter Mare. The first and second prize-winning mares in Classes 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will compete for the Trophy.

Cup No. 157 – The “Michael W. Hickey” Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the rider of the Supreme Hunter Champion.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Hunter Championships:

During the initial judging of the Championships, riders will be asked to carry out their trot display in the proximity of the judges. The full arena may be used for the canter / gallop display. Riders are asked to pay particular attention to the instructions of the stewards on duty.

Parade:

Champion and Reserve Champion of the Supreme Hunter, Four Year Old Championship and the Hunter Mare Championships are required to participate in the Hunter Championship Parade on Saturday 8 August before the Defender Puissance in addition to the Parade of Champions on Sunday 9 August (see NOTE pg 17).

WORKING HUNTER HORSES

Aim:

The prerequisite for this class is jumping ability, good conformation, excellent movement and the temperament to excel in a number of fields with appropriate training.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420

RDS Member €380

Classes:

Traditional Irish-bred class

13. MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 5 years old and over, open to Traditional Irish Horses (TIH) only. Horses will be eligible for this class provided they meet the age criteria and are eligible by virtue of being identified as a Traditional Irish Horse (TIH) in the Irish Horse Register. Registered Irish Draughts, Connemara Ponies and full Thoroughbred horses are not eligible to compete in this class.

Four Year Olds

14. MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 4 years old.

Light-Weights

15. MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 5 or 6 years old, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).

16. MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 7 years old and over, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).

Middle / Heavy-Weights

17. MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 5 years old and over, capable of carrying over 83kg (over 13st).

Those horses who qualify to compete in the Working Hunter classes must compete in the same weight category if competing in the Show Hunter classes at the Show.

All stallions entered in the Working Hunter classes must wear stallion identification tags and a blue "hazard" tail ribbon in both the warm-up and competition arenas.

Eligibility:

These classes are **restricted to 'Irish bred' horses** only (see Rule 20, pg 19).

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Horses graded 'C' or over by Show Jumping Ireland in the current season, and horses that have competed at CCI3*L, CCI3*S, EI115 level or above in the current season are not allowed to compete in these classes. It is the responsibility of each owner to ensure that their horse meets the eligibility requirements. If an owner is found in breach of this rule, they will be suspended from future Shows. It is compulsory for all four and five year old horses in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
Tullylish, Gilford, Co. Armagh BT6 36AR	Tues 2 June
Scarteen, Knocklong, Co. Limerick V35 PE04	Tues 9 June
Forth Mountain Stud, Barntown, Co. Wexford Y35 YP57	Tues 16 June
Rincoola, Granard, Co. Longford N39 W257	Tues 30 June

Qualifiers (cont.d):

The top **five** horses in each class, at each of the four qualifiers listed, are eligible to enter for the DHS. A change of rider will **not** be permitted except in the instances outlined below, and where the necessary permissions have been sought and granted.

A rider may enter a maximum of **two** horses per Working Hunter Horse qualifier class. A rider may qualify a maximum of **two** horses per class and **four** horses overall across the five Working Hunter Horse classes for the DHS. The first **four** horses qualified will determine the qualifying place, regardless of subsequent placings.

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link; www.youngeventhorseseries.ie/entries-start-lists-results.

A qualifier entry fee of €40 must be paid when submitting an entry online. Entries must be submitted online before **8pm** on the **Wednesday** preceding each qualifier. Please note that this deadline will be strictly adhered to. All entries for the qualifiers must be made via the online entry system. Entries will **not** be accepted by email, phone, fax or post. More information is available on the Dublin Horse Show website: www.dublinhorseshow.com.

Class running orders, start times, course plans, and results will also be available at the above link on the Young Event Horse Series website.

It is recommended that horse / rider combinations complete at least **two** Working Hunter Horse qualifier events before competing at the Dublin Horse Show.

Rules:

These classes will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlist on the Equipe App. A rider will be permitted to run out of order only in exceptional circumstances, on written request to the Secretary's Office on the morning of the qualifier, or to the RDS Equestrian Office before Tuesday 4 August at 5pm, and with the approval of the Show Director.

A horse must be competed by the named rider except in the instance where a rider with two horses is invited back into the arena for Phase Two or the final judging phase. To cover such eventuality, riders with two horses in a class at the qualifiers, or with two horses qualified for the finals at the Dublin Horse Show, must nominate a second rider for Phase Two of the competition by written request to the Secretary's Office on the morning of the qualifier, or to the RDS Equestrian Office before Tuesday 4 August at 5pm, and with the approval of the Show Director. Similarly, if a rider qualifies more than one horse to compete in the Working Hunter Championship (Cup 70) at the Show a change of rider may be permitted if special permission is sought from the Chief Steward.

Class Format:

Horses entered in these classes will be required to jump a course of natural fences including a double. Prospective entrants are well advised to compete in plenty of working hunter competitions and to have schooled their horse's cross-country before submitting an entry. Horses will be judged on conformation, manners, style, suitability and performance. Horses will be ridden by the judges.

Class Format at the Final Only:

If a rider qualifies more than one horse to compete in the Working Hunter Championship (Cup 70) a change of rider may be permitted if special permission is sought from the Chief Steward.

WORKING HUNTER HORSES (cont.d)

Marking System:

There will be one Ride Judge and one Conformation Judge.
Maximum total 100 marks, broken down as follows:

Phase One: Jumping Phase – 40 marks
Way of Going (Jumping Phase) – 20 marks
Conformation – 20 marks

The seven highest scoring horses from Phase One will be invited back into the arena for the final judging. The judge will ride the exhibits during Phase Two.

Phase Two: Ride – 20 marks

In the event of a tie, the horse with the overall highest score in Phase One will be the winner. If there is still a tie, the horse with the highest 'Way of Going' score will be the winner.

Penalties: Fence down – 10 penalties
1st refusal – 15 penalties
2nd refusal – 20 penalties
3rd refusal – Elimination
Fall of horse or rider – Elimination

Riders who misuse the whip in the Jumping Phase will receive 5 penalties. Misuse of the whip is where it is not applied to reinforce a leg / seat aid or is inconsistent with the aids being given. Excessive use of the whip may incur elimination. Determination of excessive or misuse of the whip will be at the judge's discretion.

Fences:

Class 13: Traditional Irish-bred class

Max. Height 1m
Max. Spread 1.10m (water jump included)

Class 14: 4 Year Olds

Max. Height 1m
Max. Spread 1.10m (no water jump)

Classes 15 - 17: 5 Year Olds and over

Max. Height 1.10m
Max. Spread 1.20m (water jump included)

Tack:

- Protective headgear must be worn by all riders (see Rule 12, pg 26).
- A body protector must be worn by all riders (see Rule 13, pg 26).
- Riders must dress according to Rule 31.b, pg 28.
- Only snaffle bits (see Rule 30, pg 27) are permitted in Class 14.
- Numnahs (if used) must conform neatly with saddle contours. Saddle cloths or visible logos are not permitted.
- Hind leg boots or bandages are not allowed in any phase of this competition. Overreach boots are permitted.
- Front boots of a plain colour may be worn during the Jumping Phase of a Working Hunter class.
- Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowels $\leq 2\frac{1}{2}$ cms (1") facing downwards are permitted.
- The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the horse.
- No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.

If for any reason, a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

Veterinary:

Please note that horses which have been operated on for a wind infirmity are **not** eligible for entry into these classes.

Course Designer:

Mr Colin Ellison (UK)

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €1,875, 2nd €1,375, 3rd €875, 4th €500, 5th €375

A Special Breeders' Prize of €500 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse in each class.

A Special Prize of €470 for the Champion and €205 for the Reserve Champion Working Hunter Horse will apply.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 70 – Perpetual Champion Trophy for the Working Hunter Champion. The first and second prize-winners from Classes 13 to 17 will compete for this Trophy.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

SPORTSMAN (AMATEUR HUNTER)

Aim:

Confined to the amateur or non-professional producer / rider, this class serves to highlight the importance of the leisure horse in the Irish breeding industry.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420

RDS Member €380

Eligibility:

Horses and riders taking part in the Show Hunters (Classes 1 – 10), the Small Hunters (Classes 20 & 21) and the Riding Horses (Classes 25 & 26) are not eligible to compete in the Sportsman (Amateur Hunter) classes.

It is compulsory for all four and five year old horses in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Classes:

Light-Weights

18. MARE or GELDING, 4 years old & upwards, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st). To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Middle / Heavy-Weights

19. MARE or GELDING, 4 years old & upwards, capable of carrying over 83kg (over 13st). To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.

These classes may be limited to a maximum of 20 primary entries per class. In the event of a limitation the first 20 correct primary entries received, and paid for, will secure entry. Please note there may be additional secondary entries in the above classes.

Rules:

To be defined as an amateur and eligible for participation in these classes a person must not;

- Have engaged in livery, buying, selling, dealing or hiring horses as a means of deriving a main source of income for the past five years
- Have accepted remuneration, whether it be monetary or goods in kind, for employment in connection with horses in a racing, show jumping, showing, livery stable or riding school in the past five years
- Have shown a horse owned by a company or a commercial firm, or a horse for which his or her immediate family accepts livery or training charges from a person outside immediate concern

The horse entered in Classes 18 & 19 should be the regular mount of the rider stated on the online entry form and must not have been competed by a professional in the current showing season and may not be competed by a professional in any other class at the Show.

It is the responsibility of each owner to satisfy the RDS that the owner and rider are true bona fide amateurs.

It is the responsibility of each owner to ensure that the owner and rider meet the eligibility requirements. If an owner is found in breach of this rule they will be suspended from future Shows.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €595, 2nd €415, 3rd €320, 4th €222, 5th €160

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 149 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the Sportsman (Amateur Hunter) Champion (Classes 18 & 19).

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Champion and Reserve Champion are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Sunday 9 August (see NOTE pg 17).

SMALL HUNTERS

Aim:

To display the quality, temperament and conformation required of a Small Hunter.

The Small Hunter should be a blood horse. He should be short of leg, with a good deep body and should have a lot of character and presence in addition to an exemplary temperament.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420

RDS Member €380

Eligibility:

Horses taking part in the Small Hunter classes cannot compete in Classes 1 – 10 (Show Hunters), Classes 18 & 19 (Sportsman Amateur Hunter) and Classes 25 & 26 (Riding Horses).

It is compulsory for all four and five year old horses in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Classes:

20. MARE or GELDING, 4 or 5 years old. Over 148cm but not exceeding 158cm. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.
21. MARE or GELDING, 6 years old or over. Over 148cm but not exceeding 158cm. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Rules:

Exhibits in the Small Hunter classes must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme, and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17. A Special Breeders' Prize of €200 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse in each class.

1st €595, 2nd €415, 3rd €320, 4th €222, 5th €160

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 35 – Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Small Hunter. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 20 and 21 will compete for this Cup.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Champion and Reserve Champion are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

COBS

Aim:

To demonstrate the versatility and usefulness of the Cob.

The Cob is a small, short-limbed animal with a deep girth and with the ability to carry weight across country. The Cob is easily kept, has a good temperament, good movement, powerful hindquarters and a quality shoulder and head.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420

RDS Member €380

Eligibility:

It is compulsory for all four and five year old horses in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Classes:

22. MARE or GELDING, Light-Weight, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying up to 89kg (14st), exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.
23. MARE or GELDING, Heavy-Weight, 4 years old or over, capable of carrying 89kg (14st) and upwards, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 155cms. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.
24. MAXI COB, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 155cms, to be judged as Cobs. To be shown with hogged mane. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.

If there are fewer than 6 entries in either of Classes 22 and 23, the classes may be amalgamated.

Rules:

Exhibits in Classes 22 and 23 must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €595, 2nd €415, 3rd €320, 4th €222, 5th €160

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 48 – Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Cob. First and second prize-winners in Classes 22, 23 and 24 will compete for this Cup.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Champion and Reserve Champion are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Sunday 9 August (see NOTE pg 17).

RIDING HORSES

Aim:

To identify a true Riding Horse, which should demonstrate quality, substance, bone, correct conformation, presence and straight and fluent action.

It should be a horse best described as something between what is generally recognised as a true Hunter and a true Hack. While it does not require the substance of a Hunter, or the elegance of a Hack, it should be up to sufficient weight to carry an average adult and at the same time be a comfortable ride and show ability to gallop.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420
RDS Member €380

Eligibility:

It is compulsory for all four and five year old horses in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Classes:

- 25. SMALL RIDING HORSE**, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 148cms but not exceeding 158cms. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.
- 26. LARGE RIDING HORSE**, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 158cms. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Judging:

To be judged on the ride, manners and conformation. **Judges will ask the class to gallop.** Judges may ride some of the exhibits and then may require individual shows from as many as time allows. The individual show, if required, must not exceed 1.5 minutes.

Judging (cont.d):

The individual show should include walk, trot, canter, simple change at canter, rein back, strike off on required leg, gallop on, halt and stand still.

There will be a strong emphasis on manners, ride and training. Judges will be reminded to confine their winners to proper Riding Horse type and owners are reminded of the Sportsman classes for amateur producers as a possible alternative to the Riding Horse classes.

Rules:

Horses entered in the Riding Horse classes may not be entered in the Show Hunter, Small Hunter, Sportsman (Amateur Hunter), Cob and Pony classes.

Exhibits in Class 25 must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme, and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €595, 2nd €415, 3rd €320, 4th €222, 5th €160

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 121 – Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Riding Horse. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 25 and 26 will compete for this Cup.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Champion and Reserve Champion are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

LADIES' SIDE-SADDLE

Aim:

To promote, present and preserve the art of side-saddle riding.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420
RDS Member €380

Class:

- 27. MARE or GELDING**, 5 years old or over. To be ridden side-saddle by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Qualifiers:

The top three horse and rider combinations at each of the qualifiers below will be eligible to enter the Dublin Horse Show.

Venue	Date
Armagh County Agricultural Show, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 7462655289	Sat 13 June
Athlone Agricultural Show, Co. Westmeath Tel: 085 8435080	Sun 21 June
Charleville Show, Co. Cork Tel: 087 9662741	Sun 28 June
Ballyfoyle Agricultural Show, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 087 6801073	Sun 28 June
Flavours of Fingal County Show, Co. Dublin Tel: 087 2986188	Sat 4 July

Rules:

The rider's ability and turnout, and the way of going, manners, conformation and movement of the horse will be considered as part of the adjudication.

Riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026 and are entered in the Intermediate Side-Saddle, Class 28 may also compete in this class provided they are eligible and have qualified.

Horse and rider combinations who are entered in the Ladies' Side-Saddle, Class 27 are not eligible to compete in the Intermediate Side-Saddle, Class 28.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €595, 2nd €415, 3rd €320, 4th €222, 5th €160

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 50 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Ladies' Side-Saddle class.

Cup No. 160 – Perpetual Challenge Cup presented to the winning rider in the Ladies' Side-Saddle class.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

INTERMEDIATE SIDE-SADDLE

Aim:

To promote, present and preserve the art of side-saddle riding.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Class:

28. MARE or GELDING, 5 years old or over, 148cms or over but not exceeding 158cms. To be ridden side-saddle by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Qualifiers:

The top three pony / horse and rider combinations at each of the qualifiers below will be eligible to enter the Dublin Horse Show.

Venue	Date
Armagh County Agricultural Show, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 7462655289	Sat 13 June
Athlone Agricultural Show, Co. Westmeath Tel: 085 8435080	Sun 21 June
Charleville Show, Co. Cork Tel: 087 9662741	Sun 28 June
Ballyfoyle Agricultural Show, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 087 6801073	Sun 28 June
Flavours of Fingal County Show, Co. Dublin Tel: 087 2986188	Sat 4 July

Rules:

The rider's ability and turnout, and the way of going, manners, conformation and movement of the horse will be considered as part of the adjudication.

Horse and rider combinations who are entered in the Intermediate Side-Saddle, Class 28 are not eligible to compete in the Ladies' Side-Saddle, Class 27.

Riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026 and are entered in the Intermediate Side-Saddle, Class 28 may also compete in the Ladies' Side-Saddle, Class 27 provided they are eligible and have qualified.

Horses / ponies entered in Class 28 may also be entered in other classes, provided they are eligible.

Exhibits in the Intermediate Side-Saddle must have a current and valid height measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme, and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €335, 2nd €233, 3rd €186, 4th €129, 5th €93

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 139 – The "Hanson" Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Intermediate Side-Saddle class. Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

COLOURED HORSES (PIEBALD AND SKEWBALD COLOURS ONLY)

Aim:

To help promote interest in and appreciation of Piebald and Skewbald horses.

Coloured horses are defined by their external coat colouration and markings and not by type.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420

RDS Member €380

Eligibility:

It is compulsory for all four and five year old horses in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Class:

29. MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over and exceeding 158cms. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.

This class may be limited to a maximum of 15 primary entries. In the event of a limitation the first 15 correct primary entries received, and paid for, will secure entry. Please note there may be additional secondary entries in the above classes.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €595, 2nd €415, 3rd €320, 4th €222, 5th €160

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 148 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy to the winner of the Coloured Horses class.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Winner and Reserve of this class are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Sunday 9 August (see NOTE pg 17).

RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE

Aim:

To showcase successful Irish bred or trained racehorses as useful and suitable riding horses. The horses entered in this class should demonstrate quality, substance, bone, correct conformation, presence and true action.

The class may include racehorses of hack, riding horse or hunter types with the best of type being judged the winner.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €420

RDS Member €380

Class:

30. THOROUGHBRED, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026 (**Restricted to 18 entries**).

Rules:

This class is open to Thoroughbred horses only.

This class is open to **'Irish bred' horses** (see Rule 20, pg 19) and / or foreign bred horses that have been trained (for racing) in Ireland for a minimum of 1 year.

The winner of the open Racehorse to Riding Horse class at the following Shows will also be given an invitation to this class;

Venue	Date
Northern Ireland Festival, Co. Cavan Tel: 0044 7971471267	Fri 1 May
Armagh County Agricultural Show, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 7462655289	Sat 13 June
Athlone Agricultural Show, Co. Westmeath Tel: 085 8435080	Sun 21 June
Charleville Show, Co. Cork Tel: 087 9662741	Sun 28 June
Ballyfoyle Agricultural Show, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 087 6801073	Sun 28 June
Flavours of Fingal County Show, Co. Dublin Tel: 087 2986188	Sat 4 July

Please note only the combination who place 1st at the invitational events will receive an invitation, no reserves will be taken.

Rules (cont.d):

Please note once a combination obtains an invitation, they are **not permitted** to compete in any further invitational events. If the combination competes in a second invitational event, they will be eliminated from the event and forfeit their invitation to the DHS.

Please note the number of entries in this class will be restricted to 18 (inclusive of the 6 invitations), if more than 18 entries are received horses will be selected (exclusive of the 6 invitations) based on highest official earnings as recorded by the Racing Post database on the 6 July 2026.

Judging:

To be judged on ride, manners and conformation. **Judges will ask the class to gallop.** Judges may ride some of the exhibits and may require individual shows from as many as time allows. The individual show, if required, must not exceed 2 minutes and should include walk, trot, canter, a simple change at canter, rein back, strike off on required leg, gallop on, halt and stand still. There will be a strong emphasis on manners, ride and training.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €595, 2nd €415, 3rd €320, 4th €222, 5th €160

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 161 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Racehorse to Riding Horse class.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Winner and Reserve of this class are required to participate in the Hunter Championship and Racehorse to Riding Horse Parade on Saturday 8 August before the Defender Puissance in addition to the Parade of Champions on Sunday 9 August (see NOTE pg 17).

MARES AND FOALS

Aim:

To showcase quality Irish breeding stock, to give recognition to the breeders and to encourage the production of quality young stock that should in turn rise to the top in the show and competition disciplines.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

There is no separate entry fee for foals; it is covered under the mare's entry fee.

Classes:

- 31.** MARE, (Middle / Heavy-Weight) calculated to produce high-class horses, with foal at foot.
- 32.** MARE, (Light-Weight) calculated to produce high-class horses, with foal at foot.
- 33.** COLT FOAL, the produce of mares entered in Classes 31 & 32.
- 34.** FILLY FOAL, the produce of mares entered in Classes 31 & 32.
- 35.** COLT or FILLY FOAL, by a Thoroughbred sire or out of a Thoroughbred mare, the produce of mares entered in Classes 31 & 32.
- 36.** STINTED MARE, calculated to produce high-class horses.

Rules:

Prizes will be held for Class 36, Stinted Mares, until evidence is provided that the mares have produced a foal within 11 months from the last day of the Show or until a veterinary certificate is furnished stating that the mare has prematurely aborted the foal.

Rules (cont.d):

Mares in Class 36 may be entered in the Ridden Hunter classes provided they are eligible.

All foals **must** be shown with their dam.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

Classes 31, 32 & 36:

1st €2,000, 2nd €1,000, 3rd €750, 4th €500, 5th €250

Classes 33 & 34:

1st €1,000, 2nd €600, 3rd €400, 4th €300, 5th €200

Class 35:

1st €1,250, 2nd €750, 3rd €500

A Special Breeders' Prize of €150 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred mare / foal in each class.

A Special Prize of €470 for the Champion and €205 for the Reserve Champion Hunter Broodmare will apply.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 42 – The "Coote" Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Hunter Broodmare (Classes 31, 32 & 36).

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Champion and Reserve Champion are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Sunday 9 August (see NOTE pg 17).

IRISH DRAUGHT MARES AND FOALS

Aim:

To showcase the finest examples of Irish Draughts in the country, give Irish Draught breeders and enthusiasts the opportunity to compare their produce and help them determine best practice in their breeding enterprise.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

There is no separate entry fee for foals; it is covered under the mare's entry fee.

Classes:

- 37. IRISH DRAUGHT MARE**, open to Class 1 and Class 2 mares, 3 or 4 years old with or without foal at foot. Three year old Irish Draught mares that are eligible for, but have not yet undergone inspection for classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook, are also eligible for this class.
- 38. IRISH DRAUGHT MARES**, open to Class 1 and Class 2 mares, 5 years old or over with foal at foot.
- 39. COLT FOAL**, progeny of mares in Classes 37 or 38, and eligible for inclusion in the Class 1 Irish Draught classification system on inspection.
- 40. FILLY FOAL**, progeny of mares in Classes 37 or 38, and eligible for inclusion in the Class 1 Irish Draught classification system on inspection.
- 41. FOALS** (colt or filly), progeny of mares entered in Classes 37 or 38, but **NOT** eligible for classes 39 or 40.

These classes may be limited to a maximum of 20 primary entries per class. In the event of a limitation the first 20 correct primary entries received, and paid for, will secure entry. Please note there may be additional secondary entries in the above classes.

Rules:

Prize money for stunted mares will be held until evidence is provided that the mare has produced a foal within 11 months from the last day of the Show or until a veterinary certificate is furnished stating that the mare has prematurely aborted a foal.

Mares entered in Class 37 may be entered in the Ridden Hunter classes provided they are eligible.

All foals **must** be shown with their dam.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

Classes 37 & 38:

1st €595, 2nd €415, 3rd €320, 4th €222, 5th €160

Classes 39, 40 & 41:

1st €160, 2nd €120, 3rd €95, 4th €75, 5th €60

A Special Breeders' Prize of €200 will be presented to the breeder of the Champion Irish Draught Mare.

A Special Prize of €470 for the Champion and €205 for the Reserve Champion of the Irish Draught Mares will apply.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 100 – The "Eileen Parkhill" Perpetual Champion Trophy for the Champion Irish Draught Mare.

Cup No. 165 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Champion Irish Draught Foal. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 39 and 40 will compete for this Trophy.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Champion and Reserve Champion are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

IRISH DRAUGHT STALLIONS

Aim:

To showcase a selection of Irish Draught Stallions available to breeders and give breeders the opportunity to see the stallions side by side and determine which will prove the most suitable cross for their individual mare.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Class:

- 42. IRISH DRAUGHT STALLION**, open to Class 1 and Class 2 Irish Draught Stallions.

Tack:

Stallions should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with a bit and a leather lead shank of a minimum length of 12ft.

Double bridles are **not** permitted.

Parade:

There will be a parade of stallions at the 2026 Dublin Horse Show. This parade will take place on Thursday 6 August (see NOTE pg 17). **It is compulsory for Irish Draught stallions to participate in this parade.** Judging of Irish Draught stallions will take place on Friday 7 August.

Awards & Prizes:

1st €1,800, 2nd €1,200, 3rd €800, 4th €600, 5th €400, 6th €300, 7th €200, 8th €200

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 22 – Perpetual Champion Trophy for the Best Irish Draught Stallion.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

PERFORMANCE IRISH DRAUGHT

Aim:

To demonstrate the ability, temperament and suitability of the Irish Draught horse for the amateur riding market. The Irish Draught is the foundation of the Irish sport horse. It should have good movement, rideability, bravery and be capable of participating competently in all equestrian activities. It should be strong, intelligent, willing, sensible and have a kind disposition.

A performance element has been included in these classes to demonstrate and showcase the performance potential of the Irish Draught.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Classes:

43. IRISH DRAUGHT, MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 4 or 5 years old, 155cms and over. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026. Previous winners of this class are ineligible to compete. This rule applies to the same combination of horse and rider.

44. IRISH DRAUGHT, MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 6 years old or over, 155cms and over. To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026. Previous winners of this class are ineligible to compete. This rule applies to the same combination of horse and rider.

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
Tullylish, Gilford, Co. Armagh <i>BT6 36AR</i>	Sat 6 June
Scarteen, Knocklong, Co. Limerick <i>Y35 PE04</i>	Sat 13 June
Forth Mountain Stud, Barntown, Co. Wexford <i>Y35 YP57</i>	Sat 20 June
Rincoola, Granard, Co. Longford <i>N39 W257</i>	Sat 4 July

The top **three** horses in each category, at each of the four qualifiers listed above, are eligible to enter for the DHS. A change of rider will **not** be permitted under any circumstances. Only the horse / rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete.

A rider may enter a maximum of **two** horses per Performance Irish Draught qualifier category. A rider may qualify a maximum of **two** horses overall across the two Performance Irish Draught classes for the DHS.

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link: www.youngeventhorseseries.ie/entries-start-lists-results. A qualifier entry fee of €40 must be paid when submitting your entry online.

Entries must be submitted online before **8pm** on the **Sunday** preceding each qualifier. Please note that this deadline will be strictly adhered to.

Qualifiers (cont.d):

All entries for the qualifiers must be made via the online entry system. Entries will **not** be accepted by email, phone, fax or post. More information is available on the Dublin Horse Show website: www.dublinhorseshow.com.

Class running orders, start times, course plans, and results will also be available at the above link on the Young Event Horse Series website.

In the event that the age categories are split into two sections due to large entry numbers, the highest placed horse in each section will qualify for the Dublin Horse Show. The third or final horse to qualify will come from that section where the horse is closest to the section winner.

It is strongly recommended that horse / rider combinations complete at least two Performance Irish Draught qualifier events before competing at the Dublin Horse Show.

Rules:

Irish Draught horses must be officially named and registered with a relevant studbook.

Passports and microchip numbers will be examined at each qualifier.

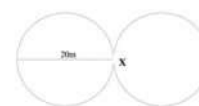
In the case of a rider who qualifies two horses in one of the Performance Irish Draught classes in the DHS, with the potential for these horses to get through to the final evaluation, the owner / rider must nominate a second rider before Tuesday 4 August at 5pm, to ride one of the horses for the final judging.

Late entries for the DHS will **not** be accepted, except in the case of qualifiers held after the DHS close of entries date.

Class Format at the Qualifiers:

The Flat Work Phase is followed directly by the Conformation Assessment which is followed by the Jumping Phase.

Flat Work Phase (80 points):



Marker	Movement	Requirements	Marks
at X	Approach the Judge in Medium Walk. At X Halt	4-time rhythm, showing a degree of over-tracking Straight, square, immobile on the bit – maintain for 3 seconds	10
from X	Working Trot 20m Circle Left	2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement	10
from X	Working Trot 20m Circle Right	2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement	10
at X	Working Canter 20m Circle Left	Smooth transition and correct strike off on left lead. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance	10
through X	2-3 Trot Strides Canter ½ 20m Circle Right	Smooth transition and correct strike off on right leg. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance	10
2 nd ½ 20m Circle	Progressive downward transitions through trot & walk	Well defined trot & walk, maintained contact and balance	10
At X	Halt	Straight, square, immobile – for 3 seconds	10
General impression of harmony in horsemanship Proceed directly to the first fence on the jumping track			10
Total			80

PERFORMANCE IRISH DRAUGHT (cont.d)

Class Format at the Qualifiers (cont.d):

Jumping Phase (170 points):

4 – 5 year olds ≤ 95cm in height @ 325mpm

6 year olds or over ≤ 105cm in height @ 350mpm

Exhibits will be required to jump a course of 16 fences, including a natural and derby style fence. Riders are encouraged to show extended canter / gallop at the end of their jumping round. Owners are advised to ensure that their entry is presented by a competent rider. Based on ground conditions, the RDS reserves the right to change the jumping course format on the day of competition.

Penalties (as per FEI Jumping Rules, Article 216):

Knock – 10 penalties

1st Disobedience – 15 penalties

2nd Disobedience – 20 penalties

3rd Disobedience – Elimination

Fall of horse or rider – Elimination

For every 4 second interval **over** the optimum time – 1 penalty

Riders who misuse the whip in the Jumping Phase will receive 5 penalties (see Rule 26, page 27). Misuse of the whip is where it is not applied to reinforce a leg / seat aid or is inconsistent with the aids being given. Excessive use of the whip may incur elimination. Determination of excessive or misuse of the whip will be at the judge's discretion.

Riders must ride lines as intended on the course plan, from start to finish. Failure to do so will incur penalties.

A mark out of 10 will be awarded for Rhythm and Fluency of the Jumping Phase.

Conformation Assessment (10 points)

A mark out of 10 for Conformation will be awarded directly after the Ridden Flat Work Phase. The judge(s) will observe the horses for obvious conformation defects.

Marking System at the Qualifiers:

Flat Work Phase	80 points
Conformation Assessment	10 points
Jumping Phase	170 points
<i>Jump Score: 16 fences @ 10 points each</i>	<i>160</i>
<i>Rhythm & Fluency</i>	<i>10</i>
TOTAL	260 points

In the event of an equality of points, placing will be determined by the highest total Jump Score (160) followed by highest Rhythm and Fluency mark. If there is still a tie, the horse closest (under) to the optimum time will be awarded the next qualifying placing.

Class Format at the Final:

The Ridden Flat Work and Jumping Phases will be in the same format as the qualifiers. In the **Final**, the Jumping Phase will be followed by a **Conformation Assessment**. Exhibits will enter the ring individually to complete their Ridden Flat Work, Jumping Phase and Conformation Assessment. These classes will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlist on the Equipe App. A rider will be permitted to run out of order only in exceptional circumstances, on written request to the Equestrian Office before Tuesday 4 August at 5pm, and with the approval of the Show Director.

Conformation Assessment:

Once the competitor has completed the Jumping Phase, he / she will proceed to strip the horse and present in-hand to the conformation judge. The individual displays and Conformation Assessments will run consecutively.

Final Judging:

When all exhibits have completed the Ridden Flat Work, Jumping Phase and Conformation Assessment the top five horses, as identified by the judges, will be invited back into the arena for the final judging. The judges will ride the exhibits during the final judging.

Marking System at the Final:

Flat Work Phase	80 points
Jumping Phase	190 points
<i>Jump Score 16 fences @ 10 pts each</i>	<i>160</i>
<i>Rhythm & Fluency</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Technique</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Balance & Harmony - Rider & Horse</i>	<i>10</i>
Conformation Phase	30 points
Ride	40 points
TOTAL	340 points

Rhythm and Fluency along with Jumping Technique and the Balance and Harmony of the rider will be taken into consideration when judging the Jumping Phase.

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest marks for the Jumping Phase will be the winner. If there is still a tie, the horse with the highest Ride marks will be the winner.

Fences:

At the qualifiers, horses will be expected to jump a track similar to that used in the Young Event-Horse Series competition.

At the Final, the course will be derby in style with several cross-country / young event horse style fences including a water tray, banks and natural obstacles.

PERFORMANCE IRISH DRAUGHT (cont.d)

Tack:

- Protective headgear must be worn by all riders (see Rule 12, pg 26). Please note, at both the qualifiers and the Final, fixed peak hats are not permitted for the Jumping Phase.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders (see Rule 13, pg 26).
- Riders must dress according to Rule 31.b, pg 28.
- Only snaffle bridles (see Rule 30, pg 27) with any one of the following nosebands: cavesson, drop, flash or grackle (including the Micklem bridle) are permitted. This applies to all phases of the competition.
- Crank nosebands are **not** permitted.
- Martingales are **not** permitted.
- Fly veils / ear covers are **not** permitted.
- Neck straps and / or breastplates are permitted.
- Only saddle contoured numnahs are permitted. Saddle cloths or visible logos are **not** permitted.
- Whips are permitted but must not exceed 75cms.
- Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowels $\leq 2\frac{1}{2}$ cms (1") facing downwards are permitted.
- Front boots of a plain colour may be worn during the Jumping Phase.
- No hind boots or bandages are permitted.
- The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the horse.
- No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.

If for any reason, a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

Course Designer:

Mr Dereck Hamilton

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €1,650, 2nd €1,150, 3rd €900, 4th €800, 5th €500

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 169 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of Class 43.

Cup No. 176 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of Class 44.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Winner and Reserve of Classes 43 & 44 are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS

Aim:

To showcase a selection of Thoroughbred stallions available for Irish sport horse breeding. Stallions must be registered in a Thoroughbred Stud Book approved by the International Stud Book Committee of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities.

It provides breeders with an opportunity to see a selection of Thoroughbred stallions side by side and determine which may prove the most suitable cross for their individual mare.

Judging is based on good conformation, good bone, correct limbs, good movement and temperament, in addition to presence.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Class:

48. THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS

Tack:

Stallions should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with a bit and a leather lead shank of sufficient length.

Double bridles are **not** permitted.

Parade:

There will be a parade of Thoroughbred Stallions at the 2026 Dublin Horse Show. This parade will take place on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17). Judging of Thoroughbred Stallions will take place on Saturday 8 August.

Awards & Prizes:

Only the winning stallion will be identified by the judges for award of the 'Croker' Cup. All stallions will be awarded €300 for exhibiting.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 38 – The "Croker" Perpetual Challenge Cup presented to the Best Thoroughbred Stallion.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

YOUNG HORSES

Aim:

To promote the breeding of correct, athletic horses with good movement and excellent conformation capable of excelling in the various disciplines.

They should have good flat bone, excellent conformation, substance, quality and movement.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Classes:

Yearlings

52. GELDING or COLT, with potential to be a top-level sport horse.

53. FILLY, with potential to be a top-level sport horse.

Two Year Olds

54. GELDING or COLT, with potential to be a top-level sport horse and carry over 83kgs (13st).

55. GELDING or COLT, with potential to be a top-level sport horse and carry up to 83kgs (13st).

56. FILLY, with potential to be a top-level sport horse.

Three Year Olds

57. GELDING, with potential to be a top-level sport horse and carry over 83kg (13st).

58. GELDING, with potential to be a top-level sport horse and carry up to 83kg (13st).

59. FILLY, with potential to be a top-level sport horse.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

Classes 52 - 59:

1st €1,600, 2nd €1,350, 3rd €900, 4th €400, 5th €250

A Special Breeders' Prize of €500 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse in each class.

A Champion Prize of €2,000 & a Reserve Champion Prize of €1,000 will be presented for the Overall Champion Young Horse.

A Champion Prize of €1,000 & a Reserve Champion Prize of €500 will be presented for the Champion Traditionally Bred Young Horse.

The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, have kindly sponsored the Best Turned Out Prizes in each of the Young Horse classes. The winner of the Best Turned Out will receive €100. The Best Turned Out will be judged by the judges in the ring.

The winners of Three Year Old classes 57, 58 and 59 should they be produced as four year olds to win one of the Show Hunter classes (classes 2, 3, 6 or 9) will be eligible to win, or share in, a special bonus prize of €10,000. Horses will be eligible to receive the special bonus prize regardless of whether ownership has changed. Should one or more horses meet the criteria, the special bonus prize will be divided equally.

Tack:

Horses should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with a bit and a leather lead shank of sufficient length.

Double bridles are *not* permitted.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 7 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Champion Traditionally Bred Young Horse. Placed / rosette winning horses in Classes 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 59 will compete for this Trophy. For eligibility see Rule 21, pg 19.

Cup No. 39 – Perpetual Challenge Cup presented for the Champion Yearling (Classes 52 and 53).

Cup No. 40 – Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Two Year Old (Classes 54, 55 and 56).

Cup No. 46 – The “Laidlaw” Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Overall Champion Young Horse. Champions and Reserves from Cups 39, 40, 73 and 145 will compete for this Cup.

Cup No. 73 – The “Anthony Maude” Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Three Year Old. First and second prize winners in Classes 57 – 59 and 61 will compete for this Cup.

Cup No. 145 – The “Owen Ryan” Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Yearling, two or three year old filly. The first and second prize-winning fillies in Classes 53, 56, 59 and 61 will compete for this Cup.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

The Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling, Two Year Old, Three Year Old, the Champion and Reserve Champion of the Laidlaw Cup, and the Champion and Reserve Champion Traditionally Bred Young Horse are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

THREE YEAR OLD POTENTIAL EVENT HORSE

Aim:

To identify the highly desirable, good looking horse with potential for the discipline of eventing and to assist breeders and producers to present their Three Year Old stock to the best advantage for modern eventing competitions.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Class:

61. THREE YEAR OLD POTENTIAL EVENT HORSE.

Eligibility:

Restricted to 'Irish bred' horses only (see Rule 20, pg 19).

Three Year Old Fillies, Geldings and Colts are eligible to qualify for this class.

Qualifiers:

Five qualifying venues have been selected from which the three best horses will come forward to the Final at the Dublin Horse Show.

Fifteen horses to qualify from the qualifiers listed below:

Venue	Date
Top Flight Equestrian Centre, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 087 2028874 Email: topflightwarrington@gmail.com	Mon 15 June
County Clare Showgrounds, Co. Clare Tel: 086 2532308 Email: secretaryclareshowociety@gmail.com	Tues 16 June
Tubberbride Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 086 6043193 Email: tubberbridestables@gmail.com	Wed 17 June
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath Tel: 086 2519161 Email: info@mullingarequestrian.com	Thurs 18 June
Kernan's Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 086 8370376 Email: kernan.james@gmail.com	Fri 19 June

The winner and reserve from the Three Year Old Performance competition, organised by the Newcastle West Show Committee, taking place at Clonshire Equestrian Centre (*Adare, Co. Limerick, V94 HF80*) on Monday 29 June 2026 will also qualify for this class. For further information on this competition, contact Seamus Shanahan on 087 2271808 or by email at seamus@newcastlewestshow.com.

All entries for the qualifiers will be processed via the RDS online entry system. Entries will **open on Monday, the 8th of June** and will **close at 3pm** on the **day preceding each qualifier**. Entries are no longer accepted by email or phone.

Entry fees will be paid directly to the venue on the day of the qualifier.

Exhibitors will be advised of their start time by email on the morning of the qualifier. No late entries or entries on the day will be accepted. Exhibitors that do not present their horse at their allocated start time will not be permitted to compete.

Note:

As this is a broadly-based assessment of the horse's suitability exhibitors are strongly advised to study the competition format and train their stock in preparation for each element of the format, i.e., Presentation in-hand, Loose Canter and the Jumping Grid.

Rules:

The judges will qualify a maximum of three horses (and one reserve) from each venue. Should any qualified horse withdraw from this class; a reserve horse from one of the qualifying venues will be invited to compete at the Final. **Any owner who has not entered their animal by 6 July will automatically be replaced by a reserve horse.** Any horse withdrawn from this class after 13 July 2026 will not be replaced. It is the responsibility of the owner to enter their animal by the due date for the Final at the Dublin Horse Show. Selection or non-selection of horses at each venue is totally at the judges' discretion.

Owners / representatives may only use two qualifying venues in order to qualify any one horse. Should an owner / representative appear at a third qualifier with the same horse, this animal will automatically be disqualified from Class 61.

A horse cannot qualify for both the Three Year Old Potential Event Horse and the Three Year Old Loose Performance competition. Owners should decide which competition category their horse is best suited to and note that the horse's first qualification will secure its qualification place, regardless of further placings at later qualifiers.

Horse passports must be available for inspection by the judges at the qualifiers and the Final.

In the interest of safety in the collecting rings at the Show, stallions will compete first and should be returned immediately after their show to their assigned stabling. Owners are advised to ensure that their entry is presented by a competent handler and is appropriately tacked with a bridle and bit.

These classes will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlist on the Equipe App.

Judging:

Phase One – Presentation

In-hand – in Ring 1

- 30 points Conformation (Looking for excellent all-round conformation)
- 20 points Walk, Trot (Freedom of pace, power, lightness, balance and athleticism)

Phase Two – Performance

Loose - in an enclosed chute / pen

- 30 points Canter* (Correct, elastic, regular through a swinging back, length of stride, balance, self-carriage and lightness)
- 30 points Jumping (Scope, athleticism, technique – use of head, neck and shoulders, suppleness of back, open / tight haunches)
- 10 points Reflexes (Quickness of reflexes)
- 10 points Standard of Training & Presentation
- 20 points Potential & Suitability (Quality, presence and temperament)

Total 150 points

*Canter: Horses will be allowed to display themselves once in canter around the enclosed arena. This "canter round" will be scored as per headings given above.

Economy of Effort in jumping will be rewarded.

No points for unnatural or exaggerated performances.

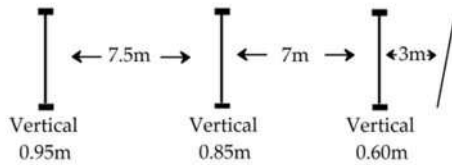
In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score from Phase Two will be the winner.

THREE YEAR OLD POTENTIAL EVENT HORSE (cont.d)

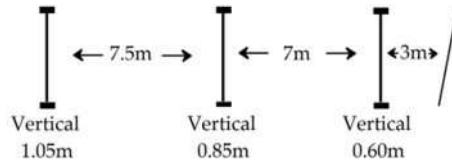
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A 'Grid' consisting of three obstacles will be provided.

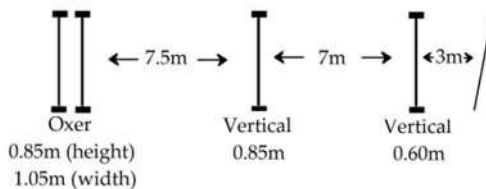
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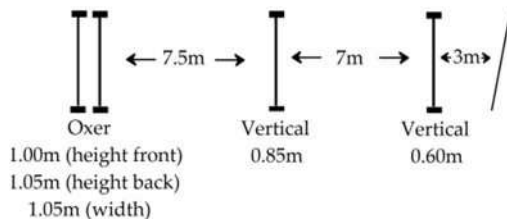
JUMPING EFFORT 2



JUMPING EFFORT 3



JUMPING EFFORT 4



Tack:

Horses to be presented in a simple snaffle bit (as defined by FEI rules) and chiffron (if required).

Stallions should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with a bit and a leather lead shank of sufficient length.

Double bridles are **not** permitted.

No hind boots or bandages permitted.

Awards & Prizes:

1st €5,000, 2nd €3,000, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,500, 5th €1,000

Owners placed 6th to 17th will receive €350 for competing in the Final.

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be presented to the breeder of the winner.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 73 – The "Captain Anthony Maude" Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Three Year Old. First and second prize winners in Classes 57 – 59 and 61 will compete for this Cup.

Cup No. 145 – The "Owen Ryan" Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Yearling, Two or Three Year Old Filly. The first and second prize-winning fillies in Classes 53, 56, 59 and 61 will compete for this Championship.

Cup No. 152 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Potential Event Horse class.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

THREE YEAR OLD LOOSE PERFORMANCE

Aim:

To promote and provide an outlet for young horses likely to make high class show jumpers. To identify performance fillies at a young age that may be suitable for the broodmare herd. The emphasis is on technique, scope and attitude.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Class:

62. THREE YEAR OLD LOOSE PERFORMANCE

Section A – Three Year Old Geldings and Colts

Section B – Three Year Old Fillies

Eligibility:

Restricted to 'Irish bred' horses only (see Rule 20, pg 19).

Three Year Old Fillies, Geldings and Colts are eligible to qualify for this class.

Qualifiers:

Five qualifying venues have been selected from which four horses will come forward to the Final at the Dublin Horse Show. The top ten geldings / colts will qualify for Section A and the top ten fillies will qualify for Section B of the competition. The two highest placed fillies and the two highest placed colts / geldings at each of the five qualifiers listed below will qualify for the Final at the Dublin Horse Show.

Venue	Date
Top Flight Equestrian Centre, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 087 2028874 Email: topflightwarrington@gmail.com	Mon 22 June
County Clare Showgrounds, Co. Clare Tel: 086 2532308 Email: secretaryclareshowsociety@gmail.com	Tues 23 June
Tubberbride Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 086 6043193 Email: tubberbridestables@gmail.com	Wed 24 June
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath Tel: 086 2519161 Email: info@mullingarequestrian.com	Thurs 25 June
Kernan's Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 086 8370376 Email: kernan.james@gmail.com	Fri 26 June

All entries for the qualifiers will be processed via the RDS online entry system. Entries will **open on Monday, the 8th of June** and will **close at 3pm on the day preceding each qualifier**. Entries are no longer accepted by email or phone. Entry fees will be paid directly to the venue on the day of the qualifier.

Exhibitors will be advised of their start time by email on the morning of the qualifier. No late entries or entries on the day will be accepted. Exhibitors that do not present their horse at their allocated start time will not be permitted to compete.

Rules:

The judges will qualify a maximum of four horses (and one reserve for each section) from each venue. Should any qualified horse withdraw from this class; a reserve horse from one of the qualifying venues will be invited to compete at the Final in the relevant section. **Any owner who has not entered their animal by 6 July will automatically be replaced by a reserve horse.** Any horse withdrawn from this class after 13 July 2026 will not be replaced. It is the responsibility of the owner to enter their animal by the due date for the Final at the Dublin Horse Show.

Selection or non-selection of horses at each venue is totally at the judges' discretion.

Owners / representatives may only use two qualifying venues in order to qualify any one horse. Should an owner / representative appear at a third qualifier with the same horse, this animal will automatically be disqualified from Class 62.

A horse cannot qualify for both the Three Year Old Potential Event Horse and the Three Year Old Loose Performance competition. Owners should decide which competition category their horse is best suited to and note that the horse's first qualification will secure its qualification place, regardless of further placings at later qualifiers.

Horse Passports must be available for inspection by the judges at the qualifiers and the Final.

In the interest of safety in the collecting rings at the Show, stallions will compete first and should be returned immediately after their show to their assigned stabling.

Owners are advised to ensure that their entry is presented by a competent handler and is appropriately tacked with a bridle and bit.

These classes will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlist on the Equipe App.

Judging:

Horses competing in Section A and Section B will be judged and marked as follows:

- 20 points Conformation (Correctness, quality of legs, condition)
- 30 points Canter (Correct, elastic, regular through a swinging back, length of stride, balance, self-carriage and lightness)
- 20 points Technique (Use of head, neck and shoulders, suppleness of back, open / tight haunches)
- 20 points Scope (Ability of horse to jump with upward power & forward direction)
- 10 points Reflexes (Quickness of reflexes)
- 10 points Attitude (Brain, temperament, train-ability)

Total 110 points

Economy of Effort in jumping will be rewarded.

No points for unnatural or exaggerated performances.

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score for 'Technique' will be the winner.

Horses may be called back into the arena to jump a bigger fence before the final adjudication at the judge's discretion.

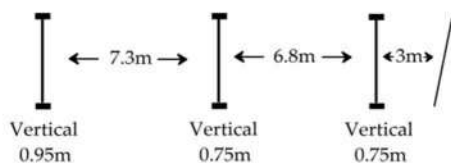
There will be an opportunity for exhibitors to walk their horses in the Simmons Court Arena from 7.30am to 8.00am on the morning of the event so that they can familiarise the horses with the surroundings.

THREE YEAR OLD LOOSE PERFORMANCE (cont.d)

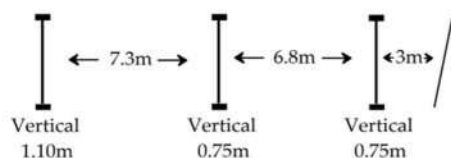
Fences:

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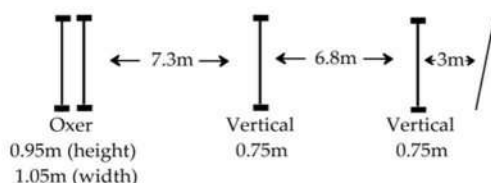
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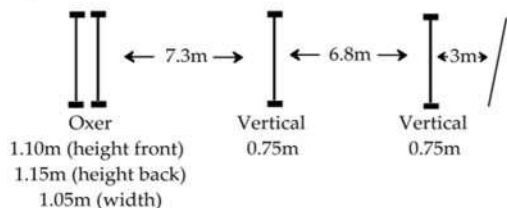
JUMPING EFFORT 2



JUMPING EFFORT 3



JUMPING EFFORT 4



Tack:

Horses to be presented in a simple snaffle bit (as defined by FEI rules) and chiffron (if required).

Stallions should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with a bit and a leather lead shank of sufficient length.

Double bridles are **not** permitted.

No hind boots or bandages permitted.

Awards & Prizes:

Section A (Geldings & Colts):

1st €2,600, 2nd €1,750, 3rd €1,200, 4th €800, 5th €600

Owners placed 6th to 10th will receive €280 for competing in the Final.

A Special Breeders' Prize of €900 will be presented to the breeder of the winner.

Section B (Fillies):

1st €2,600, 2nd €1,750, 3rd €1,200, 4th €800, 5th €600

Owners placed 6th to 10th will receive €280 for competing in the Final.

A Special Breeders' Prize of €900 will be presented to the breeder of the winner.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 27 – Perpetual Champion Trophy presented to the Best Loose Performance Filly.

Cup No. 59 – The "Michael Osborne" Perpetual Challenge Cup presented to the Best Loose Performance Colt / Gelding.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

YOUNG EVENT HORSE

Aim:

To identify high class horses bred in Ireland with the potential to become top class eventers, to create a medium for breeders and producers to display their quality young stock and to encourage breeders and trainers to produce and present the correct type of horse likely to make a top class three-day eventer.

The classes also aim to promote and act as a market base for high class young event type horses, to accentuate the significance of the event horse to the Irish sport horse industry and to recognise the value of Irish Thoroughbred blood in the pedigrees of either.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Classes:

63. FOUR YEAR OLD YOUNG EVENT HORSE

64. FIVE YEAR OLD YOUNG EVENT HORSE

Eligibility:

Restricted to 'Irish bred' horses only (see Rule 20, pg 19).

Only animals with named passports identifying sire, dam, dam sire, microchip and breeder may compete.

Horses must be 15.0hh (153cm) or over.

Five year old mares having carried a foal to parturition as a four year old and providing that the foal was subsequently registered in a studbook will be permitted to compete in the four year old qualifiers.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2026.

A change of rider may be permitted in the case of a bona fide sale and change of registered ownership or proven injury. In all cases a change will only be allowed on written request and with the approval of the DHS Show Director. In addition, the substitute rider will be required to be signed off by a Level 2 HSI accredited coach as capable of competing in the competition.

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
Tullylish, Gilford, Co. Armagh <i>BT6 36AR</i>	Tues 2 June
Scarteen, Knocklong, Co. Limerick <i>V35 PE04</i>	Tues 9 June
Forth Mountain Stud, Barntown, Co. Wexford <i>Y35 YP57</i>	Tues 16 June
Rincoola, Granard, Co. Longford <i>N39 W257</i>	Tues 30 June

Online entry is available via the following link; www.youngeventhorseseries.ie/entries-start-lists-results/. Entries must be submitted online before **8pm** on the **Wednesday** preceding each qualifier. Please note that this deadline will be strictly adhered to. All entries for the qualifiers must be made via the online entry system. Entries will **not** be accepted by email, phone, fax or post.

Qualifiers (cont.d):

The RDS in conjunction with the Young Event-Horse Series (YES!) will identify young Irish horses with the potential to become international three-day event horses and worthy ambassadors of the Irish sport horse

Horse / rider combinations must have completed a minimum of **two** YES! Qualifier events before competing at the Dublin Horse Show.

Riders in the five year old section are not permitted to use a completion at a Junior / Young Rider Event Horse qualifier in order to qualify.

A rider may enter a maximum of **three** horses per Young Event Horse qualifier category. A rider may qualify a maximum of **three** horses for each Young Event Horse class for the Dublin Horse Show.

The Young Event Horse Series events will be used as qualifiers for the Young Event Horse classes at the Dublin Horse Show and **five** horses from each age group will be invited to enter the Show from each of the four qualifiers.

Placings, in the event of equality of points after all three phases, will be decided using the following criteria; highest score in the Jumping phase; if still equal, highest score in the Ridden Display phase, and if still equal, highest score in the Suitability and Potential phase. If still equal the final criteria will be the jumping time closest (under) the optimum time.

In the event that the age categories are split into two sections due to high numbers, the two highest placed horses in each section will qualify for the Dublin Horse Show. The fifth or final horse to qualify will come from that section where the next placed horse is closest to the section winner conditional on it achieving the required MAS*.

In the event of an equality of points, the horse closest (under) to the optimum time will be awarded the fifth qualifying place.

* To qualify, horses must achieve the YES! Minimum Accepted Standard (MAS) in each phase of adjudication, regardless of their total score.

YOUNG EVENT HORSE (cont.d)

Tack:

- Protective headgear must be worn by all riders (see Rule 12, pg 26). Please note, at both the qualifiers and the Final, fixed peak hats are not permitted for Phases B & D Phase.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders during Phase D (see Rule 13, pg 26).
- Riders must dress according to Rule 31.b, pg 28.
- Eventing colours and attire must be worn during Phase D.
- Only snaffle bridles (see Rule 30, pg 27) with any one of the following nosebands: cavesson, drop, flash or grackle (including the Micklem bridle) are permitted. This applies for all phases of the competition.
- Crank nosebands are **not** permitted.
- Martingales are **not** permitted.
- Fly veils / ear covers are **not** permitted.
- Neck straps and / or breastplates are permitted.
- Numnahs (if used) must conform neatly with saddle contours. Saddle cloths or visible logos are not permitted.
- Hind leg boots or bandages are **not** allowed in any phase of this competition. Overreach boots are permitted.
- Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowels ≤ 2½cms (1") facing downwards are permitted.
- The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the horse.
- No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.

If for any reason, a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

Course Designer:

Mr Dereck Hamilton

Ring Familiarisation:

Exhibitors in Classes 63 and 64 will be allowed to familiarise their horses with the competition ring on Thursday morning as below:

- Class 63 – 7.20am
- Class 64 – 7.30am

Please note that these times are subject to change and the finalised 'Ring Familiarisation' times will be included in the official Daily Programme.

Exhibitors may only enter the arena during the time allocated for their class.

All horses must be mounted and wearing their competition number and may only be ridden by the rider as recorded in the Catalogue.

Only the horse and rider may enter the arena during these times; no grooms, assistants or trainers will be permitted to accompany the rider in the arena. Horses are permitted to walk and trot only.

There will be a 10 minute course walk (riders on foot) for Class 63 at 7.50am. There will be a 10 minute course walk for Class 64 at 10.45am.

Awards & Prizes:

1st €5,090, 2nd €3,320, 3rd €2,240, 4th €1,760, 5th €1,460, 6th €1,130

The highest placed mare (placed 5th or above) in both classes will receive an additional €1,000 prize money.

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be presented to the breeder of the winner.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 146 – The "Lt Col Ronnie MacMahon" Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Four Year Old Young Event Horse class.

Cup No. 147 – The "Tommy Brennan" Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Five Year Old Young Event Horse class.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Winner and Reserve of each class are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

Competition Format:

The classes will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlists on the Equipe App.

The classes will run over two days with five phases outlined below and overleaf.

Placings, in the event of an equality of points, will be decided using the following criteria;

- The highest score in Phase D (Jumping / Performance)
- The highest score in Phase A (Ridden Display)
- The highest score in Phase E (Suitability & Potential)
- The final criteria will be the jumping time closest (under) to the optimum time in Phase D (Jumping / Performance).

Day 1 – Presentation (Wednesday 5 August, Ring 2)

FOUR YEAR OLDS

Phase A – Ridden Display (15 marks)

On entering the arena, each competitor will complete a short ridden display as described below. The silhouette of a 20m x 40m dressage arena will be provided in Ring 2 with some perimeter markers but no kicking boards. Not all perimeter markers will be provided.

		Movement	Max Marks
1.	A X	Enter in working trot to X Bear right to M	10
2.	MC C	Working trot ½ circle left in working trot to X	10
3.	X	½ circle right in working trot to A	10
4.	AK KXM	Working trot Change the rein in working trot	10
5.	MC C	Working trot Between C & H working canter left	10
6.	HE E	Working canter left ½ circle left in working canter to B	10
7.	BH	Across the diagonal with a transition trot after the centre line	10
8.	HC C	Working trot Between C & M working canter right	10
9.	CB B	Working canter right ½ circle right in working canter to E	10
10.	EM	Across the diagonal with transition to trot after centre line	10
11.	MC CH HB	Working trot Medium walk Across the diagonal in free walk on a long rein	10
12.	B BX Just after X	Medium walk ½ circle right to X Halt – immobility – salute <i>(Proceed directly to the Jumping Phase)</i>	10
13.		Athleticism, Suppleness & Quality of the Paces	10
14.		Rideability, Acceptance of the Contact & Relaxation	10
15.		Potential & Type	10
Total Mark			150
Final Phase A Score			Total Mark + 10

FIVE YEAR OLDS

Phase A – Ridden Display (15 marks)

On entering the arena, each competitor will complete a short ridden display as described below. The silhouette of a 20m x 40m dressage arena will be provided in Ring 2 with some perimeter markers but no kicking boards. Not all perimeter markers will be provided.

		Movement	Max Marks
1.	A X	Enter in working trot to X Bear right to M	10
2.	MC C	Working trot ½ circle left in working trot to X	10
3.	X	½ circle right in working trot to A	10
4.	AK KXM	Working trot Change the rein in working trot. Show some medium trot strides	10
5.	MC C	Working trot Between C & H working canter left	10
6.	HE E	Working canter left ½ circle left in working canter to B	10
7.	BH	Across the diagonal with a transition trot after the centre line	10
8.	HC C	Working trot Between C & M working canter right	10
9.	CB B	Working canter right ½ circle right in working canter to E	10
10.	EM	Across the diagonal with transition to trot after centre line	10
11.	MC CH HB	Working trot Medium walk Across the diagonal in free walk on a long rein	10
12.	B BX Just after X	Medium walk ½ circle right to X Halt – immobility – salute <i>(Proceed directly to the Jumping Phase)</i>	10
13.		Athleticism, Suppleness & Quality of the Paces	10
14.		Rideability, Acceptance of the Contact & Relaxation	10
15.		Potential & Type	10
Total Mark			150
Final Phase A Score			Total Mark + 10

Day 1 – Presentation (Wednesday 5 August, Ring 2)

Phase A – Guidelines for Ridden Display

The judges will assess each horse for evidence of correct basic training as expressed in self-carriage within a long, low outline, without balancing on the rider's rein aids. The ridden display will be an assessment of the horse's potential and will not be a test of accuracy.

- All movements should exhibit *softness* through the back and extend to a *swinging tail*
- Nose should remain *in front* of the perpendicular at novice level
- The poll (not the third vertebrae) should be the highest point of the horse's outline
- Neck extending forward – downward with engaged hindquarters
- Maintenance of an *even and balanced* rhythm throughout the performance
- Sustaining *regular paces* through circles, turns and corners with correct bends

Phase B – Show Jumping (15 marks)

Competitors will be required to jump a short show jumping course which will consist of up to 6 fences, including a combination and double.

Class 63 (Four Year Olds) ≤ 1.00m in height

Class 64 (Five Year Olds) ≤ 1.10m in height

The horse's performance will be evaluated out of a maximum of 3 marks per fence using the following key:

Marks	Key to Marks
3	Proficient
2	Efficient
1	Deficient
0	Knock of fence / Refusal

Half marks may be used between 0 and 3.

Penalties

0 Marks	Knock of fence
0 Marks	1 st Refusal
0 Marks	2 nd Refusal, proceed to next fence
Elimination	Fall of horse or rider

Phase C – Conformation & Movement (10 marks)

Immediately after each competitor has completed Phase B the horse will be stripped and presented in hand, for the **Conformation Judge**.

Each horse will be adjudicated for conformation, walk and trot as the following horse completes Phases A and B (in the arena, at the same time).

Trait	Max Mark
Head	10
Neck	10
Saddle Position	10
Front Leg	10
Hind Leg	10
Feet	10
Back	10
Structure	10
Walk	10
Trot	10
Total Mark	100
Final Phase C Score	Total Mark ÷ 10

The total scores accruing from Phases A, B and C will be added for each horse and carried over to Day 2 and Phase D and E (in the Laya Arena).

Day 2 – Jumping (Thursday 6 August, Laya Arena)

Phase D – Jumping / Performance (45 marks)

The course will consist of two phases; a short course of show jumping / knockable fences will be followed immediately by a course of cross-country fences. All combination fences must be jumped in their entirety, so a stop at a B-element necessitates the retaking of the A-element in all cases.

The Five Year Olds will be required to jump a more technically demanding course involving combinations, dog-legs and related distances.

Parameters

	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
No. of show jumping / knockable fences	6 (including a double)	8 (including a double)
No. of cross-country fences	12	18 (including combinations)
Max height	1.00m	1.10m
Speed	325mpm (show jumping) 350mpm (cross-country)	350mpm (show jumping) 375mpm (cross-country)
Length	1000m approx.	1250m approx.

Penalties

To be deducted from a possible 45 marks for a flawless performance.

Knock of fence (knockable fences):	4 penalties
Refusal of fence:	5 penalties
2 nd Refusal at the same obstacle	Elimination
2 nd Refusal on the course	10 penalties
3 rd Refusal on the course	Elimination
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit	1 penalty per 4 seconds over the time allowed
Maximum Possible Score	45 marks

Riders will conclude their round with a gallop. Markers will be provided to signify the start and end of the gallop display.

Phase E – Suitability & Potential (15 marks)

15 marks will be awarded by the three judges acting independently in assessing each horse's potential based on the following criteria:

- Fluency & Balance (3 marks)
- Suitability of type for purpose (3 marks)
- Gallop (3 marks)
- Horse's Attitude (3 marks)
- Overall Impression (3 marks)

The average of the marks awarded by the three international judges for potential will be added to the horse's accumulated scores from Phase A, B, C and D.

An additional mark (out of 10 marks) will be awarded to each horse based on the percentage of TB blood in its pedigree. For example, a horse with 55% blood will be awarded a score of 5.5 and a full Thoroughbred horse will be awarded a score of 10.

Competition Weightings:

This grand total will be the horse's final score and will determine its final placing.

Phase	A + B + C + D + E	Total
Maximum Marks	15 + 15 + 10 + 45 + 15	100

JUNIOR / YOUNG RIDER EVENT HORSE

Aim:

To identify high class horses bred in Ireland with the potential to become top class junior or young rider event horses; to encourage producers and trainers to present quality horses that are rideable and competitive for youths coming from ponies or for lightweight adults.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Class:

65. JUNIOR / YOUNG RIDER EVENT HORSE

Eligibility:

Restricted to 'Irish bred' horses only (see Rule 20, pg 19). Open to horses aged 5 to 7 years old.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday but have not attained their 25th birthday by the 1 January 2026. Riders who have competed in a CCI4*L, CCI4*S or CSI4* competition or higher in the past five years are **ineligible** to compete in this class.

A change of rider will **not** be permitted under any circumstances. Only the horse / rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete at the DHS.

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
Tullylish, Gilford, Co. Armagh <i>BT6 36AR</i>	Tues 2 June
Scarteen, Knocklong, Co. Limerick <i>V35 PE04</i>	Tues 9 June
Forth Mountain Stud, Barntown, Co. Wexford <i>Y35 YP57</i>	Tues 16 June
Rincoola, Granard, Co. Longford <i>N39 W257</i>	Tues 30 June

A rider may enter a maximum of **two** horses per Junior / Young Rider Event Horse qualifier. A rider may qualify a maximum of **two** horses for the Junior / Young Rider Event Horse class at the DHS.

The top **four** horses from each of the four qualifiers will be invited to enter the DHS.

This competition at the YES! venues will commence after the Five Year Old Young Event Horse class (approximately mid-afternoon).

Online entry is available via the following link; www.youngeventhorseseries.ie/entries-start-lists-results/. A qualifier entry fee of €70 must be paid when submitting your entry online.

Entries must be submitted online before **8pm** on the **Wednesday** preceding each qualifier. Please note that this deadline will be strictly adhered to. All entries for the qualifiers **must** be made via the online entry system. Entries will **not** be accepted by email, phone, fax or post.

Horse / rider combinations must have completed a minimum of **two** Junior / Young Rider Event Horse qualifier events before competing at the DHS.

Placings, in the event of an equality of points, will be decided using the following criteria; highest score in the Jumping Phase, if still equal, highest score in the Ridden Display phase, and if still equal, highest score in the Suitability and Potential Phase. If still equal the final criteria will be the jumping time closest (under) the optimum time.

Qualifiers (cont.d):

Horses eligible and entered for the Junior / Young Rider Event Horse class may not compete in a Young Event Horse qualifier at the same venue, i.e. on the same day. They may however enter a Young Event Horse qualifier at a subsequent qualifying event.

Horses may only qualify for and compete in one category at the DHS, and once qualified horses must remain in that category for subsequent events. Riders are not permitted to use a completion at a Young Event Horse qualifier to qualify for the Junior / Young Rider Event Horse class.

Tack:

- Protective headgear must be worn by all riders (see Rule 12, pg 26). Please note, at both the qualifiers and the Final, fixed peak hats are not permitted for Phases B & D Phase.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders during Phase D (see Rule 13, pg 26).
- Riders must dress according to Rule 31.b, pg 28.
- Eventing colours and attire must be worn during Phase D.
- Only snaffle bridles (see Rule 30, pg 27) with any one of the following nosebands: cavesson, drop, flash or grackle (including the Micklem bridle) are permitted. This applies for all phases of the competition.
- Crank nosebands are **not** permitted.
- Martingales are **not** permitted.
- Fly veils / ear covers are **not** permitted.
- Neck straps and / or breastplates are permitted.
- Numnahs (if used) must conform neatly with saddle contours. Saddle cloths or visible logos are **not** permitted.
- Hind leg boots or bandages are not allowed in any phase of this competition. Overreach boots are permitted.
- Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowels ≤ 2½cms (1") facing downwards are permitted.
- The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the horse.
- No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.

If for any reason, a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

Course Designer:

Mr Dereck Hamilton

Awards & Prizes:

1st €1,000, 2nd €800, 3rd €600, 4th €400, 5th €200

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 167 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Junior / Young Rider Event Horse.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Winner and Reserve are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

Competition Format:

This class will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlist on the Equipe App.

The class will run over two days with five phases outlined below and overleaf.

Placings, in the event of an equality of points, will be decided using the following criteria;

- The highest score in Phase D (Jumping / Performance)
- The highest score in Phase A (Ridden Display)
- The highest score in Phase E (Suitability & Potential)
- The final criteria will be the jumping time closest (under) to the optimum time in Phase D (Jumping / Performance).

Day 1 – Presentation (Wednesday 5 August, Ring 2)**Phase A – Ridden Display (15 marks)**

On entering the arena, each competitor will complete a short ridden display as described below. The silhouette of a 20m x 40m dressage arena will be provided in Ring 2 with some perimeter markers but no kicking boards. Not all perimeter markers will be provided.

		Movement	Max Marks
1.	A X	Enter in working trot to X Bear right to M	10
2.	MC C	Working trot ½ circle left in working trot to X	10
3.	X	½ circle right in working trot to A	10
4.	AK KXM	Working trot Change the rein in working trot. Show some medium trot strides	10
5.	MC C	Working trot Between C & H working canter left	10
6.	HE E	Working canter left ½ circle left in working canter to B	10
7.	BH	Across the diagonal with a transition trot after the centre line	10
8.	HC C	Working trot Between C & M working canter right	10
9.	CB B	Working canter right ½ circle right in working canter to E	10
10.	EM	Across the diagonal with transition to trot after centre line	10
11.	MC CH HB	Working trot Medium walk Across the diagonal in free walk on a long rein	10
12.	B BX Just after X	Medium walk ½ circle right to X Halt – immobility – salute <i>(Proceed directly to the Jumping Phase)</i>	10
13.		Athleticism, Suppleness & Quality of the Paces	10
14.		Rideability, Acceptance of the Contact & Relaxation	10
15.		Potential & Type	10
Total Mark			150
Final Phase A Score			Total Mark ÷ 10

Guidelines for Ridden Display (Phase A)

The judges will assess each horse for evidence of correct basic training as expressed in self-carriage within a long, low outline, without balancing on the rider's rein aids. The ridden display will be an assessment of the horse's potential and will not be a test of accuracy.

- All movements should exhibit softness through the back and extend to a swinging tail
- Nose should remain in front of the perpendicular at novice level
- The poll (not the third vertebrae) should be the highest point of the horse's outline
- Neck extending forward – downward with engaged hindquarters
- Maintenance of an even and balanced rhythm throughout the performance
- Sustaining regular paces through circles, turns and corners with correct bends

Day 1 – Presentation (Wednesday 5 August, Ring 2) & Day 2 – Jumping (Thursday 6 August, Laya Arena)

Phase B – Show Jumping (15 marks)

Competitors will be required to jump a short show jumping course which will consist of up to 6 fences, including a combination and double.

Fence height ≤ 1.10m

The horse's performance will be evaluated out of a maximum of 3 marks per fence using the following key:

Marks	Key to Marks
3	Proficient
2	Efficient
1	Deficient
0	Knock of fence / Refusal

Half marks may be used between 0 and 3.

Penalties

0 Marks	Knock of fence
0 Marks	1 st Refusal
0 Marks	2 nd Refusal, proceed to next fence
Elimination	Fall of horse or rider

Phase C – Conformation & Movement (10 marks)

Immediately after each competitor has completed Phase B the horse will be stripped and presented in hand, for the **Conformation Judge**.

Each horse will be adjudicated for conformation, walk and trot as the following horse completes Phases A and B (in the arena, at the same time).

Trait	Max Mark
Head	10
Neck	10
Saddle Position	10
Front Leg	10
Hind Leg	10
Feet	10
Back	10
Structure	10
Walk	10
Trot	10
Total Mark	100
Final Phase C Score	Total Mark ÷ 10

The total scores accruing from Phases A, B and C will be added for each horse and carried over to Day 2 and Phase D and E (in the Laya Arena).

Phase D – Jumping / Performance (45 marks)

The course will consist of two phases; a short course of show jumping / knockable fences will be followed immediately by a course of cross-country fences. All combination fences must be jumped in their entirety, so a stop at a B-element necessitates the retaking of the A-element in all cases. The course may include combinations, dog-legs and related distances.

Parameters

No. of show jumping / knockable fences	8 (including a double)
No. of cross-country fences	18 (including combinations)
Max height	1.10m
Speed	350mpm (show jumping) 375mpm (cross-country)
Length	1250m approx.

Penalties

To be deducted from a possible 45 marks for a flawless performance.

Knock of fence (knockable fences):	4 penalties
Refusal of fence:	5 penalties
2 nd Refusal at the same obstacle	Elimination
2 nd Refusal on the course	10 penalties
3 rd Refusal on the course	Elimination
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit	1 penalty per 4 seconds over the time allowed
Maximum Possible Score	45 marks

Riders will conclude their round with a gallop. Markers will be provided to signify the start and end of the gallop display.

Phase E – Suitability & Potential (15 marks)

15 marks will be awarded by the three judges acting independently in assessing each horse's potential based on the following criteria:

- Fluency & Balance (3 marks)
- Suitability of type for purpose (3 marks)
- Gallop (3 marks)
- Horse's Attitude (3 marks)
- Overall Impression (3 marks)

The average of the marks awarded by the three international judges for potential will be added to the horse's accumulated scores from Phase A, B, C and D.

Competition Weightings:

This grand total will be the horse's final score and will determine its final placing.

Phase	A + B + C + D + E	Total
Maximum Marks	15 + 15 + 10 + 45 + 15	100

PONY CLASSES

ENTRY FEES: If a pony is entered in more than one class, the entry fee for each subsequent class after the primary class will be €200 (RDS Member) and €230 (Non RDS Member). *(The primary class is the class which takes place first).* Classes and their details are listed in numerical order.

CONNEMARA PONY STALLION PARADE

Aim:

To help maintain and promote the Connemara Pony as a distinct breed in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society of Ireland by promoting and showcasing high standards of breeding.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €290

RDS Member €245

Classes:

69. CONNEMARA PONY STALLION PARADE

Tack:

Stallions should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with a bit and a leather lead shank of sufficient length.

Double bridles are **not** permitted.

Rules:

Open to Registered Connemara Pony Stallions, three years old or over. REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONIES must be entered in the Connemara Pony Studbook or a daughter studbook.

Parade:

The parade will take place on Wednesday 5 August.

Awards & Prizes:

All stallions that parade at the Show will be awarded €250.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners/competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

CONNEMARA PERFORMANCE HUNTER

Aim:

To demonstrate the distinctive traits of the Connemara Pony; rideability, scope, versatility and suitability for child or adult.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Classes:

70. REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, STALLION, MARE or GELDING, 5 – 7 years old inclusive, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026. Previous winners of this class (from 2009 onwards) are ineligible to compete. This rule applies to the same combination of pony and rider.

71. REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, STALLION, MARE or GELDING, 8 – 15 years old inclusive, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026. Previous winners of this class (from 2009 onwards) are ineligible to compete. This rule applies to the same combination of pony and rider.

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
Tullylish, Gilford, Co. Armagh <i>BT6 36AR</i>	Sat 6 June
Scarteen, Knocklong, Co. Limerick <i>V35 PE04</i>	Sat 13 June
Forth Mountain Stud, Barntown, Co. Wexford <i>Y35 YP57</i>	Sat 20 June
Rincoola, Granard, Co. Longford <i>N39 W257</i>	Sat 4 July

The top **four** ponies in each category, at each of the four qualifiers listed above, are eligible to enter for the DHS. A change of rider will **not** be permitted under any circumstances. Only the pony / rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete.

A rider may enter a maximum of **two** ponies per Connemara Performance Hunter qualifier category. A rider may qualify a maximum of **two** ponies overall across the two Connemara Performance Hunter classes for the DHS.

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link; www.youngeventhorseseries.ie/entries-start-lists-results.

A qualifier entry fee of €40 must be paid when submitting your entry online.

Entries must be submitted online before **8pm** on the **Sunday** preceding each qualifier. Please note that this deadline will be strictly adhered to.

All entries for the qualifiers **must** be made via the online entry system. Entries will **not** be accepted by email, phone, fax or post. More information is available on the Dublin Horse Show website: www.dublinhorshow.com.

Class running orders, start times, course plans and results will be available at the above link on the Young Event Horse Series website.

It is strongly recommended that pony / rider combinations complete at least two Connemara Performance Hunter qualifier events before competing at the Dublin Horse Show.

In the event that the age categories are split into two sections due to high numbers, the two highest placed ponies in each section will qualify for the Dublin Horse Show.

Class Format at the Qualifiers:

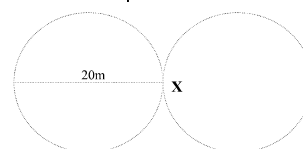
The Flat Work Phase is followed directly by the Conformation Assessment which is followed by the Jumping Phase.

The Jumping Round must conclude with a halt and salute.

Ridden Flat Work Phase

5 – 7 year olds – worth 80 points

8 – 15 year olds – worth 90 points



Marker	Movement	Requirements	Marks
	Approach the Judge in Medium Walk.	4-time rhythm, showing a degree of over-tracking	10
at X	At X Halt	Straight, square, immobile on the bit – maintain for 3 seconds	
from X	Working Trot 20m Circle Left	2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement	10
from X	Working Trot 20m Circle Right	2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement	10
at X	Working Canter 20m Circle Left	Smooth transition and correct strike off on left lead. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance	10
through X	2-3 Trot Strides Canter ½ 20m Circle Right	Smooth transition and correct strike off on right leg. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance	10
2 nd ½ 20m Circle	Progressive downward transitions through trot & walk	Well defined trot & walk, maintained contact and balance	10
At X	Halt	Straight, square, immobile – for 3 seconds	10
From X	*Rein Back	3 steps in straight, even diagonal pair footfalls	10
	General impression of harmony in horsemanship Proceed directly to the first fence on the jumping track		10
	Total		80 (90)

* Rein back only required in Class 71 (8 – 15 year olds)

Jumping Phase (170 points)

5 – 7 year olds – 16 jumping efforts ≤ 95 cm in height @ 325mpm

8 – 15 year olds – 16 jumping efforts ≤ 105cm in height @ 350mpm

Penalties (as per FEI Jumping Rules, Article 216):

Knock – 10 penalties

1st Disobedience – 15 penalties

2nd Disobedience – 20 penalties

3rd Disobedience - Elimination

Fall of horse or rider – Elimination

For every 4 second interval **over** the optimum time – 1 penalty

Riders who misuse the whip in the Jumping Phase will receive 5 penalties. Misuse of the whip is where it is not applied to reinforce a leg / seat aid or is inconsistent with the aids being given. Excessive use of the whip may incur elimination. Determination of excessive or misuse of the whip will be at the judge's discretion.

Riders must ride lines as intended on the course plan, from start to finish. Failure to do so will incur penalties.

A mark out of 10 will be awarded for Rhythm and Fluency of the Jumping Phase.

CONNEMARA PERFORMANCE HUNTER (cont.d)

Class Format at the Qualifiers (cont.d):

Conformation Assessment (10 points)

A mark out of 10 for Conformation will be awarded directly after the Ridden Flat Work Phase. The judge(s) will observe the ponies for obvious conformation defects.

Marking System at the Qualifiers:

Flat Work Phase	80 (90) points
Conformation Assessment	10 points
Jumping Phase	170 points
<i>Jump Score: 16 fences @ 10 points each</i>	<i>160</i>
<i>Rhythm & Fluency</i>	<i>10</i>
TOTAL	260 (270) points

In the event of an equality of points, placing will be determined by the highest total Jump Score (160) followed by highest Rhythm and Fluency mark. If there is still a tie the pony closest (under) to the optimum time will be awarded the next qualifying placing.

Class Format at the Final:

The Jumping Phase and Ridden Flat Work will be in the same format as the qualifiers. In the **Final** the Jumping Phase will be followed by a **Conformation Assessment**. Once the competitor has completed the Jumping Phase, he / she will proceed to strip the pony and present in-hand to the conformation judge. The judge will give each pony a mark for conformation and movement. All three phases will run consecutively at the Final.

These classes will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlist on the Equipe App.

Marking System at the Final:

Flat Work Phase	80 (90) points
Jumping Phase	190 points
<i>Jump Score 16 fences @ 10 points each</i>	<i>160</i>
<i>Rhythm & Fluency</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Technique</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Balance & Harmony - Rider & Pony</i>	<i>10</i>
Conformation Phase	30 points
TOTAL	300 (310) points

At the DHS Final, Fluency along with Jumping Technique and the Balance and Harmony of the rider will be taken into consideration when judging the Jumping Phase.

In the event of a tie, the pony with the highest jumping mark will be the winner; if there is still a tie the pony closest (under) to the optimum time will be the winner.

Fences:

At the qualifiers the ponies will be expected to jump a track similar to that used in the Young Event-Horse Series competition.

At the Final, the course will be derby in style with several cross-country / young event horse style fences.

Course Designer:

Mr Dereck Hamilton

Tack:

- Protective headgear must be worn by all riders (see Rule 12, pg 26). Please note, at both the qualifiers and the Final, fixed peak hats are not permitted for the Jumping Phase.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders (see Rule 13, pg 26).

Tack (cont.d):

- Hunting dress is obligatory for rider (see Rule 31.b, pg 28).
 - Only snaffle bridles (see Rule 30, pg 27) with any one of the following nosebands; cavesson, drop, flash or grackle (including the Micklem bridle) are permitted. This applies to all phases of the competition.
 - Crank nosebands are **not** permitted.
 - Martingales are **not** permitted.
 - Fly veils / ear covers are **not** permitted.
 - Neck straps and / or breastplates are permitted.
 - Only saddle contoured numnahs are permitted. Saddle cloths or visible logos are **not** permitted.
 - Whips are permitted but must not exceed 75cms.
 - Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowels ≤ 2½cms (1") facing downwards are permitted.
 - Front boots of a plain colour may be worn during the Jumping Phase only.
 - The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the pony.
 - No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.
- If for any reason, a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

Rules:

All ponies must be registered as pure bred Connemaras with the Connemara Pony Breeders Society or a daughter studbook and present a valid passport.

- Microchips will be examined at each qualifier and must corroborate with the passport bar code.
- Riders in both classes must be over 14 years of age on 1 January 2026.
- Riders who have competed in a CIC4*, CCI4* or CSI4* competition or higher in the past five years (with the exception of Pony, Junior & Young Riders) are **ineligible** to compete in these classes.
- All competition criteria (tack, whip & fence size) apply equally to the practice / warm-up arena.
- Ponies must be presented without plaits in competition.
- The RDS reserves the right to amalgamate these classes at the Final.
- Once qualified competitors / owners must enter their ponies with the RDS to compete at the Show.
- Late entries will **not** be accepted, except in the case of qualifiers held after the DHS close of entries date.

Awards & Prizes:

1st €1,750, 2nd €1,500, 3rd €1,000, 4th €500, 5th €250

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 153 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Connemara Performance Hunter (Class 70).

Cup No. 162 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Connemara Performance Hunter (Class 71).

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

Winner and Reserve of each class are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

RIDDEN CONNEMARA PONIES

Aim:

To demonstrate the traits of the Connemara Pony; good temperament, rideability, intelligence, soundness, surefootedness and suitability for child or adult.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €290

RDS Member €245

Classes:

- 73.** REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, four & five years old, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 12th birthday by 1 January 2026.
- 74.** REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, six years old or over, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 10th birthday but who have not attained their 17th birthday by 1 January 2026.
- 75.** REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, MARE or GELDING, six years old or over, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 17th birthday by 1 January 2026.
- 76.** REGISTERED CONNEMARA PONY, STALLION, four years old or over, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
Tullylish, Gilford, Co. Armagh <i>BT6 36AR</i>	Sat 6 June
Scarteen, Knocklong, Co. Limerick <i>V35 PE04</i>	Sat 13 June
Forth Mountain Stud, Barntown, Co. Wexford <i>Y35 YP57</i>	Sat 20 June
Rincoola, Granard, Co. Longford <i>N39 W257</i>	Sat 4 July

The top **five** pony and rider combinations in each class, at each of the four qualifiers listed above, are eligible to enter for the DHS. One reserve pony and rider combination per class will be identified at each qualifier. Please note that there is no qualification required for Class 76.

A change of rider will **not** be permitted under any circumstances. Only the pony / rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete.

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link; www.youngeventhorseseries.ie/entries-start-lists-results.

A qualifier entry fee of €30 must be paid when submitting your entry online.

Qualifiers (cont.d):

Entries must be submitted online before **8pm** on the **Sunday** preceding each qualifier. Please note that this deadline will be strictly adhered to. All entries for the qualifiers **must** be made via the online entry system. Entries will **not** be accepted by email, phone, fax or post. More information is available on the Dublin Horse Show website: www.dublinhorseshow.com.

Rules:

- All ponies must be registered as pure bred Connemaras with the Connemara Pony Breeders Society or a daughter studbook and present a valid passport.
- Microchips will be examined at each qualifier and must corroborate with the passport bar code. Qualified competitors must present their pony's passport for inspection at the Event Office.
- Four and five year olds may only be competed in snaffle bridles (see Rule 30, pg 27).
- Spurs are **not** permitted.
- Ponies must be presented without plaits in competition.
- The RDS reserves the right to amalgamate these classes at the Final.
- Once qualified competitors / owners must enter their ponies with the RDS to compete at the Show.
- Late entries will **not** be accepted, except in the case of qualifiers held after the DHS close of entries date.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €335, 2nd €233, 3rd €186, 4th €129, 5th €93

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 150 – The “Eugenia Murray” Perpetual Challenge Cup presented for the Ridden Connemara Championship. First and second prize winners in Classes 73, 74, 75 and 76 will compete for this Cup. The Champion will be awarded €320 and Reserve Champion €172.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

Parade:

The Champion and Reserve Champion Ridden Connemara and the first and second prize winners in the Ridden Connemara Stallion class are required to participate in the Parade of Champions on Friday 7 August (see NOTE pg 17).

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

SHOW HUNTER PONIES

Aim:

To exhibit true pony character and conformation.

The Show Hunter Pony should be a quality animal with a neat head, good length of rein and depth through the body. They should demonstrate the suitability to carry a child across country and over a variety of terrain and obstacles. Manners are of extreme importance.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €290

RDS Member €245

Classes:

77. SHOW HUNTER STARTER STAKES, PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 133cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 12th birthday by 1 January 2026.
78. PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 133cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.
79. PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 17th birthday by 1 January 2026.
80. PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 153cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 20th birthday by 1 January 2026.
81. PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, exceeding 143cm, but not exceeding 158cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday but not attained their 25th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Eligibility:

It is compulsory for all four and five year old ponies in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Rules:

Ponies entered in Classes 80 and 81 may also be entered in Class 20 and 21 (Small Hunters) provided they are eligible.

Any combination of pony and rider competing in Class 77 may not compete in any other Show Hunter Pony class at the Show.

Exhibits in the Show Hunter Pony classes must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

Please note there are no specific biting rules or guidelines for these classes, the biting guidelines on pg 27 do not apply.

Spurs are **not** permitted.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €335, 2nd €233, 3rd €186, 4th €129, 5th €93

A Special Breeders' Prize of €100 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish-bred pony in each class. In order to be eligible for a Special Breeders' Prize, ponies must be bred in Ireland, registered in an Irish pony studbook and have their breeding recorded on their passports.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 99 – Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Show Hunter Pony (Classes 78 to 81).

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

JUNIOR EQUITATION

Aim:

To improve the standard of equitation amongst junior riders. Competitors will be required to jump over one round and only the performance of the rider will be assessed by the judge. The class will not be decided on jumping faults or time as in a show jumping class.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Classes:

88. PONY, MARE, GELDING or STALLION not exceeding 138cm. For riders who have attained their 10th birthday but have not attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.

89. PONY, MARE, GELDING or STALLION exceeding 138cm and not exceeding 153cm. For riders who have attained their 12th birthday but have not attained their 17th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Qualifiers:

Four qualifying venues have been selected from which the best riders will come forward to the Final at the Dublin Horse Show. Four riders will qualify in each category at each qualifier.

Venue	Date
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath Tel: 086 2519161	Sun 3 May
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 0044 7711815267	Sun 17 May
Maryville Stables, Co. Cork Tel: 087 7710970	Sun 21 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sun 28 June

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via www.sjlive.ie. Entries open 14 days before each qualifier and close two days prior to the qualifier at 4pm. Start lists will be available through SJI Live. No late entries or entries on the day will be accepted. Non-SJI members may be required to purchase a 'temporary SJI ticket' in order to compete.

Tack:

- Simple snaffle (see Rule 30, pg 27), no gags, no three ring snaffles.
- Martingales are **not** permitted.
- Whips are **not** permitted.
- Riders must dress according to Rule 31.b, pg 28.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders (see Rule 13, pg 26).
- Prior to going through the start, the judge may allow a pony to leave the ring to correct incorrect tack and compete later without penalty. If for any reason, a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge has no option but to eliminate the competitor.

Rules:

A rider may compete in one category only at each qualifier and may only ride one animal at the DHS. Riders will not be permitted to switch between categories. The category first competed in must be adhered to. A pony may only be competed in one category at each qualifier, and may only be competed by one rider at the qualifiers and at the DHS. Should a rider qualify more than one pony, the first qualification will determine the qualifying place.

Animals which have officially represented Ireland in FEI team competitions, and those graded 'A' before 30 April with Showjumping Ireland, will not be eligible for either section.

All animals must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme (see Rule 57, pg 21). Such documentation may be inspected at any time by judges / officials.

Further guidelines on what the judges will look for can be obtained on www.dublinhorseshow.com.

Class Format:

All riders will compete over a course of fences and the performance of the rider will be assessed. Jumping faults of the pony / horse will not be considered unless it is considered by the judge to be a result of the rider's ability. The following will incur elimination:

- Three refusals
- Wrong course
- Fall of pony or rider

Course:

Riders will compete over a set course plan at each of the qualifiers. At the Final, the course may include a number of derby type fences (which may include non-knockable fences) and the course plan will differ from that encountered at the qualifiers. The course will include a change of rein, a combination and may also incorporate a bending line, a narrow jump and a roll back turn.

Judging:

The judge will evaluate each competitor under the criteria outlined below:

- Rider's position on the flat (20 marks)
- Rider's position while jumping (20 marks)
- Use and effectiveness of the aids (20 marks)
- Rhythm – even throughout (10 marks)
- Correct Pace – 350m per minute (10 marks)
- Control (10 marks)
- Line and straightness (10 marks)
- Potential (10 marks)
- Presentation of rider and pony (10 marks)

'Rider's Position on the Flat' will be assessed by the judges during the competition round, there will be no separate ridden display.

In the event of a tie, the rider with the highest score for 'Use and Effectiveness of the Aids' will be determined the winner. If there is still a tie, the rider with the highest score for 'Rhythm' will be determined the winner. If there is still a tie, the rider with the highest score for 'Rider's Position on the Flat' will be the winner.

JUNIOR EQUITATION (cont.d)

Fences:

Class 88 – max height 0.90m, max width 1.00m

Class 89 – max height 1.00m, max width 1.06m

Course Designer:

Mr Aaron McCusker

At the Final:

These classes will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlist on the Equipe App. A rider will be permitted to run out of order only in exceptional circumstances, on written request to the Equestrian Office before Tuesday 4 August at 5pm, and with the approval of the Show Director.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €335, 2nd €233, 3rd €186, 4th €129, 5th €93

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 19 – Perpetual Challenge Cup presented to the winning **rider** in the Junior Equitation Championship.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

LEAD REIN SHOW HUNTER PONIES

Aim:

To foster and support equestrianism into the future.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €290

RDS Member €245

Class:

90. PONY, MARE or GELDING of Show Hunter type, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 123cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th birthday, but who have not attained their 8th birthday by 1 January 2026.

This class will be limited to a maximum of 20 primary entries. In the event of a limitation the first 20 correct primary entries received, and paid for, will secure entry. Please note there may be additional secondary entries in the above class.

Rules:

Ponies must be shown in simple snaffle bridles, only loose ring, eggbutt and hanging cheek snaffles will be permitted. The above snaffles with lozenge and French link joints will be permitted. Please note that Wilkie bits are **not** permitted. They must be led by a competent adult and should be on a loose rein. They will be required to trot.

Exhibits in the Lead Rein Show Hunter Ponies must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme, and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €335, 2nd €233, 3rd €186, 4th €129, 5th €93

All ponies competing will receive a rosette.

If there are fewer than 6 entries in either of classes 90 and 91, the classes may be amalgamated.

LEAD REIN SHOW PONIES

Aim:

To foster and support equestrianism into the future.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €290

RDS Member €245

Class:

91. PONY, MARE or GELDING of Show Pony type, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 123cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th birthday, but who have not attained their 8th birthday by 1 January 2026.

This class will be limited to a maximum of 20 primary entries. In the event of a limitation the first 20 correct primary entries received, and paid for, will secure entry. Please note there may be additional secondary entries in the above class.

Rules:

Ponies must be shown in simple snaffle bridles, only loose ring, eggbutt and hanging cheek snaffles will be permitted. The above snaffles with lozenge and French link joints will be permitted. Please note that Wilkie bits are **not** permitted. They must be led by a competent adult and should be on a loose rein. They will be required to trot.

Exhibits in the Lead Rein Show Ponies must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme, and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €335, 2nd €233, 3rd €186, 4th €129, 5th €93

All ponies competing will receive a rosette.

If there are fewer than 6 entries in either of classes 90 and 91, the classes may be amalgamated.

FIRST RIDDEN PONIES

Aim:

To foster and support equestrianism into the future.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €290

RDS Member €245

Class:

92. PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 123cms, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 5th birthday, but who have not attained their 10th birthday by 1 January 2026.

This class will be limited to a maximum of 20 primary entries. In the event of a limitation the first 20 correct primary entries received, and paid for, will secure entry. Please note there may be additional secondary entries in the above class.

Rules:

Ponies must be shown in simple snaffle bridles, only loose ring, eggbutt and hanging cheek snaffles will be permitted. The above snaffles with lozenge and French link joints will be permitted. Please note that Wilkie bits are **not** permitted. No cantering allowed except for individual performances and ponies must leave the ring at a walk only. First Ridden riders must **not** ride in any other class at the Show.

Exhibits in the First Ridden Ponies must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme, and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €335, 2nd €233, 3rd €186, 4th €129, 5th €93

All ponies competing will receive a rosette.

WORKING HUNTER PONIES

Aim:

To demonstrate quality ponies capable of carrying a child across country.

They will be quality animals with a neat head, good length of rein and depth through the body. They must be able to carry a child on a cross-country ride, over fences, logs and ditches. The pony must exhibit an ability to jump and be fit enough to go a distance.

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €340

RDS Member €300

Eligibility:

It is compulsory for all four and five year old ponies in these classes to have **competed in a minimum of three shows** prior to 1 August 2026 (see Rule 22, pg 19).

Class:

93. WORKING HUNTER STARTER STAKES, PONY, MARE or GELDING, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 133cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 12th birthday by 1 January 2026.

94. PONY, MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 133cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026.

95. PONY, MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 4 years old or over, exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 17th birthday by 1 January 2026.

96. PONY, MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 4 years old or over, exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 153cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 20th birthday by 1 January 2026.

97. MARE, GELDING or STALLION, 4 years old or over, exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 158cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th birthday but not attained their 25th birthday by 1 January 2026.

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
Banner Equestrian Centre, Co. Clare V95 XC95	Sun 24 May
Kilbride Equestrian Centre, Co. Kilkenny R95 PK88	Sun 31 May
Knockagh View Equestrian Centre, Co. Antrim BT38 8RP	Sun 7 June
Scelig Equestrian Centre, Co. Cork T34 YW61	Wed 1 July

The top **five** combinations in each category, at each of the four regional qualifiers listed above, will be eligible to enter for the DHS provided they meet the extended criteria below:

Pony / rider combinations must have completed a minimum of **two** Working Hunter Pony qualifiers before competing at the DHS.

It is required that ponies entered in Classes 94 to 97 have a minimum of one of the following; 50 IPS points, Grade C with Showjumping Ireland, EI100 with Eventing Ireland, and / or riders must have achieved the Irish Pony Club C Test.

A set 'Show Piece' will apply for the qualifiers and will be available on the Irish Pony Society website: www.irishponysociety.ie.

Qualifiers (cont.d):

A change of rider will not be permitted under any circumstances. Only the pony / rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete.

A rider may enter a maximum of **two** ponies per Working Hunter Pony class at the qualifiers but may only qualify a maximum of **one** pony per class. A rider may qualify a maximum of **two** ponies overall across the five Working Hunter Pony classes for the DHS, except for those riders competing in class 93, who are not permitted to enter in any other Working Hunter Pony class at the Show.

Ponies entered in the Working Hunter Starter Stakes may also, provided they are eligible, be entered in the class for 'Pony, Mare, Gelding or Stallion, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 133cm, suitable for and to be ridden by riders who have not attained their 14th birthday by 1 January 2026'. Riders entered in the Working Hunter Starter Stakes are not permitted to enter in any other Working Hunter Pony qualifier.

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link; <https://iplive.app>. Entries must be submitted **online** by **5pm** on the **Sunday before** the qualifier is due to take place. A qualifier entry fee of €40 will apply and will be paid directly to the Irish Pony Society at the point of entry. Entries are open to all competitors regardless of whether they are IPS members. Unregistered competitors will compete on a 'IPS day ticket', which is covered by the qualifier entry fee. Competition at the qualifier venues will commence at or before 9am. Exhibitors will be advised of their start time and given a final start list by email on the day preceding the qualifier. No late entries or entries on the day will be accepted.

Further guidelines on what the judges will look for can be obtained on www.dublinhorseshow.com.

Qualifier results will be posted on the Dublin Horse Show website after the event.

Rules:

A rider may compete a maximum of 1 pony per class at the DHS. Ponies entered in Class 93 may also, provided they are eligible, be entered in Class 94. Riders entered in Class 93 are not permitted to enter in any other Working Hunter Pony class at the Show.

Ponies entered in Class 96 & 97 may also, provided they are eligible, be entered in Classes 20 & 21 (Small Hunters) and Class 65 (Junior / Young Rider Event Horses).

Exhibits in the Working Hunter Ponies must have a current and valid measurement under the Showjumping Ireland / Irish Pony Society Measurement Scheme, and their passports must be available on arrival for inspection (see Rule 57, pg 21).

These classes will run as per a **specific drawn order** available on the official startlist on the Equipe App. A rider will be permitted to run out of order only in exceptional circumstances, on written request to the Equestrian Office before Tuesday 4 August at 5pm, and with the approval of the Show Director.

A reserve system will not be in place for these qualifiers, should any qualifier fail to provide the number of qualifying places under the rules, such places will **not** be carried forward to the next qualifier or filled by any other method or allocation.

Under no circumstances will an additional / extra qualifying place be awarded in the case of a judging or scoring error. **The decision of the Chief Steward in conjunction with the Judge on the day will be final and binding. No other appeals will be entertained.**

WORKING HUNTER PONIES (cont.d)

Ring Familiarisation:

Exhibitors in Classes 93 and 94 will be allowed to familiarise their ponies with the competition ring on Saturday morning as below:

- Class 93 – 7.25am
- Class 94 – 7.40am

Please note that these times are subject to change and the finalised 'Ring Familiarisation' times will be included in the official Daily Programme.

Exhibitors may only enter the ring during the time allocated for their class.

All ponies must be mounted and wearing their competition number and may only be ridden by the rider as recorded in the Catalogue.

Only the pony and rider may enter the ring during these times; no grooms, assistants or trainers will be permitted to accompany the rider in the ring. Ponies are permitted to walk and trot only.

There will be a 5-minute course walk (riders on foot) for Class 93 at 7.55am. Riders should be accompanied by their parent, guardian or trainer.

Marking System:

Phase One: Jumping – 10 marks per fence
Way of Going – 20 marks

The total for Phase One will be divided by two and then the penalties subtracted.

Phase Two: Conformation – 10 marks
Movement – 10 marks
Type – 10 marks

Conformation and movement marks include quality and soundness.

Phase Three: Ridden Display – 10 marks
Manners – 10 marks
Performance – 10 marks

Manners and performance marks include 'Way of Going' and manners in company.

Penalties: Fence down – 10 penalties
1st refusal – 15 penalties
2nd refusal – 20 penalties
3rd refusal – Elimination
Fall of rider – Elimination

Riders who misuse the whip in the Jumping Phase will receive 5 penalties. Misuse of the whip is where it is not applied to reinforce a leg / seat aid or is inconsistent with the aids being given. Excessive use of the whip may incur elimination. Determination of excessive or misuse of the whip will be at the judge's discretion.

Judging:

The top six ponies on the basis of total marks in Phase One and Phase Two will be invited back for final judging and assessment at the Dublin Horse Show only.

Judging (cont.d):

This will not apply at the qualifiers. (In order to be prepared for the final judging and assessment at the DHS, qualified competitors are advised to have acclimatised their ponies to a group ride situation).

In the event of a tie, the pony with the highest overall mark in Phase One and Two will be the winner; if there is still a tie the pony with the highest mark in Phase One will be the winner. If there is still a tie, the pony with the highest 'Way of Going' mark awarded in Phase One will be the winner.

Fences:

Ponies entered in Classes 93 to 97 will be required to jump a course of natural fences, including a water tray, and negotiate obstacles with the following dimensions:

	Max Height	Max Width
Class 93	0.80m	0.90m
Class 94	0.95m	1.05m
Class 95	1.00m	1.10m
Class 96	1.10m	1.25m
Class 97	1.10m	1.25m

Course Designer:

Mr Colin Ellison (UK)

Tack:

- Protective headgear and a body protector must be worn by all riders (see Rule 12 and Rule 13, pg 26).
- Please note there are no specific biting rules or guidelines for these classes, the biting guidelines on pg 27 are recommended.
- Riders must dress according to Rule 31.b, pg 28.
- The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the pony.
- No hind boots or bandages are permitted.
- Spurs are **not** permitted.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 17.

1st €340, 2nd €238, 3rd €191, 4th €134, 5th €97

A Special Breeders' Prize of €100 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred pony in each class. In order to be eligible for a Special Breeders' Prize, ponies must be bred in Ireland, registered in an Irish pony studbook and have their breeding recorded on their passports.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 123 – The "Vivienne Hillery" Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Champion Working Hunter Pony. First and second prize winners from Classes 94 to 97 will compete for this Cup.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

IMPORTANT RULES FOR SHOW JUMPING COMPETITIONS

The attention of exhibitors is drawn to the following regulations relating to the jumping competitions, which will be in operation at the Dublin Horse Show.

1. In order to be eligible to compete in the jumping competitions at the Dublin Horse Show, ponies and horses must be entered either in their appropriate performance classes, or else in the special classes provided for jumping only ponies and horses (Classes 103 - 117). If horses or ponies are entered in any class other than Classes 103 - 117 they must comply with the conditions of entry for the particular class, i.e. arrival, presentation for adjudication, etc.
2. All jumping horses and ponies must be registered at the time of qualification with Showjumping Ireland (SJI) for the current year. Only horses and ponies that have duly qualified in their respective qualifying competitions organised by SJI shall be eligible to enter or compete in jumping competitions. A horse cannot compete in more than one show jumping qualifier category for the Dublin Horse Show. It is the responsibility of the owner / agent / athlete to ensure that all animals and athletes are eligible to compete in the relevant qualifying competition.
3. Entries for all jumping competitions close on **Monday 6 July 2026**, at **5pm** and late entries will not be accepted (except in the case of classes with qualifiers after that date).
4. A change of rider is permitted in the DHS 'Horse' category only. The change of rider must be notified in writing to the RDS Equestrian Department and the SJI Executive by the close of entries on Monday 6 July.
5. No substitution of horse or pony will be allowed. It is the owner's responsibility to enter the horse and or pony with the RDS once qualified. However, if the entry and fee is not received by **5pm** on **Monday 6 July 2026** the qualifying place will be forfeited.
6. Eligible horses and ponies will be automatically entered in all jumping competitions (A, B and C) at the Dublin Horse Show. If an owner wishes to withdraw his / her horse or pony from any of these competitions, they must do so in accordance with Rule 7 below.
7. The withdrawal of a horse or pony from a jumping competition must be made by email to the Equestrian Office at equestrian@rds.ie at least half an hour before the competition is programmed to commence; withdrawals will not be accepted unless made by email. If a horse or pony is absent from a competition in which it has been entered and the owner has failed to notify its withdrawal in accordance with the above regulation, a fine of €100 will be imposed on the owner.
8. In the case of a jumping horse or pony entered in the name of joint owners, if any difference of opinion arises between the joint owners regarding jumping entries, jumping withdrawals, or any other Show matter affecting the entry, the entry will be cancelled, and no refund of entry fee will be made.
9. 'Irish Exhibitor' shall mean an exhibitor of Irish nationality or one who has a residence in Ireland, and has not elected to represent any other country, or one who complies with Rule 10 below.
10. In order to be eligible to compete in the national jumping competitions at the Show, foreign riders must have been resident in Ireland for a minimum of 14 days before the first day of the Show, and their horses must have been located in Ireland for a similar period. In all cases riders must obtain permission to ride from Horse Sport Ireland. In the Pony and Children on Horses categories, only fully paid-up members of SJI, resident on the island of Ireland for six months of the calendar year, may take up a qualifying place at the Dublin Horse Show. To be eligible to compete in the Dublin Horse Show qualifiers, both athlete and horse / pony must be fully paid up with SJI and the ponies must fulfil the same criteria for measurement and points applied to Irish registered ponies. In order to be eligible to compete in the Young Rider qualifiers for the Dublin Horse Show, athletes who are resident outside of the island of Ireland for more than six months of the calendar year must be available for selection for Ireland. The athlete and horse must also be registered with SJI for the current year.
11. All riders competing in the National Classes must be members of SJI.
12. Only the Chef d'Equipe, trainer and riders participating in the show jumping competitions will be permitted to walk the course for the competitions. They must be correctly attired in the arena at all times. Riders must wear a show jacket and boots. Failure to observe this rule will prevent access to the competition arena.
13. Riders may only compete as specified in the rules of the SJI bulletin.
14. It is the responsibility of the competitor to be in the correct ring, whether national or international, at the stated time.
15. No person may lead more than one horse or one pony at any time on the Showgrounds. Any person leading an animal must be competent to do so.
16. The four, five & six year old classes are restricted to animals registered as being bred on the island of Ireland, and to those entire animals (stallions and mares) bred outside of Ireland, that were registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture).
17. Five year old mares having carried a foal to parturition as a four year old and providing that the foal was subsequently registered in a studbook will be permitted to compete in the Four Year Old qualifiers.
18. Registered ponies will not be remeasured for jumping competitions. They will not, however, be allowed to compete should it be proved that their colour, markings and age do not agree with the description as set out in their passport. Should this be subject to an appeal, the current measurement under the SJI / IPS Measurement Scheme shall be produced and the pony examined. Should the colour, age, or markings of the pony not agree with the description particulars as set out on its passport, the exhibit shall be disqualified, prize money withheld, and the owner penalised in such a manner as the Society shall decide (Rule 7, pg 18). Where applicable the micro-chip record may be used as a means of identification.

19. Entries for the Pony competitions are confined to ponies entered in Classes 69 - 97, or in Classes 112 - 117. Entries for all competitions close on **Monday 6 July 2026**, at **5pm** and late entries will not be accepted (except in the case of classes with qualifiers after that date).
20. No child under 14 years of age on 1 January 2026, is eligible to compete in any jumping competition except those specially arranged for ponies. The exception being the Children on Horses competition, which is open to riders from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday to the year in which they reach their 14th birthday.
21. Owners must see that the riders of their horses and ponies are correctly attired and that protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 2011, Snell E2016 (with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), UTAC / CRITT or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards and must have SAI Global mark), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that as of 1 January 2023 hats with PAS 015 (1998) and Snell E2001 kitemarks / standards can no longer be accepted).
22. The stewards are empowered to refuse permission to enter the enclosure to anyone incorrectly dressed. For international competitions dress in accordance with FEI rules must be worn.
23. For national competitions dress in accordance with SJI Article 256N must be adhered to. All hats must be properly secured.
24. Pony riders are not permitted to remove their hats while mounted or during prizegiving ceremonies.
25. The times and days on which the jumping competitions are programmed to take place are subject to alteration should the Committee consider the alteration necessary.
26. All national competitions will be judged under SJI Rules.
27. Horses may not compete at the Show in both national and international competitions, with the exception of horses qualified under Rule 28 below.
28. Up to six Irish riders, not competing in the CSIO classes, will be invited to compete in the Puissance. The rider and horse combinations eligible to compete will be determined by qualifiers, both horses and riders must comply with FEI rules. Further details on pg 82.
29. The top two rider and horse combinations in five of the six Plusvital Premier Grand Prix Series shows - Barnadown Showjumping, Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Cavan Equestrian Centre, Maryville Stables, National Balmoral Show and Tattersalls Ireland July Show - will be invited to compete by the Organising Committee as Irish Individual riders in the CSIO5* classes at the Dublin Horse Show. In addition, two invitations will be issued to Irish-based riders who compete outside of Ireland in 2* Grand Prix or ranking classes at 3* shows or above between the 28 February and 31 May 2026. And a further four invitations will be issued to Irish riders by Horse Sport Ireland's High-Performance Jumping Director on, or before, the 21st of July 2026. For further information on CSIO5* Dublin Invitations see www.dublinhorseshow.com.
30. A total of 8 nomination places will be reserved for international athletes representing Ireland at CSIO team events, during the period from the first 'Horse' qualifier to the final 'Horse' qualifier. (While preference will be given to Irish-based athletes, these places will not be exclusively retained for Irish-based athletes). In all cases the nominated horse(s) must not have been competed at the 2026 DHS 'Horse' Qualifiers. Athletes will be subject to the overall limit of 8 horses in national show jumping classes at the Show. Athletes availing of this provision in the rules will only be allowed to nominate horses in the 5 & 6 year old classes. **There will be no nominations for the 4 year old class or the 7 & 8 year old class.** Athletes must enter their nomination online before the close of entry on the 6 July. Athletes must be members of, and nominated horses must be registered with, SJI for the current season, prior to the first qualifying competition. Recommendations as to the allocation of such places will be made by Horse Sport Ireland.
31. All four, five and six year old horses must compete in their own category regardless of their grade with the exception of five year old mares, as per Rule 17 (above).
32. In the international competitions, additional prizes will be awarded to give a scale of one prize for every four competitors.
33. A course plan will be displayed in the Jumping Pocket specifying what fences are to be jumped for each competition. The fences for a jump-off will also be specified on the plan.
34. There will be a time allowed and a time limit in all competitions, except as otherwise stated.
35. Objections to a decision of the Ground Jury or to the eligibility of a horse or pony competing in national show jumping classes must be made in writing to the President of the Ground Jury for the relevant competition. Such objections must be accompanied by a fee of €100. All objections must be made in accordance with SJI rules Article 259N.
36. Horses competing in the four year old classes are not permitted to wear hind boots or bandages. Only non-performance enhancing hind boots may be worn in all other classes for the Dublin Horse Show, with the exception of the Puissance. Each rider / owner wishing to avail of the use of hind boots on their horse must ensure that the boots are those permitted under Article 257N Saddlery of the SJI rules. Under no circumstances will non-specified hind boots, or bandages of any kind except for those outlined under Article 257N Saddlery Rule 2.4N be permitted. Please refer to the SJI Rule Book at www.sji.ie/Shows/Rules.
37. The FEI boot rule for young horses (Ref. FEI Art. 257.2.4) will apply at both the qualifiers and the Final of the International 7 & 8 Year Old competition.
38. No pony will be permitted to jump with **draw reins** in the warm-up arenas.
39. Unless competing in international competitions, riders will not be permitted to wear the Irish flag on their saddle cloths.
40. In all jumping competitions at this Show (whether judged under FEI rules or National Rules) only a running martingale is permitted.
41. Spurs are allowed in all show jumping competitions.

42. The wearing of blinkers is prohibited.
43. Earphones and / or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in jumping competitions, and such usage is penalised by elimination. Furthermore, Athletes may not wear earphones at any time while mounted; this applies everywhere within the Showgrounds.
44. Stabling groups may be accommodated depending on the number of horses entered. If you wish to be considered for a stabling group, please indicate so when making your entries on the Online Entry System.
45. In the case of competitors under the age of 18 in the Pony, Children on Horses and Young Rider categories, entries can only be accepted if the parent verifies that the child has attained the level of competence for the class / classes they are entered in on the Online Entry System.
46. For all competitors in the Pony, Children on Horses and Young Rider categories the trainer must also be identified on the online entry form in the space provided, permission for their inclusion should be obtained and is the responsibility of the parent. If it is the case that a parent primarily conducts the child's training, this should be recorded on the entry form also.

SHOW JUMPING CLASSES

Unless otherwise stated, all competitions will be judged under National Rules, Table A, Article 238.2.2 (In the event of an equality of faults for first place only, there will be a jump-off over a reduced course and time will decide).

All horses and ponies who have qualified and entered for the national jumping competitions at the Dublin Horse Show will be automatically listed in the A, B, and C rounds (if applicable), of their class.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING WITHDRAWALS: If an owner wishes to withdraw his / her horse or pony from any of these competitions, they must do so by email to the Equestrian Office at equestrian@rds.ie at least half an hour before the competition is programmed to commence; withdrawals will not be accepted unless made by email. If a horse or pony is absent from a competition in which it has been entered, and the owner has failed to notify of its withdrawal a fine of €100 will be imposed.

JUMPING COMPETITIONS

The following table is given to assist exhibitors make their jumping entries; however, exhibitors must read the full conditions for each competition.

Class	Description	Number of Qualifier Places
NATIONAL		
103	Amateurs	32
104	Four Year Old Horses	24
105	Five Year Old Horses	36
106	Six Year Old Horses	36
108	Children on Horses (1.15m)	16
109	Young Riders (1.10m – 1.15m)	20
110	Young Riders (1.25m – 1.30m)	20
111	Young Riders (1.35m – 1.40m)	16
112	128cm Ponies	28
113	128cm 6 & 7 Year Old Ponies	12
114	138cm Ponies	28
115	138cm 6 & 7 Year Old Ponies	12
116	148cm Ponies	28
117	148cm 6 & 7 Year Old Ponies	24
INTERNATIONAL		
CSIYH 1*	International 7 & 8 Year Olds	27
	Puissance	6

AMATEURS

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

103. AMATEURS

Competition Format:

Competition 103 A – Friday 7 August

Competition 103 B – Saturday 8 August

Competition 103 C – Amateur National Championship – Saturday 8 August

Rules:

Competitions 103 A and 103 C will be judged under National Rules, Table A, Article 238.2.2. Competition 103 B will be judged under National Rules, Table A, Article 238.2.1 (riders with equality of penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round).

Rules (cont.d):

Competition 103 C is confined to the six highest placed horses in each of the Competitions 103 A and 103 B. If the same horse gains a place amongst the first six prize winners in more than one of these competitions, it will be deemed to be qualified by reason of the first of these wins and will be omitted from the count when deciding the qualifiers for the competition.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, Amateur athletes must have competed in a minimum of six amateur classes (excluding DHS qualifiers) in the 12 months prior to competing in the 2026 DHS Amateur qualifiers. At least three of these classes must be held at stand-a-alone shows and not part of a league held in a centre. Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Special prizes will be awarded.

FOUR YEAR OLD HORSES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

104. FOUR YEAR OLD HORSES

Competition Format:

Competition 104 A – Wednesday 5 August

Competition 104 B – Friday 7 August

Competition 104 C – Four Year Old 'Mo Chroí' National Championship – Saturday 8 August

Qualifiers:

The four year old horses will be awarded points for 'Future Potential', 'Rideability' and 'Jumping Technique / Natural Ability' in the second round of the qualifiers. The eight highest placed horses at each of the three qualifiers below, based on their final score, will qualify for the Dublin Horse Show.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh	Tues 19 May
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath	Wed 10 June
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford	Wed 24 June

In the event of a tie, the 'Future Potential', 'Rideability' and 'Jumping Technique / Natural Ability' scores in that order will decide.

Judging:

The following marking system will apply for both the qualifiers and Final:

Jumping Technique / Natural Ability	100 marks
10 fences @ 10 marks each	
Future Potential	50 marks
Rideability	50 marks
Total Mark	200 marks
FINAL PERCENTAGE SCORE	Total Mark ÷ 2

Rules:

Special SJI rules apply – judged over one round. Speed 325mpm. The top six horses based on points following Competitions 104 A and 104 B may be ridden by International Riders to decide the Championship. Any disobedience will incur elimination. The use of hind boots and bandages will not be permitted at the qualifiers or the Final.

Restricted to animals registered as being bred on the island of Ireland, and to those entire animals (stallions and mares) bred outside of Ireland, that were registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture).

Five year old mares having carried a foal to parturition as a four year old and providing that the foal was subsequently registered in a studbook will be permitted to compete in the Four Year Old qualifiers.

Awards & Prizes:

104 A & 104 B

1st €865, 2nd €550, 3rd €370, 4th €290, 5th €240, 6th €185

104 C – Final

1st €3,360, 2nd €2,220, 3rd €1,500, 4th €1,180, 5th €980, 6th €760

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be presented to the breeder of the winner of Competition 104 C.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 61 – The "Seamus Hughes" Perpetual Challenge Trophy awarded for the Four Year Old 'Mo Chroí' National Show Jumping Championship.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

FIVE YEAR OLD HORSES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

105. FIVE YEAR OLD HORSES

Competition Format:

Competition 105 A – Thursday 6 August

Competition 105 B – Friday 7 August

Competition 105 C – Five Year Old ‘Flexible’ National Championship – Sunday 9 August

Rules:

Competitions 105 C is confined to the eight highest placed horses in each of Competitions 105 A and 105 B. If the same horse gains a place amongst the first eight prize winners in more than one of these competitions, it will be deemed to be qualified by reason of the first of these wins and will be omitted from the count when deciding the qualifiers for these competitions.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Rules (cont.d):

Restricted to animals registered as being bred on the island of Ireland, and to those entire animals (stallions and mares) bred outside of Ireland, that were registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture).

Awards & Prizes:

105 A & 105 B

1st €865, 2nd €550, 3rd €370, 4th €290, 5th €240, 6th €185

105 C – Final

1st €3,360, 2nd €2,220, 3rd €1,500, 4th €1,180, 5th €980, 6th €760

A Special Breeders’ Prize of €1,500 will be presented to the breeder of the winner of Competition 105 C.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 120 – The “Jack Bamber” Perpetual Challenge Cup presented to the winner of the Five Year Old ‘Flexible’ National Show Jumping Championship.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

SIX YEAR OLD HORSES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

106. SIX YEAR OLD HORSES

Competition Format:

Competition 106 A – Wednesday 5 August

Competition 106 B – Thursday 6 August

Competition 106 C – Six Year Old ‘Cruising’ National Championship – Sunday 9 August

Rules:

Competitions 106 C is confined to the eight highest placed horses in each of Competitions 106 A and 106 B. If the same horse gains a place amongst the first eight prize winners in more than one of these competitions, it will be deemed to be qualified by reason of the first of these wins and will be omitted from the count when deciding the qualifiers for these competitions.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Rules (cont.d):

Restricted to animals registered as being bred on the island of Ireland, and to those entire animals (stallions and mares) bred outside of Ireland, that were registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture).

Awards & Prizes:

106 A & 106 B

1st €865, 2nd €550, 3rd €370, 4th €290, 5th €240, 6th €185

106 C – Final

1st €3,360, 2nd €2,220, 3rd €1,500, 4th €1,180, 5th €980, 6th €760

A Special Breeders’ Prize of €1,500 will be presented to the breeder of the winner of Competition 106 C.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 41 – The “Michael Moran” Memento presented to the winner of the Six Year Old ‘Cruising’ National Show Jumping Championship.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

CHILDREN ON HORSES (1.15m)

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

108. CHILDREN ON HORSES (1.15m)

Competition Format:

Competition 108 A – Children on Horses Team Championship
– Saturday 8 August

Competition 108 B – Children on Horses National Individual
Championship – Sunday 9 August

Rules:

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 12th
birthday to the year in which they reach their 14th birthday.

Restricted to mares and geldings, 6 years old and over on the
1 January 2026.

Athletes may only qualify one horse to compete in the Children
on Horses classes at the Dublin Horse Show. Only the
combination of horse and rider qualified will be eligible to
compete at the Dublin Horse Show, a change of athlete will not
be permitted. However, if a qualified horse is subsequently
sold, the new athlete may seek qualification and the previous
athlete may seek qualification on another horse.

Athletes must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training
System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order
to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show
qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be
obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from
BHSI and BHSII qualified instructors.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the
qualifiers and Final.

Team Championship

Four teams will compete in the Championship with a maximum
of four riders and four horses per team. A draw will determine
the allocation of riders to the teams.

A draw will also determine the starting order for the first round.
Unless eliminated in the first round, the four teams will
compete in the second round. The starting order of the second
round will be in reverse order of total penalties of the best three
riders in the first round. In the case of equality of penalties, the
teams will retain the first round starting order.

The final result will be decided by the addition of penalties
incurred by the three best riders per team in the first round and
the penalties of the three best riders per team in the second
round. In the case of a tie for first place following the second
round, there will be a jump-off with one rider per team.

Individual Championship

All athletes will compete in the Individual Championship (108 B).

Horse Inspection:

All horses competing in the Children on Horses classes at the
Dublin Horse Show must undergo a Horse Inspection from
12.30pm to 1pm on Friday 7 August. The Horse Inspection is to
ensure the fitness of the horse to compete; it is not a detailed
veterinary examination.

- The handler should be suitably dressed to present the
horse for inspection.
- All horses must be presented in a controlled and safe
manner in a snaffle or double bridle. Any other
equipment, i.e. rugs, bandages, etc., must be
removed.
- The person responsible for the individual horse must
be present.
- The competition number must be clearly displayed
and horse passports ready for inspection.
- The veterinarian will walk around the horse to carry
out a brief visual inspection of the horse. Palpation of
a limb or other part of the body will only be carried out
if deemed necessary.
- After the visual inspection and when instructed to do
so, the handler must walk the horse away from the
Inspection Panel for a short distance (10 paces) and
then trot on a loose rein. At the end of the path
provided the horse should be brought back to walk
before turning (to the right) and then trotted on a
loose rein back towards the Inspection Panel. The
handler should be on the left side of the horse at all
times.
- The Inspection Panel will then make a decision to
accept or not accept the horse.

Awards & Prizes:

108 A – Team Championship

Prizes in kind.

108 B – Individual Championship

1st €300, 2nd €200, 3rd €150, 4th €100, 5th €75, 6th €75

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 170 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the
winners of the Children on Horses Team Championship.

Cup No. 172 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the
winner of the Children on Horses Individual Championship.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on
pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

YOUNG RIDERS (1.10m – 1.15m)

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

109. YOUNG RIDERS (1.10m – 1.15m)

Competition Format:

Competition 109 A – Saturday 8 August

Competition 109 B – Young Riders (1.10m – 1.15m) National Championship – Sunday 9 August

Rules:

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday to the year in which they reach their 21st birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, horses must have a minimum of 30 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier. Restricted to horses 5 – 7 years old on the 1 January 2026.

Rules (cont.d):

Athletes must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSI and BHSII qualified instructors.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

All will qualify for the Final (Competition 109 B).

Awards & Prizes:

109 A

1st €370, 2nd €250, 3rd €170, 4th €135, 5th €114, 6th €90

109 B – Final

1st €450, 2nd €300, 3rd €200, 4th €163, 5th €140, 6th €112

YOUNG RIDERS (1.25m – 1.30m)

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

110. YOUNG RIDERS (1.25m – 1.30m)

Competition Format:

Competition 110 A – Friday 7 August

Competition 110 B – Young Rider (1.25m – 1.30m) National Championship – Saturday 8 August

Rules:

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday to the year in which they reach their 21st birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, horses must have a minimum of 50 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier.

Rules (cont.d):

Athletes must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSI and BHSII qualified instructors.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

All will qualify for the Final (Competition 110 B).

Awards & Prizes:

110 A

1st €370, 2nd €250, 3rd €170, 4th €135, 5th €114, 6th €90

110 B – Final

1st €450, 2nd €300, 3rd €200, 4th €163, 5th €140, 6th €112

YOUNG RIDERS (1.35m – 1.40m)

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

111. YOUNG RIDERS (1.35m – 1.40m)

Competition Format:

Competition 111 A – Wednesday 5 August

Competition 111 B – Young Rider (1.35m – 1.40m) National Championship – Friday 7 August

Rules:

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday to the year in which they reach their 21st birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, horses must have a minimum of 50 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier.

Rules (cont.d):

Athletes must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSI and BHSII qualified instructors.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

All will qualify for the Final (Competition 111 B).

Awards & Prizes:

111 A

1st €370, 2nd €250, 3rd €170, 4th €135, 5th €114, 6th €90

111 B – Final

1st €450, 2nd €300, 3rd €200, 4th €163, 5th €140, 6th €112

NOTE:

Cup No. 54 – Perpetual Challenge Cup presented to the Leading Rider in Young Rider National Jumping Competitions at the Show. The Young Rider with the best results across the three height categories will be awarded this cup.

128cm PONIES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

112. 128cm PONIES

Competition Format:

Competition 112 A – Wednesday 5 August

Competition 112 B – Thursday 6 August

Competition 112 C – 128cm National Championship – Friday 7 August

Rules:

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 10th birthday to the year in which they reach their 12th birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, ponies must have a minimum of 200 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier.

Athletes in the 128cm class must have attained Bar 1 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 1 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSAI or BHSII qualified instructors.

Rules (cont.d):

Competitions 112 A and 112 B will be judged under National Rules, Table A, Article 238.2.3 and Competition 112 C under Table A, Article 238.2.2.

Competition 112 C is confined to the nine highest placed ponies in each of the Competitions 112 A and 112 B. If the same pony gains a place amongst the first nine prize winners in more than one of these competitions, it will be deemed to be qualified by reason of the first of these wins and will be omitted from the count when deciding the qualifiers for the competition.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

112 A & 112 B

1st €240, 2nd €157, 3rd €110, 4th €90, 5th €74, 6th €58

112 C – Final

1st €285, 2nd €190, 3rd €128, 4th €104, 5th €87, 6th €68

128cm / International Riders Pairs Relay:

Up to 10 riders, from those not qualified to compete in Competition 112 C the 128cm National Championship, will be invited to compete in the 128cm / International Riders Pairs Relay at the Show.

128cm 6 & 7 YEAR OLD PONIES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €290

RDS Member €245

Class:

113. 128cm 6 & 7 YEAR OLD PONIES

Competition Format:

Competition 113 – Thursday 6 August

Qualifiers:

The 128cm 6 & 7 year old ponies will be awarded points for 'Future Potential', 'Rideability' and 'Jumping Technique / Natural Ability' in the qualifiers. The three highest placed ponies at each of the four qualifiers below, based on their final score, will qualify for the Dublin Horse Show.

Venue	Date
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath	Sat 2 May
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford	Sat 16 May
Maryville Stables, Co. Cork	Sat 20 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan	Sat 27 June

In the event of a tie, the 'Future Potential', 'Rideability' and 'Jumping Technique / Natural Ability' scores in that order will decide.

Judging:

The following marking system will apply for both the qualifiers and Final:

Jumping Technique / Natural Ability	100 marks
<i>10 fences @ 10 marks each</i>	
Future Potential	50 marks
Rideability	50 marks
Total Mark	200 marks
FINAL PERCENTAGE SCORE	Total Mark ÷ 2

Rules:

Special SJI Rules apply – judged over one round. Speed 325mpm.

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 10th birthday to the year in which they reach their 12th birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, ponies must have a minimum of 21 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier.

Athletes in the 128cm 6 & 7 Year Old class must have attained Bar 1 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 1 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSAI or BHSII qualified instructors.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

1st €1,100, 2nd €733, 3rd €500, 4th €400, 5th €333, 6th €266

A Special Breeders' Prize of €100 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred pony. In order to be eligible for a Special Breeders' Prize, ponies must be bred in Ireland, registered in an Irish pony studbook and have their breeding recorded on their passports.

138cm PONIES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

114. 138cm PONIES

Competition Format:

Competition 114 A – Wednesday 5 August

Competition 114 B – Thursday 6 August

Competition 114 C – 138cm National Championship – Friday 7 August

Rules:

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 10th birthday to the year in which they reach their 14th birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, ponies must have a minimum of 200 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier.

Athletes in the 138cm class must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSAI and BHSII qualified instructors.

Rules (cont.d):

Competition 114 C is confined to the seven highest placed ponies in each of the Competitions 114 A and 114 B. If the same pony gains a place amongst the first seven prize winners in more than one of these competitions, it will be deemed to be qualified by reason of the first of these wins and will be omitted from the count when deciding the qualifiers for the competition.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

114 A & 114 B

1st €240, 2nd €157, 3rd €110, 4th €90, 5th €74, 6th €58

114 C – Final

1st €285, 2nd €190, 3rd €128, 4th €104, 5th €87, 6th €68

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 37 – Perpetual Challenge Cup presented for the Champion 138cm Jumping Pony.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

138cm 6 & 7 YEAR OLD PONIES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €290

RDS Member €245

Class:

115. 138cm 6 & 7 YEAR OLD PONIES

Competition Format:

Competition 115 – Thursday 6 August

Qualifiers:

The 138cm 6 & 7 year old ponies will be awarded points for 'Future Potential', 'Rideability' and 'Jumping Technique / Natural Ability' in the qualifiers. The three highest placed ponies at each of the four qualifiers below, based on their final score, will qualify for the Dublin Horse Show.

Venue	Date
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath	Sat 2 May
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford	Sat 16 May
Maryville Stables, Co. Cork	Sat 20 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan	Sat 27 June

In the event of a tie, the 'Future Potential', 'Rideability' and 'Jumping Technique / Natural Ability' scores in that order will decide.

Judging:

The following marking system will apply for both the qualifiers and Final:

Jumping Technique / Natural Ability	100 marks
<i>10 fences @ 10 marks each</i>	
Future Potential	50 marks
Rideability	50 marks
Total Mark	200 marks
FINAL PERCENTAGE SCORE	Total Mark ÷ 2

Rules:

Special SJI Rules apply – judged over one round. Speed 325mpm.

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 10th birthday to the year in which they reach their 14th birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, ponies must have a minimum of 21 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier.

Athletes in the 138cm 6 & 7 Year Old class must have attained Bar 1 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSAI and BHSII qualified instructors.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

1st €1,100, 2nd €733, 3rd €500, 4th €400, 5th €333, 6th €266

A Special Breeders' Prize of €100 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred pony. In order to be eligible for a Special Breeders' Prize, ponies must be bred in Ireland, registered in an Irish pony studbook and have their breeding recorded on their passports.

148cm PONIES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

116. 148cm PONIES

Competition Format:

Competition 116 A – Wednesday 5 August

Competition 116 B – Thursday 6 August

Competition 116 C – 148cm National Championship – Friday 7 August

Rules:

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday to the year in which they reach their 16th birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, ponies must have a minimum of 200 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier.

Athletes must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSAI and BHSII qualified instructors.

Rules (cont.d):

Competition 114 C is confined to the seven highest placed ponies in each of the Competitions 114 A and 114 B. If the same pony gains a place amongst the first seven prize winners in more than one of these competitions, it will be deemed to be qualified by reason of the first of these wins and will be omitted from the count when deciding the qualifiers for the competition.

Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

116 A & 116 B

1st €240, 2nd €157, 3rd €110, 4th €90, 5th €74, 6th €58

116 C – Final

1st €285, 2nd €190, 3rd €128, 4th €104, 5th €87, 6th €68

148cm 6 & 7 YEAR OLD PONIES

Entry Fee:

Non RDS Member €460

RDS Member €415

Class:

117. 148cm 6 & 7 YEAR OLD PONIES

Competition Format:

Competition 117 A – Friday 7 August

Competition 117 B – 148cm 6 & 7 Year Old National Championship – Saturday 8 August

Rules:

Open to athletes from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday to the year in which they reach their 16th birthday.

To be eligible to qualify for the Dublin Horse Show, ponies must have a minimum of 70 grading points at least five days before competing at the qualifier.

Athletes must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System at least five days before competing at a qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Dublin Horse Show qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSAI and BHSII qualified instructors.

Rules (cont.d):

6 year old ponies will jump first at both the qualifiers and Final. Only hind boots as per Rule 36, pg 69 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

All will qualify for the Final (Competition 117 B).

Awards & Prizes:

117 A

1st €495, 2nd €330, 3rd €225, 4th €180, 5th €150, 6th €120

117 B – Final

1st €605, 2nd €403, 3rd €275, 4th €220, 5th €183, 6th €147

A Special Breeders' Prize of €100 will be presented to the breeder of the highest placed Irish-bred pony. In order to be eligible for a Special Breeders' Prize, ponies must be bred in Ireland, registered in an Irish pony studbook and have their breeding recorded on their passports.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

BROODMARE FUTURITY

Aim:

To identify young performance mares with suitable conformation, pedigree and athleticism to be potential broodmares of top performing show jumping horses.

Class:

118. BROODMARE FUTURITY

Competition Format:

The two highest placed fillies in Class 62 Section B (Three Year Old Loose Performance), Competition 104 C (Four Year Olds), Competition 105 C (Five Year Olds) and Competition 106 C (Six Year Olds) will qualify for the Broodmare Futurity. In the event that there are less than two mares competing in Competition 104 C (Four Year Olds), the highest scoring mares based on the Broodmare Futurity judges' scores for Competitions 104 A and 104 B will qualify.

Fillies / Mares will be presented in hand at the Final and will be assessed for their potential as a broodmare of elite show jumping horses based on the following criteria:

- Jumping Performance
- Conformation
- Movement
- Athleticism
- Pedigree (consolidation of performance genes in the dam line)

Rules:

Exhibitors **must** dress according to Rule 31.c, pg 28.

Marking:

Jumping Performance (60 marks)

Each mare / filly will be assessed by a panel of judges during their relevant Championships and awarded marks as follows:

- 10 marks Canter
- 10 marks Technique
- 10 marks Reflexes
- 10 marks Scope
- 5 marks Power
- 5 marks Balance
- 5 marks Attitude & Rideability
- 5 marks Jumping Talent / Potential

Total 60 marks

Conformation (20 marks)

Horses will be presented in hand and assessed for conformation by the judges.

Movement (10 marks)

Mares will be shown in-hand. Exhibitors should ensure that their mares are accustomed to walking and trotting-up in hand, in a balanced and calm manner to allow the judges to assess their natural paces, freedom of shoulder, use of back, engagement of the hock, tracking up and straightness.

Pedigree (20 marks)

A maximum of 20 marks will be awarded based on the level of performance in the pedigree, specifically the dam's pedigree. Marks will be awarded on a ranking basis, where the pedigree of the competing mares / fillies will be compared, and maximum marks awarded to the mare / filly with the most performance based pedigree.

Marking (cont.d):

Proof must be provided by the owner / exhibitor of the mare / filly of performance dams in the pedigree – i.e. dams which have performed successfully to international level, dams which have produced progeny which have competed successfully to international level, dams which are siblings of horses which have competed successfully to international level etc. It is the responsibility of the owner to make this information available.

Awards & Prizes:

1st €3,000, 2nd €1,500, 3rd €750, 4th €500, 5th €250, 6th €250, 7th €250, 8th €250

A Special Breeders' Prize of €675 will be presented to the breeder of the winner.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 163 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Broodmare Futurity.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

BURSARY COMPETITION

The RDS is delighted to award a bursary of two weeks training with a top international trainer to include budget return travel fare, accommodation and all training. A total of four riders will be selected from those competing in the Young Riders (1.25m – 1.30m), classes 110A and 110B, and Young Riders (1.35m – 1.40m), classes 111A and 111B, at the Dublin Horse Show. The selected riders will then go through to the Final on the Sunday of the Show where the Bursary recipient will be chosen. This Bursary provides a wonderful opportunity for a young rider to further his / her training and broaden his / her experience. Some contribution towards the training costs may be incurred by the winner. A rider may win the Bursary competition on one occasion only.

Candidates for the Final will be selected by two judges who will evaluate each of the riders competing in the Young Riders (1.25m – 1.30m), classes 110A and 110B, and Young Riders (1.35m – 1.40m), classes 111A and 111B, over the course of the Show. The riders will be selected on their ability to be as one with their horse. Riders should have a workmanlike appearance, with light, supple and independent seat, and hands conveying the impression of complete control in every situation. The riders will be judged on hands, seat, legs, correct use of the aids, their sense of rhythm, balance, timing and control with empathy for the horse they are riding. The rider should show excellent equitation, position and presentation, meet all fences squarely and at a proper distance. Tack as per SJI rules. An element of the Bursary competition will involve the riders exchanging horses. The exchange of horses and starting order will be determined by a random draw. Once riders have exchanged horses, there will be a 5 minute warming-up period which will take place in the competition arena. Should a rider, or a rider's parent or guardian, feel that a horse is unsuitable for that rider to proceed with to competition, they may appeal to the Judging Panel or withdraw from the competition.

In all matters of interpretation or circumstances unforeseen, the decision of the RDS Organising Committee will be final and binding in all cases. The Bursary competition is open to riders from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday to the year in which they reach their 21st birthday. The winner of the Bursary competition must avail of the bursary training within one year of winning the competition or forfeit the prize.

Cup No. 168, the "Iris Kellett" Perpetual Challenge Trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the Young Rider Bursary in memory of the late Iris Kellett. Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22).

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited.

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately.

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas.

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

CSIYH1* INTERNATIONAL 7 & 8 YEAR OLDS

Entry Fee:

€330 each entry

Entry fee includes all FEI fees including MCP and Manure Disposal fees.

Class:

International 7 & 8 Year Olds (CSIYH1*)

Qualifiers:

The top nine horse and rider combinations in the 7 & 8 Year Old class at each of the three venues listed below will be invited to compete in the CSIYH1* classes.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh	Tues 19 May
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath	Wed 10 June
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford	Wed 24 June

The qualifiers will be judged under SJI rules, Article 238.2.2.

Competition Format:

International Competition No. 4 – Wednesday 5 August

International Competition No. 7 – Friday 7 August

International Competition No. 13 – Sunday 9 August

Final:

International Competition No. 13 is confined to the top 50% of horse and rider combinations based on points gained over Competition Nos. 4 and 7. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st – 100 points, 2nd – 99 points, 3rd – 98 points, etc. No points will be awarded to horse and rider combinations that are eliminated or retire. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying place, all competitors on equal points will qualify. In the event of a withdrawal, the next best in line will be included. Replacements will be accepted up to 1 hour before the scheduled start time. In addition, horse and rider combinations that complete a double clear round in Competition No. 7 will qualify for the Final if not already qualified.

Rules:

- International Competition Nos. 4, 7 and 13 will be run under FEI rules. Exhibitors are advised to familiarise themselves with the FEI Rules & Regulations.
- CSIYH1* horses cannot compete in any CSIO5* competitions.
- All horses and riders must be registered with the FEI.
- FEI passports will not be required for national horses.
- All horses must be presented for the Horse Inspection on Tuesday 4 August.
- Starting order will be by draw, 7 year old horses will jump first.
- Fence heights – 1.40m (7 year olds), 1.45m (8 year olds)
- The FEI boot rule for young horses (Ref. FEI Art. 257.2.4) will apply.
- Horses competing in the CSIYH1* classes will be stabled in a secure area.

Vaccinations:

Vaccinations must be in line with FEI requirements.

Influenza vaccination for all horses competing in FEI competitions requires a vaccination within six months + 21 days of the competition. Please use the table below as a guide:

Vaccination	Protocol & Eligibility
Primary Course	<p>Protocol: 1st Vaccination: day 0 2nd Vaccination: day 21-60</p> <p>Eligibility to Compete: May compete 7 days after the 2nd vaccination.</p>
First Booster	<p>Protocol: Within 6 months + 21 days of the 2nd vaccination of the Primary Course.</p> <p>Eligibility to Compete: May compete for 6 months + 21 days after the 2nd vaccination of the Primary Course. Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination.</p>
Boosters	<p>Protocol: MINIMUM: within one year of previous booster vaccination. IF COMPETING: must be competing in the 6 months + 21 days of the previous booster vaccination.</p> <p>Eligibility to Compete: Must have been vaccinated within 6 months + 21 days before arriving at the Event. Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination.</p>

Awards & Prizes:

International Competitions No. 4 & 7

1st €2,475, 2nd €1,500, 3rd €1,125, 4th €750, 5th €450, 6th €337, 7th €225, 8th €187, 9th €150, 10th €150, 11th €75, 12th €75

Min prize (prize money to 1 in 4 riders): €30

International Competition No.13 - Final

1st €4,950, 2nd €3,000, 3rd €2,250, 4th €1,500, 5th €900, 6th €675, 7th €450, 8th €375, 9th €300, 10th €300, 11th €150, 12th €150

Min prize (prize money to 1 in 4 riders): €100

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 60 – The “John Higgins” Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the owner of the winner of the International 7 & 8 Year Old Championship.

Cup No. 154 – The “Corry” Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winning **rider** of the “John Higgins” Trophy. To be won three times in all by the same rider before becoming the property of the rider.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

PUISSANCE

Details:

Up to six Irish riders not competing in the CSIO classes will be invited to compete in the Puissance.

Entry Fee:

€330 each entry

Entry fee includes all FEI fees including MCP and Manure Disposal fees.

Qualifiers:

The top six horse and rider combinations at the qualifiers in **Mullingar Int. CSI 2* Shows** on **Sunday, 31 May** may be invited to compete, provided they comply with FEI rules and those specified by the RDS. The Organising Committee will review the recent performances of all eligible combinations and reserves the right to reduce the number of invitations it extends.

Horses competing at the qualifier must clear a height of 1.80m or above twice without faults (including refusals).

All horses and riders must be registered with SJJ for the current year.

Passports must be available for inspection at the qualifier.

A pre-entry system will be in place for the qualifier. Entries should be made directly with the qualifier venue.

The winning horse and rider combination(s) from the 2025 Defender Puissance will also be issued an invitation to compete in the Puissance.

Rules:

- The Puissance will run under FEI Rules. Riders are advised to familiarise themselves with the FEI Rules & Regulations.
- Horses must be at least 7 years of age.
- Riders may not compete in the Puissance before the year in which they reach their 18th birthday.
- All competing horses and riders must be registered with the FEI.
- All horses which **qualify** to compete in the Puissance at the Dublin Horse Show **must** have an FEI passport.
- All horses must be present for the Horse Inspection at the Dublin Horse Show.
- Horses will be stabled in a secure area.
- Riders are advised to consider using overreach boots for this competition.
- The decision of the Organising Committee is final in all cases.

Vaccinations:

Vaccinations must be in line with FEI requirements.

Influenza vaccination for all horses competing in FEI competitions requires a vaccination within six months + 21 days of the competition. Please use the table below as a guide:

Vaccination	Protocol & Eligibility
Primary Course	<p>Protocol: 1st Vaccination: day 0 2nd Vaccination: day 21-60</p> <p>Eligibility to Compete: May compete 7 days after the 2nd vaccination.</p>
First Booster	<p>Protocol: Within 6 months + 21 days of the 2nd vaccination of the Primary Course</p> <p>Eligibility to Compete: May compete for 6 months + 21 days after the 2nd vaccination of the Primary Course. Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination.</p>
Boosters	<p>Protocol: MINIMUM: within one year of previous booster vaccination.</p> <p>IF COMPETING: must be competing in the 6 months + 21 days of the previous booster vaccination.</p> <p>Eligibility to Compete: Must have been vaccinated within 6 months + 21 days before arriving at the Event. Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination.</p>

For details of international competitions, please contact the Equestrian Department on +353 (0)1 240 7200 or equestrian@rds.ie for a copy of the International Competition Schedule.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF SHOW JUMPING CLASSES

Subject to Alteration

Wednesday 5 August

Morning

106 A – Six Year Old Horses
116 A – 148cm Ponies
114 A – 138cm Ponies

Afternoon

112 A – 128cm Ponies
104 A – Four Year Old Horses
Intl Comp No. 4 – 7 & 8 Year Old Horses
111 A – Young Riders (1.35m – 1.40m)

Thursday 6 August

Morning

115 – 138cm 6 & 7 Year Old Ponies
114 B – 138cm Ponies
116 B – 148cm Ponies

Afternoon

113 – 128cm 6 & 7 Year Old Ponies
112 B – 128cm Ponies
105 A – Five Year Old Horses
Class 62 – Three Year Old Loose Performance
106 B – Six Year Old Horses

Friday 7 August

Morning

114 C – 138cm National Championship
104 B – Four Year Old Horses
116 C – 148cm National Championship
110 A – Young Riders (1.25m – 1.30m)
Intl Comp No. 7 – 7 & 8 Year Old Horses
111 B – Young Riders (1.35m – 1.40m) National Championship

Afternoon

105 B – Five Year Old Horses
117 A – 148cm 6 & 7 Year Old Ponies
103 A – Amateurs
112 C – 128cm National Championship

Saturday 8 August

Morning

103 B – Amateurs
117 B – 148cm 6 & 7 Year Old National Championship

Afternoon

108 A – Children on Horses Team Championship
104 C – Four Year Old 'Mo Chroí' National Championship
128cm / International Riders Pairs Relay
109 A – Young Riders (1.10m – 1.15m)
110 B – Young Riders (1.25m – 1.30m) National Championship
103 C – Amateur National Championship

Sunday 9 August

Morning

105 C – Five Year Old 'Flexible' National Championship
106 C – Six Year Old 'Cruising' National Championship
Intl Comp No. 13 – 7 & 8 Year Old **Final**
109 B Young Riders National Championship

Afternoon

Bursary Competition
Broodmare Futurity
108 B – Children on Horses Individual Championship
Team Show Jumping Championship (AIRC)

PONY CLUB GAMES

Class:**PONY CLUB GAMES****Rules:**

Each full team consists of five riders who are members of one branch and who were under 16 years of age on 1 January 2026.

The games to be played will be selected from the Bending Race, the Tack Shop Race, the Pyramid Race, the Sword Race, the Tyre Race, the Five Flag Race, the Stepping Stone Dash, the Rope Race, the Litter Race, the Ball and Bucket Race, the Two Cone Race, the Two Mug Race, the Fishing Race, the Irish Pony Club Race, Grooms Race, and Carton Race.

Competition Format:

Pony Club Games (Heats) – Saturday 8 August

Pony Club Games (Final) – Sunday 9 August

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 93 – The “Leonard” Perpetual Challenge Trophy. Presented to the winning team of the Pony Club Games Competition.

Please note the information pertaining to Cups and Trophies on pg 12 of this Competition Schedule.

AIRC TEAM SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

Class:**AIRC TEAM SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP****Entry fee:**

€420 per team entry

Qualifiers:

The winning team from each of the nine qualifiers will qualify for the final at the DHS.

Rules:

Open to teams of three or four riders.

Team members must be registered with the Association of Irish Riding Clubs before the 30th of April in order to be eligible for this championship.

Riders must be members of riding clubs affiliated with the Association of Irish Riding Clubs.

For more information, please visit www.airc.ie/events/airc-team-show-jumping-championship-final.

Competition Format:

Team Show Jumping Championship – Sunday 9 August

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 61, pg 22)

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited

No animal is permitted to leave the stabling area without having its competition number displayed appropriately

Smoking is prohibited in the stabling areas

Classes may start 15 minutes before the programmed time. It is the responsibility of all owners / competitors to ensure they are present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start

CLASS ENTRIES CLOSE 6 July 2026 at 5pm

RDS ELITE SHOW JUMPING FOAL SALE

Aim:

To showcase and auction an exceptional collection of Irish-bred show jumping foals, providing a platform for breeders to promote their foals to an international market, and provide buyers an opportunity to identify and acquire top Irish-bred talent for the future.

Entry Fee:

Selection Day Fee €100

Auction Entry Fee €250 (due by 6 July)

Eligibility:

Open to Irish-bred foals with a 5* show jumping pedigree typified by a strong performance damline, and by a proven performance sire. The foal must be a correct, proportionate individual, showing good balance and movement.

The sale is restricted to Irish-bred foals. Foals must be born on the island of Ireland and vendors must be able to produce appropriate documentation to support this.

Selection Days:

The Elite Foal Sale will be limited to a maximum of sixteen foals. Breeders are invited to submit applications to the RDS between 25 May and 15 June 2026. Foals will be invited to participate in one of two selection days held in Mullingar Equestrian Centre. From these presentation days, sixteen foals will be selected for the sale. The RDS will appoint independent, internationally respected selectors.

The Selection Day Fee (€100) is payable to the RDS upon invitation to present for selection.

Venue	Date
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath	Mon 29 & Tues 30 June
Tel: 086 2519161	

Rules:

An individual vendor / breeder / breeding enterprise may present unlimited foals for selection but can have a maximum of **two** foals in the sale.

The sale is restricted to Irish-bred foals. Foals must be born on the island of Ireland and vendors must be able to produce appropriate documentation to support this. Passports of all mares and foals must be brought to the RDS for inspection, where possible.

Foals must be a minimum of three weeks old at the time of selection (i.e. born before 7 June 2026).

All foals will be visually inspected by the RDS Veterinary Team on arrival at the RDS Showgrounds. A further veterinary check will take place on the morning of Friday 7 August. Foals will then be sold as they stand.

Presentation for Selection Days and Sale Day:

Vendors / breeders should ensure that foals are handled and prepared well in advance to perform walk, trot and canter in a balanced and calm manner to allow the selectors and prospective buyers to assess natural paces, correctness and athleticism.

Foals must be well turned out for Selection Days and the Sale Day at the DHS. All foals must be plaited.

Vendors / breeders must ensure to adhere to RDS Dress Codes and guidelines. Foals should be shown in appropriate tack i.e. leather headcollar and lead.

Sale Day Format:

The sixteen selected foals, and their dams, will arrive at the RDS Showgrounds between 8am and 12 noon on Thursday 6 August.

Viewing and Inspection by Potential Buyers: Foals will be presented in-hand for viewing and inspection by potential buyers in RDS Ring 1 on the Friday of the Dublin Horse Show.

There will also be a viewing hour in the Stabling Area. Buyers may view foals in a designated area adjacent to their stables. Viewing by prospective buyers is by arrangement only.

Auction: A live auction will take place on the Friday evening of the Show, after the Nations' Cup of Ireland in the Laya Arena. The live auction will be conducted in partnership with Goffs.

All prospective buyers must have registered to bid with Goffs in advance of the auction start. Only bids from registered buyers will be accepted. Full Conditions of Sale will be available in the auction catalogue.

After the Sale:

Foals will return home with their respective vendors / breeders after the sale. The purchaser will take delivery of the foal within 14 days of the foal reaching five months, or at a time mutually agreed with Goffs, the vendor and the purchaser. Foals and their dams may stay on the RDS Showgrounds until 12 noon on Saturday 8 August.

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES AND STEWARDS

The following Instructions to judges and stewards are to be carried out as far as practicable but are not in any way to be considered as binding upon the Society.

1. The judges are requested not to enter the stabling area prior to the commencement of the Show.
2. No one shall act as a judge or steward in a ring who is related to, or has a professional interest in, an exhibit in any class under adjudication in the ring.
3. Each of the judges will be provided with a book specifying the classes to be adjudicated. The judges are particularly requested not to apply for any further information respecting horses under their adjudication or examination, and it is an instruction to the stewards that under no circumstances are they to express an opinion as to the merits or demerits of any exhibit in the hearing of the judges.
4. If the judges consider that any horse does not come within the rules and regulations, they are requested to inform the Chief Steward of the class, who will report the case to the Organising Committee who shall take whatever action it deems fit. A horse up to a greater or less weight than specified for the class is to be excluded from competition. Should a horse show any obvious symptoms of unsoundness to the judges when under adjudication in the ring, the judges should place the horse accordingly. Should it be deemed that there is an immediate welfare issue relating to the horse, the judges shall inform the Chief Steward of the class, who will arrange for the horse to be examined by one of the Society's veterinarians, who shall be entitled to call in any other of the Society's veterinary surgeons in consultation, and their determination on whether or not the animal is fit to continue in competition shall be final.
5. The judges are requested to award the prizes offered in each class in accordance with the number of animals catalogued (see pg 17).
6. The judges shall not award a prize in any class where, in their opinion, the exhibit has been artificially altered or in any way tampered with.
7. In the adjudication of the Pembroke Cup (Cup 45) the rosettes awarded in previous competitions must not be worn. Rosettes may however be worn for adjudication of other Cups and Championships at the Show.
8. Judges are required to fill up and sign the Judges' Book immediately after the adjudication. The stewards are particularly requested, as soon as the prizes have been definitely awarded, to distribute the rosettes and prize cards.
9. Horses must be present in the assembly ring 15 minutes before their class is programmed to commence. The stewards may, if they wish, commence the judging of any class 15 minutes before the programmed time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DUBLIN HORSE SHOW 2026

1. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE (see overleaf for Arrival Times)

All animals which have completed their adjudication, and are not required for parades, may be removed between 8.00am and 8.00pm via the Arrivals / Departure Area on surrendering their head number or travelling label. All animals that are finished their classes and not taking part in parades **must** be removed from the Showgrounds on the day they last compete.

PLEASE NOTE that the Arrivals / Departure Area is located in Simmonscourt opposite the Simmonscourt Pavilion. Access for all equines will be via the Shrewsbury Road Gate. Dogs are not allowed on the Showgrounds with the exception of guide dogs.

2. VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS

In all classes, no official veterinary certificate will be required, except where considered necessary by the judge. Owners of all equines must produce documentation showing current equine influenza vaccination certificate (see Rule 66, pg 23) otherwise they will not be admitted to the Showgrounds. Drug testing of exhibits will be carried out at this year's Show.

3. GROOMS AND DRESS

All exhibitors leading, riding or showing equines in competition must be 16 years of age on 1 January 2026, unless otherwise stated in the class details. No person under 16 years of age on 1 January 2026 will be allowed to show, ride or lead ponies / horses in parades with the exception of riders in the Connemara Performance Hunter, Small Hunters, Riding Horses, Ridden Connemara Ponies and Coloured Horses.

Jacket, collar and tie must be worn by all exhibitors in the judging rings. Grooms will not be permitted to enter rings to assist unless they are neatly dressed, jeans and tracksuits are strictly forbidden (see Rule 61, pg 22). Owners are responsible for ensuring that the riders of their exhibits are correctly attired. Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 2011, Snell E2016 (with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), UTAC / CRITT or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards and must have SAI Global mark), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that as of 1 January 2023 hats with PAS 015 (1998) and Snell E2001 kitemarks / standards can no longer be accepted). It is compulsory for riders under the age of 16 years and for all riders competing in performance classes i.e. Working Hunter Horses, Working Hunter Ponies, Performance Irish Draught, Connemara Performance Hunter, Junior Equitation, Young Event Horse and Junior / Young Rider Event Horse. In the ridden show classes gentlemen and lady riders over 16 years of age may, if they so choose, wear a bowler hat (gentlemen) or a velvet hunt cap (ladies). A body protector must be worn by all riders in the classes specified in Rule 13 on pg 26 of this Schedule.

A competition number will be provided on arrival at the Showgrounds. This number is to be worn both on the animal and on the rider / handler's back at all times when the animal is out of its stall or box. This competition number must also be worn during the jumping competitions and also when in exercise. It may be worn on the horse's neck (see Rule 44, pg 20).

4. ENTRY

All entry fees must be paid by credit or debit card. Payment by cheque, cash or postal order will not be accepted. All entries must be made through the Online Entry System which is available via the following link:

www.dublinhorseshow.com/equestrian-information/online-entry, for more information on the Online Entry System see pg 89. Entries open on **Monday 25 May 2026, at 9am**. Entries close on **Monday 6 July 2026, at 5pm**.

5. MUCKING OUT

Owners are reminded that boxes must be cleaned before 8.30am or after 6.30pm each day. A fine of €60 will be levied on any owner not complying with this rule.

6. NUMBERS ENTERED IN CLASSES

If less than 6 entries are received in a class, the class may be cancelled or amalgamated with other classes.

7. OWNERS

The Society reserves the right to refuse entry into the judging ring of exhibits in any capacity other than that of rider in riding classes or leader in led classes or to receive a trophy. The use of mobile phones in the judging rings is strictly prohibited.

8. PARKING

Car, caravan and truck parking details are on pg 90 / 91. All matters, including fees, relating to car, caravan and truck parking must be directed to the relevant parking operators as per the details listed.

9. STABLING (See Rules 41 & 47, pgs 20 & 21)

Due to limitation on stabling, a quota system will apply. If the number of entries exceeds the capacity of stabling, precedence will be given to the earliest correct and paid for entries received. You are advised to ensure that your entries are submitted early to avoid disappointment. No animal is permitted to leave its stabling area without displaying its competition number. All equines with stable accommodation must be in situ and remain undisturbed in their allocated accommodation between 9pm and 5am. No equine will be permitted entry or exit to the stable area after 9pm and / or end of competition and before 5am.

10. ALTERNATIVE STABLING

The following list of riding centres may have stabling available for exhibitors who may need to bring horses or ponies with them which are due in the RDS towards the end of the Show week. Please note the RDS is providing this list as an aid to exhibitors ONLY and all livery conditions, costs and insurance implications are between the exhibitor and the riding centre.

- Carrickmines Equestrian Centre, Springfield Lane, Glenamuck Road South, Dublin 18, D18 R922 - (01 2955990)

ARRIVAL TIMES 2026

THESE ARRIVAL TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO REVISION

AUGUST	MON 3	TUES 4	WED 5	THURS 6	FRI 7	SAT 8	SUN 9
Jumping Horses & Ponies (Classes 104 – 117)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm	8am–12noon / 5pm–8pm			
Small Hunters (Classes 20 & 21)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm					
Riding Horses (Classes 25 & 26)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm					
Performance Irish Draughts (Classes 43 & 44)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm					
Potential Event Horses (Class 61)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm					
Young Event Horses (Classes 63 & 64)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–11am				
Junior / Young Rider Event Horses (Class 65)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–11am				
Connemara Pony Stallion Parade (Class 69)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm					
Connemara Performance Hunter (Classes 70 & 71)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm					
Light-Weight Hunters (Classes 1 – 5)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm				
Irish Draught Mares & Foals (Classes 37 – 41)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm				
Irish Draught Stallions (Class 42)			8am–8pm	9am–11am			
Two Year Olds (Classes 54 – 56)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm				
Three Year Olds (Classes 57– 59)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm				
Three Year Old Loose Performance (Class 62)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm	8am–12noon			
Ridden Connemara Ponies (Class 73 – 76)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm				
Middle-Weight Hunters (Classes 6 – 8)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm	8am–12noon			
Heavy-Weight Hunters (Classes 9 & 10)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm	8am–12noon			
Cobs (Classes 22 - 24)			8am–8pm	8am–12noon / 5pm–8pm			
Yearlings (Classes 52 & 53)	3pm–8pm	10am–8pm	8am–8pm	8am–12noon			
Ladies' Side-Saddle (Class 27)			8am–8pm	8am–11am			
Mares & Foals (Class 31 – 36)				8am–12noon / 5pm–8pm	8am–12noon / 4pm–8pm		
Thoroughbred Stallions (Class 48)				9am–11am / 5pm–8pm	8am–10am		
Coloured Horses (Class 29)				5pm–8pm	8am–10am		
Amateur Jumping (Class 103)					8am–12noon		
First Ridden (Class 92)					4pm–8pm		
Working Hunter Ponies (Classes 93 – 97)					4pm–8pm		
Racehorse to Riding Horse (Class 30)					4pm–8pm	8am–10am	
Sportsman (Amateur Hunter) (Classes 18 & 19)						8am–12noon	
Pony Club Games						11am–12noon	
Lead Rein Ponies (Classes 90 & 91)						8am–12noon	
Show Hunter Ponies (Class 77 – 81)						6pm–9pm	
Equitation Ponies (Classes 88 & 89)						6pm–9pm	
Working Hunter Horses (Classes 13 – 17)						6pm–9pm	
Intermediate Side-Saddle (Class 28)							8am–11am
Carriage Driving & Display Vehicle – Horses & Donkeys							9am–1pm
AIRC Team Show Jumping Championship							9am–1pm
RDS Elite Show Jumping Foal Sale				8am–12noon			

ARRIVALS VIA SHREWSBURY ROAD ENTRANCE ONLY

NO ANIMAL IS PERMITTED TO LEAVE THEIR STABLING AREA WITHOUT DISPLAYING THEIR COMPETITION NUMBER.

HORSES AND PONIES WHICH DO NOT ARRIVE DURING THE ABOVE TIMES WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE SHOW

ONLINE ENTRY

- Online entries for the 2026 Dublin Horse Show will open at **9am on Monday, 25 May** and close at **5pm on Monday, 6 July**
- The Dublin Horse Show Entry System will be accessible via the following link:
www.dublinhorseshow.com/equestrian-information/online-entry
- If not already registered for an Online Account, owners / entrants must register and set-up an account by providing the following:
 - Name
 - Email Address
 - Postal Address
 - Contact Telephone Number

For details of how we process your data, the categories of persons to who we disclose your data, and all other matters contained in Articles 12-14 of the General Data Protection Regulation, please visit **www.dublinhorseshow.com/privacy** to view the RDS DHS Privacy Policy.

EXHIBITOR PARKING



Lansdowne Football Club

Trailer & Two-horse Truck Parking

Parking for trailers and two-horse trucks is available in Lansdowne Football Club.
All bookings must be made directly via the DHS Online Entry System when making entries for the Show.

The DHS Online Entry System is accessible via the following link: www.dublinhorseshow.com/equestrian-information/online-entry

Lansdowne Football Club
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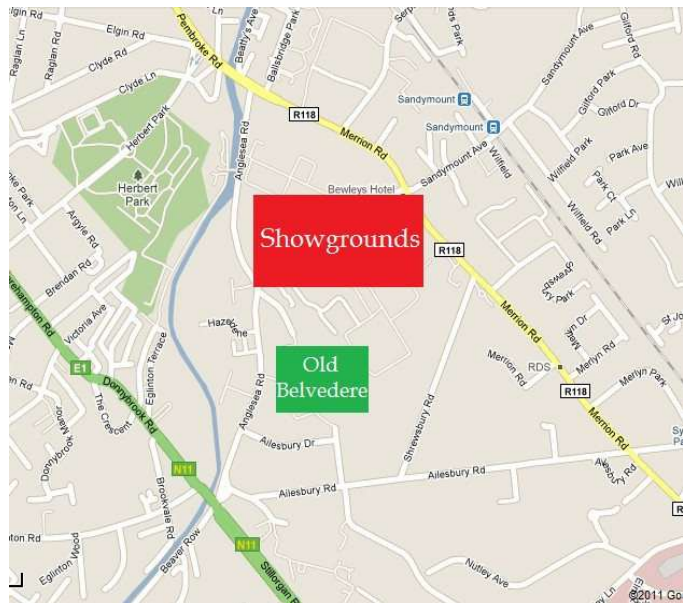
ALTERNATIVE EXHIBITOR PARKING

Old Belvedere R.F.C.

For all relevant information, updates and online booking service, check out the Old Belvedere R.F.C. website on www.oldbelvedere.ie.

All queries should be directed to Joanne Hamilton by email to joannemhamilton@gmail.com or by phone to +353 86 8759452. Follow Old Belvedere R.F.C. for parking updates on Twitter [@OldBelvedereRFC1](https://twitter.com/OldBelvedereRFC1)

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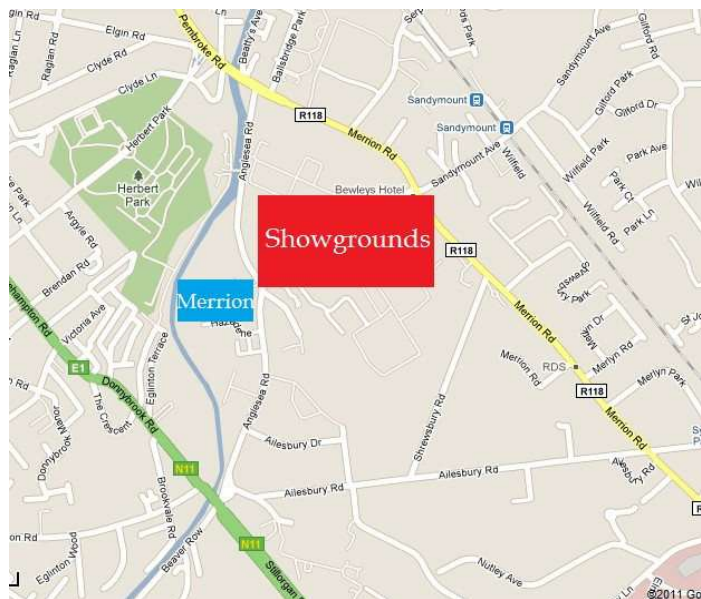
Merrion Cricket Club

Bookings and payments will only be processed through the Merrion Cricket Club website; www.merrioncricketclub.ie/clubhouse.

Follow the link and fill out the booking form as required. Please note that only weekly bookings will be accepted.

All queries should be directed to Eddie Lewis, Membership Secretary, by email to sec.merrioncc@gmail.com.

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