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INTRODUCING THE

RDS Elite Show Jumping Foal Sale

Laya Arena, RDS Dublin Horse Show
Friday 7 August 2026



The World Stage *for* Elite Irish Foals

The RDS Elite Show Jumping Foal Sale, presented in partnership with Goffs, is a curated auction of 16 of Ireland's most exceptional show jumping foals, taking place during the world-famous Dublin Horse Show - a global meeting place for leading owners, riders, agents, and equestrian buyers.

This premium event combines tradition, top tier Irish breeding, international visibility, and the prestige of the Laya Arena at the RDS.



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This initiative provides a fantastic platform to showcase well-bred foals and connect with buyers looking for the next generation of show jumping stars. I wish the RDS every success with the sale and look forward to seeing and supporting the talented foals that will be presented.

CIAN O'CONNOR

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The RDS is providing a unique platform for Irish breeders to showcase their best to the right buyers. I am excited to see the talent that will emerge from this sale - I've had great success with Irish horses over the years. It's a great opportunity for the show jumping world.

RODRIGO PESSOA

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As a rider, breeder, producer and through running our own auctions I know how important it is to get horses in front of the right audience. This sale offers a very unique opportunity for breeders to showcase their foals to some of the best riders, producers & owners from around the world.

GREG BRODERICK

Your Questions Answered

1. WHO IS ORGANISING THE SALE?

The Royal Dublin Society (RDS) will host the sale and has appointed Goffs as the official auction partner.

2. WHEN & WHERE DOES THE SALE TAKE PLACE?

The sale will take place during the 2026 RDS Dublin Horse Show on Friday 7th August in the Laya Arena, directly after the Nations' Cup of Ireland (Aga Khan).

3. WHAT IS THE RIGHT TYPE OF FOAL FOR THE SALE?

A foal 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 same.

4. HOW DOES THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

Breeders should submit applications to the RDS between 25 May and 15 June 2026. Foals will be invited to participate on one of two selection days from 29 - 30 June at Mullingar Equestrian Centre. From these presentation days, 16 foals will be selected for the sale.

Videos and photos will be captured for all foals in the selection days and made available to foal owners regardless of whether they are selected for the sale.

5. WHO ARE THE SELECTORS?

The RDS will appoint independent, internationally respected selectors.

6. IS THERE A MINIMUM AGE FOR FOALS AT SELECTION STAGE?

Foals must be a minimum of 3 weeks old at the time of selection (born before 7th June).

7. HOW MANY FOALS CAN A VENDOR ENTER FOR THE SALE?

An individual vendor / breeder may present unlimited foals for selection but can have a maximum of two foals in the sale.

8. WHAT IS THE COST OF SELLING A FOAL IN THE SALE?

Selection Day Fee: €100

Payable to the RDS upon invitation to present foal for live selection.

Auction Entry Fee: €250

Payable to the RDS by 6th July for foals successfully selected into the final 16.

Vendor Commission: 5%

As per the Conditions of Sale, vendor commission payable to Goffs will be 5% of the final sale price. Purchaser commission of 10% will apply.

9. HOW WILL THE SALE BE PROMOTED?

The RDS and Goffs will operate a joint marketing engine including:

- Social media marketing across RDS and Goffs channels
- World class promotional videos for each foal
- PR campaign targeting international equestrian media

Inclusion in the premium print and digital Foal Sale catalogue and Dublin Horse Show catalogue
Direct liaison with international riders, agents and owners
Unrivalled exposure throughout the 2026 Dublin Horse Show

10. WHEN WILL THE FOALS ARRIVE AT THE RDS?

The 16 selected foals, and their dams, will arrive at the RDS Showgrounds between 8am and 12 noon on Thursday 6th August.

11. WHERE WILL THEY BE STABLED?

Paddock South stables in the RDS Main Showgrounds, with close access to RDS Ring 1 and the Laya Arena.

12. ARE THE FOALS SUBJECT TO PRE OR POST SALE VETERINARY EXAMINATION?

The 16 foals will be visually inspected by the RDS Veterinary Team on arrival at the RDS Showgrounds.

A further veterinary check of heart and eyes for all foals will take place in the stables between 9am and 10am on Friday 7th August. Foals will then be sold as they stand.

13. WHAT HAPPENS ON AUCTION DAY?

A curated schedule will ensure maximum exposure to buyers:

11:30-12:10:

In-Hand Presentation

Foals presented with their dams in Ring 1 or (loose) in the International Warm-up Arena.

14:00-15:00:

Viewing Hour in the Stabling Area

Buyers may view foals in hand in a designated area adjacent to their stables.

18:20-19:40:

Foal Auction

A high energy, professionally staged sale in the Laya Arena.

14. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE SALE? WHO KEEPS THE FOAL, AT WHOSE COST, AT WHOSE RISK ETC.

The foals return home with the vendor 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 between Goffs, the vendor and the purchaser. The cost of keeping the foal until collection will remain with the vendor. The foal will remain at the vendor's risk until the foal has been collected by the purchaser at the vendor's premises, from which point it will be at the purchaser's risk.

15. WHERE, WHEN AND HOW ARE FOALS COLLECTED?

The foals will be collected by the purchaser at the vendor's premises within 14 days of the foal reaching five months, or at a time mutually agreed with Goffs, the vendor and the purchaser.

16. WHEN ARE VENDORS PAID?

The vendor will receive payment from Goffs after the purchaser has paid Goffs and between seven and fourteen days after collection of the foal by the purchaser at the vendor's premises.



Key Dates for Vendors

DATE	MILESTONE
25 May	Applications Open
15 June	Applications Close
29 & 30 June	Selection Days
3 July	Notification of Sale Selection
6 July	Auction Entry Deadline
6 August	Foals Arrive at the RDS
7 August	Presentation, Viewing & Auction

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