

RDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

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MISSION STATEMENT

The RDS Equestrian mission, and therefore the mission of the RDS National Championships, is to support the Irish sport horse breeder and producer through:

- Showcasing the best Irish bred horses
- Developing a market place for Irish bred horses
- Encouraging the highest standards in breeding for purpose, horse welfare, ethical training and effective horsemanship

COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL TRAINING AND ANIMAL WELFARE

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 RDS National Championships. 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 RDS National Championships. 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 RDS National Championships 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 RDS National Championships.
 - 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.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Subject to Alteration

Wednesday 18 August

Morning

Yearlings
Two Year Olds

Afternoon

Three Year Olds
Traditional Irish Young Horse Championship
Laidlaw Cup
Three Year Old Potential Event Horses

Thursday 19 August

Morning

Irish Draught Mares and Foals

Afternoon

Breeders' Championship
Hunter Weight Championships
Four Year Old Championship
Hunter Mare Championship
Supreme Hunter Championship
Three Year Old Loose Performance

Friday 20 August

Morning

113 – 148cm 6 & 7 Year Old National Championship
112 – 148cm National Championship

Afternoon

111 – 138cm National Championship
110 – 128cm National Championship
106 – Children on Horses Individual Championship

Saturday 21 August

Morning

100 – Amateur National Championship
107 – Young Riders (1.10m – 1.15m) National Championship

Afternoon

108 – Young Riders (1.25m – 1.30m) National Championship
109 – Young Riders (1.35m – 1.40m) National Championship
101 – Four Year Old 'Mo Chroí' National Championship

Sunday 22 August

Morning

102 – Five Year Old 'Flexible' National Championship
103 – Six Year Old 'Cruising' National Championship

Afternoon

104 – Seven Year Old National Championship
105 – Eight and Nine Year Old National Championship

LIST OF JUDGES FOR SHOWING CLASSES 2021

The judges for the 2021 RDS National Championships have yet to be confirmed. It is the intention to have judges from overseas at the finals for the RDS National Championships and the RDS is currently working with Government departments to ensure this will be the case.

Referee Judge	Judge: To be confirmed
Light-Weight Hunter Championship	Judge 1: To be confirmed Judge 2: To be confirmed
Middle-Weight Hunter Championship	Judge 1: To be confirmed Judge 2: To be confirmed
Heavy-Weight Hunter Championship	Judge 1: To be confirmed Judge 2: To be confirmed
Four Year Old, Hunter Mare & Supreme Hunter Championships	Judge 1: To be confirmed Judge 2: To be confirmed Judge 3: To be confirmed Judge 4: To be confirmed Judge 5: To be confirmed Judge 6: To be confirmed
Irish Draught Mares & Foals	Judge 1: To be confirmed Judge 2: To be confirmed
Breeders' Championship	Judge 1: To be confirmed Judge 2: To be confirmed
Young Horses	Judge 1: To be confirmed Judge 2: To be confirmed
Three Year Old Potential Event Horse	Qualifier Judge: To be confirmed Final Judge: To be confirmed
Three Year Old Loose Performance	Qualifier Judge: To be confirmed Final Judge: To be confirmed

CUPS & 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.

Should an exhibitor wish to collect his / her trophy, he / she should call to the **Equestrian Office**, located under the Anglesea Stand, and **complete a form of bond for the trophy**. When the trophy has been engraved the exhibitor will be notified by the RDS Silversmiths, Messrs Weir & Sons, and should arrange with them directly for the collection of the trophy. Any charges involved in collection will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are requested to ensure that cups or trophies are returned to Messrs Weir & Sons, Grafton Street, Dublin 2, at least thirty days prior to the date of the succeeding Show in as good condition as they were received.

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 7 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the Champion Traditionally Bred Young Horse. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 will compete for this Trophy.

Awarded to Ms Daphne Tierney at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Bloomfield President"

Perpetual Champion Trophy

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

Awarded to Mr Seamus Heverin at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "MVS Amoura"

Perpetual Challenge Cup

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

Awarded to Mr Coen Williams at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Sligo Lux to Queeney"

Perpetual Challenge Cup

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

Awarded to Mr Ambrose Irwin at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Unnamed"

Perpetual Challenge Cup

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

Awarded to Ms Lisa Comiskey at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Watchouse High Hopes"

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 KM Sport Horses at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Dawsons Flex"

The "Frances Cash" Perpetual Challenge Cup

Cup No. 43 – Presented in memory of the late Ms Frances Cash for the Best Heavy-Weight Hunter.

Awarded to Mrs Sonya Casey at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Crown Star"

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 Best Light-Weight Hunter.

Awarded to Mr Derry Rothwell at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Greenhall Push Button"

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 Ms Gina Heaps at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Carrowgar Herald"

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 Miss Orla Queally at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show

The "Michael Osborne" Perpetual Challenge Cup

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

Awarded to Mr William Buckley at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Capa Quadilou"

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 Seven Year Old National Show Jumping Championship.

Awarded to Mr & Mrs S. Schatzmann at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Cornets Iberio"

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 & Mrs R. Rothwell at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Boleybawn Bella”

The “Joseph Widger” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 62 – Presented by Mrs Joseph Widger to perpetuate the memory of her late husband for the Best Middle-Weight Hunter.

Awarded to Ms Hilary Gibson at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Tullynagee Applejack”

Perpetual Champion Cup

Cup No. 65 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Best Hunter in the Show. The winners and reserves for Cups 43, 44, 62, 85 and 98 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Mrs Sonya Casey at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Crown Star”

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 and 59 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Ms Gina Heaps at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Carrowgar Herald”

The “Galway-Greer” Perpetual Champion Cup

Cup No. 85 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Best Four Year Old Hunter in the Show.

Awarded to Mrs Sonya Casey at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Crown Star”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 98 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society for the Best Hunter Mare.

Awarded to Mr Derry Rothwell at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Greenhall Push Button”

The “Eileen Parkhill” Perpetual Champion Trophy

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

Awarded to Ms Mary Murphy at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Fuerty Princess”

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 Mr Cathal McMunn & Mr Jonathan Reape at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Jardy”

The “Lynn Aldridge” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

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

Awarded to Mr Patrick Wafer at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Parkmore Evita” & “Parkmore Tyson”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

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

Not awarded at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show

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 and 59 will compete for this Cup.

Awarded to Ms Lisa Comiskey at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “Watchouse High Hopes”

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

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

Awarded to Mr Gareth Carlisle at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for “MT Star Lux”

The “Corry” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 154 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the **rider** of the winner of the “John Higgins” Trophy, awarded for the Seven Year Old National Show Jumping Championship.

Awarded to Mr Denis Lynch at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show

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 at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

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

Awarded to Mr James Hoare at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Unnamed"

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 Miss Olivia Roulston at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

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

Awarded to Miss Olivia Shanahan at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Rosalie"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 174 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the owner of the winner of the Eight and Nine Year Old National Show Jumping Championship.

Awarded to Stephex Stables at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show for "Bellissima Ter Wilgen Z"

Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Cup No. 175 – Presented by the Royal Dublin Society to the winning **rider** of the Eight and Nine Year Old National Show Jumping Championship.

Awarded to Mr Lorenzo de Luca at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show

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 €250 to the Winner and €100 to the Reserve will be awarded for the following Championship:

Cup No. 100 Champion Irish Draught Mare

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

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 for the following:

Cup No. 65 Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Hunter in the Show

A Special Prize of €300 to the Winner and €150 to the Reserve will be awarded for the following:

Cup No. 7 Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Champion Traditionally Bred Young Horse

Special Breeders' Prize

A Special Breeders' Prize will be provided to the breeder of the winning horse in the Irish bred classes, or the highest placed Irish bred horse in every other class or section at the Show (exclusive of the Breeders' Championship).

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

Horse Show Entries

1. All entries must be made through the Online Entry System which is available via the following link: <http://entries.rdsnationalchampionships.com>, for more information on the Online Entry System see pg 44.
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. Show class entries - **entries for all showing classes open on Tuesday 8 June 2021, at 9am. Entries for all showing classes close on Monday 19 July 2021, at 5pm.** A refund of 60% of the entry fee will be made to any owner who cancels his / her entry in writing on or before Monday 26 July 2021. All refunds will be processed after the Show.
5. Jumping entries - **entries for all jumping classes open on Tuesday 8 June 2021, at 9am. Entries for all jumping classes close on Monday 19 July 2021, at 5pm.** A refund of 60% of the entry fee will be made to any owner who cancels his / her entry in writing on or before Monday 26 July 2021. All refunds will be processed after the Show.
6. 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, save under very exceptional circumstances, and that 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.
7. Except as otherwise provided, no horse will be allowed on the Showgrounds unless duly entered in one of the classes.
8. 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. If an animal is registered, only the registered name of that animal may be stated on the entry form. 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 July 2009 must be microchipped.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The ages of horses competing is to be calculated from the 1 January, except in the case of yearlings and foals, when the exact date 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.

13. 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.
14. No official of the Society is permitted to complete an online entry for an intending exhibitor.
15. Public Institutions may exhibit horses but shall not be eligible to receive prize money.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Entire horses and ponies can be entered only in Classes 52, 54, 55, 61, 62, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113. 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 by 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.
21. **Traditionally Bred Championship** - First and second prize winners from Classes 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 will compete for this Championship provided they are eligible by virtue of having three successive generations of recorded Irish traditional pedigree i.e. one to some, of all of the three basic constituent breeds being; Irish Draught (ID); Connemara Pony (CP); and Thoroughbred (TB / XX).

Postponement of Show

22. 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

23. Prize money and refunds will be made payable to the owner (as recorded on the online entry form) only. In the case of a horse entered in the name of joint owners, the Equestrian Department must be informed at the time of entry who the prize money should be made payable to. Prize money and refunds will be made payable in Euro cheques only.
24. Cheques issued for prize money and refunds will only be valid for 6 months from date of issue. Cheques which go out of date or get lost will not be replaced.
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.
26. 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

27. **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 RDS National Championships 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.
28. The Society reserves the right to publish any findings of any drug test and or any decisions or findings pursuant to Rule 27, 68, 71 or 72.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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

32. 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.
33. 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 RDS National Championships, 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.
34. Any injury to an equine on the Showgrounds is the sole responsibility of the owner / agent.
35. **Owner Responsibilities**
- (a) All exhibitors leading, riding or showing equines in competition must be over 16 years of age on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise stated in the class description.
- (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.
36. 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 arena at the correct time. Owners must see that (a) those in charge of led stock in the arena or general enclosure must be neatly dressed, (tracksuits and jeans are strictly forbidden, see Rule 52, pg 12) 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 (1998 or 2011), Snell (E2001 or E2016 with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12) or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. Please note that (BS) EN1384 hats will not be permitted unless the hat is dual stamped with another standard such as Snell or PAS 015. 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).
37. All exhibitors leading, riding or showing equines in competition must be over 16 years of age on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise stated in the class description.

Arrivals / Departures

38. 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 49 & 57).
39. No horse or pony will be admitted into the Showgrounds other than on the day in which they are due to compete.
40. All animals which have completed their adjudication, may be removed via the Arrivals / Departure Area on surrendering their head number or travelling label. All animals that are finished their classes must be removed from the Showgrounds on the day they last compete.
41. 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 Numbers

42. Prior to the opening of the Show, a travelling label incorporating a health certificate, which must be completed by the owner or his agent, will be forwarded to each owner giving the Catalogue number of the horse or pony. Please note only one travelling label will be provided for a Mare and Foal entry. This label must be signed and attached to the horse or pony's head collar or bridle before arrival at the Showgrounds. Please note that all owners from the Republic of Ireland will be required to provide their Premises Registration Number on arrival at the Show in the space provided on the animal's travelling label. Two judging numbers will be provided in the Arrivals Area, one for the handler and one for the animal. These numbers must be worn by both the handler and equine when the animal is out of its transport vehicle. These judging 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 transport vehicle without displaying its competition number on its browband or around its neck.**
43. 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

44. Each horse / pony must be provided with a 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 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.
45. No horse / pony shall be led from its transport vehicle under any circumstances unless previously bridled, nor shall any be led by the headcollar only.

Adjudication

46. 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.
47. 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

48. 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

49. Ponies and horses from the 32 counties of Ireland entered in any class that has a height requirement must have a current and valid measurement under the Show Jumping 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

50. Three exhibitor wristbands will be issued for each horse or pony entered at the RDS National Championships.
- The wristband system will operate as follows – each owner will receive vouchers which must be surrendered upon arrival at the Showgrounds in exchange for wristbands. These vouchers are not admission tickets and must be used to redeem a wristband at the Shrewsbury Gate (Arrivals Area) Porta Cabin.
- The RDS is committed to adhering to Government COVID-19 protocols to enable equestrian sport to operate under COVID-19 restrictions. Contact tracing, temperature checks and the wearing of face masks will be mandatory.
- Each owner will be required to declare the name of each person attending with their horse on their own Contact Tracing / Self Declaration form. Each attendant / groom must complete their own declaration form and name the owner for whom they are attending.
51. 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

52. 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 (1998 or 2011), Snell (E2001 or E2016 with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12) or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is recommended for all riders. Please note that (BS) EN1384 hats will not be permitted unless the hat is dual stamped with another standard such as Snell or PAS 015. 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. 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

c. 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

53. An area will be set aside to be used for private examination by veterinary surgeons. Please contact the Equestrian Office for further details.
54. 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.
55. All horses and ponies must be examined, and certified free from infectious or contagious disease. 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 RDS National Championships, it must be immediately 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.
56. 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. 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.
57. **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 38). 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

58. 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

59. 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.
60. 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

61. 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.
62. Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) will not be permitted to any part of the Showgrounds including the Arrivals Area.
63. The use of mobile phones is prohibited in all judging rings, exercise rings and jumping arenas.
64. The Society reserves the right to refuse entry into any arena / judging ring to owners / agents of exhibits in any capacity.
65. For reasons of safety, the riding of bikes (motor or pedal) is not permitted within the Showgrounds.
66. Exercise areas, in which some fences will be provided, will be available where exercise or examination of any horse or pony should take place.
67. 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

68. The anti-doping rules of the Society for competitors are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by the Irish Sports Council launched in 2004 and updated 1 January 2015, as amended from time to time. An owner or their representatives must submit to a doping test at any time during the RDS National Championships when requested by a representative of the Irish Sports Council or HSI. See Rules 71 and 72.

Refusal to Comply with Instructions

69. 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

70. Any owner 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 is provided for the delay. 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

71. 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; made a false statement in the entry form; substituted another animal for that described in the entry form; removed the competition number or the SJI registered 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 show of the Society.

Interpretation Conditions

72. 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 Board of Management of the Society and / or through such an Executive Officer of the Society as may be approved from time to time by the Board of Management 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

73. The RDS respects and is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who provide us with their personal information. The RDS National Championship Show 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.rds.ie/nationalchampionships/privacy.

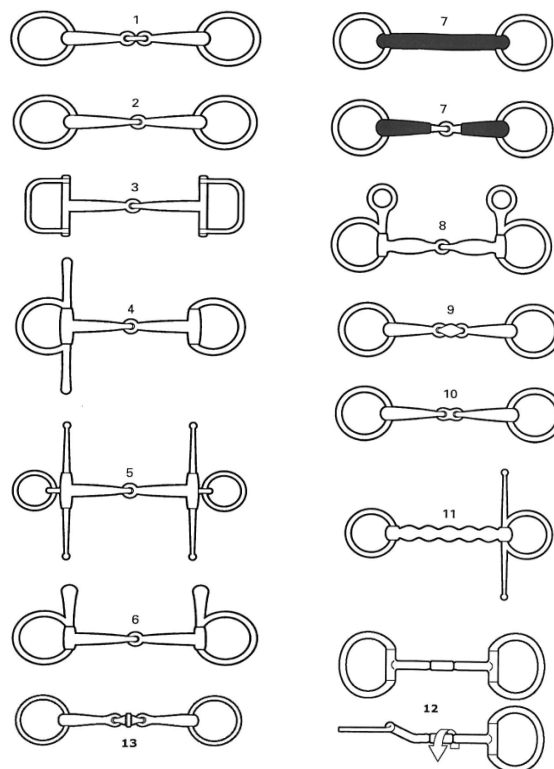
ALL EXHIBITORS AND PERSONS ADMITTED TO THE SHOWGROUNDS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES, ORDERS AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

IMPORTANT RULES FOR SHOWING

1. All exhibitors leading, riding or showing equines in competition must be 16 years of age or over on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise stated in the class detail.
2. For all ridden classes, the rider's name must be included on the online entry form. Once the online entry form is submitted, the RDS must be notified of and approve any change of rider.
3. 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.
4. 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 permission must be sought from the Chief Steward of the class.
5. 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.
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.
6. The use of mobile phones in the judging rings is strictly forbidden.
7. 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.
8. 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, 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.
9. Excessive 'circling' in ridden classes will not be permitted.
10. Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards – PAS 015 (1998 or 2011), Snell (E2001 or E2016 with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12) or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is recommended for all riders. Please note that (BS) EN1384 hats will not be permitted unless the hat is dual stamped with another standard such as Snell or PAS 015. 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).
11. The attention of owners is drawn to the Rule of Measurement (see Rule 49, pg 12).
12. The wearing of blinkers is prohibited.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. For all riders under the age of 21, age must be documented in the appropriate place on the online entry form.
16. In all showing classes at the Show only the running martingale is permitted. Standing martingales are not permitted.
17. Only tack permitted in the competition ring is acceptable in the practice / warm-up arena and throughout the Showgrounds.
18. Where lungeing is necessary, it may only be done in the designated lungeing areas and must be without side-reins or any other restriction. Long-reining is prohibited on the Showgrounds.
19. 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
20. Owners are strongly advised that all equines competing at the RDS National Championships should have experience at other shows before being exhibited in Dublin.

21. In all matters of interpretation or circumstances unforeseen, the decision of the RDS Organising Committee will be final and binding on all.
22. Stallion identification tags and a blue 'hazard' tail ribbon must be worn by stallions at all times.
23. 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"
- Egg-butt 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 egg butt 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.

24. 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 (1998 or 2011), Snell (E2001 or E2016 with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12) or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is recommended for all riders. Please note that (BS) EN1384 hats will not be permitted unless the hat is dual stamped with another standard such as Snell or PAS 015. 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. 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

c. Grooms

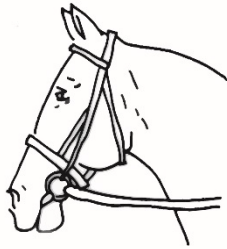
- Grooms must be neatly attired when entering the show ring, failure to observe the dress code will result in immediate expulsion from the ring
- Neat collar and tie
- Jacket or gilet
- Trousers – jeans are not permitted under any circumstance
- Suitable footwear i.e. jodhpur boots. Trainers are not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

BITTING & NOSEBAND STATEMENT

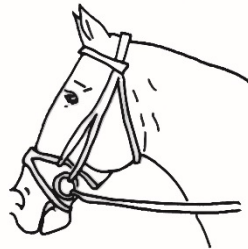
The RDS is committed to encouraging and enforcing the highest standards in terms of horse welfare, ethical training and effective horsemanship. The ethics of sports based on controlling an animal's locomotory response must be foremost in the minds of all who participate, organise and govern such sports. 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

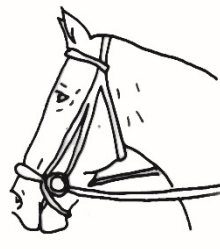
Only the following nosebands will be permitted:



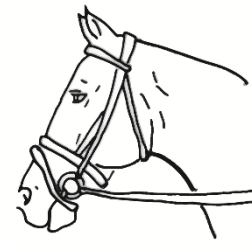
1) Cavesson Noseband



2) Crossed Noseband

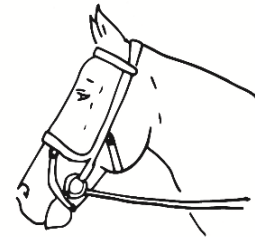


3) Drop Noseband



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

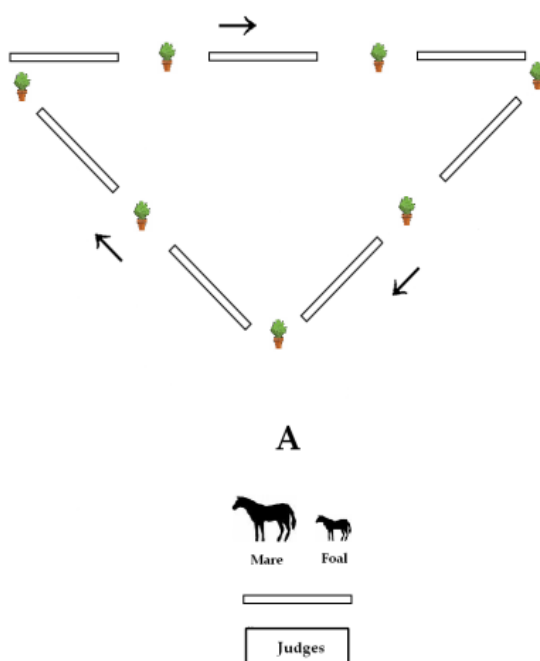
A drop noseband should not be fitted tightly, and it should not affect jaw mobility. The drop noseband should be fitted above the 'fleshy' part of the nose. It should sit on the bony part of the nose. As a guide, it should be around 6cm above the nostrils (about a hands width). The horse should be able 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.

GUIDELINES FOR SHOWING ON THE TRIANGLE

Mares and foals in the Breeders' Championship must be presented on the triangle for their conformation and movement assessment. To encourage uniformity, consistency and time efficiency, it is desirable that the presentation of animals at the triangle is properly rehearsed. Below are guidelines for competitors at the RDS National Championships and its qualifiers;

- The horse will be presented before the judges at A where they will be assessed for conformation and movement. In the case of the Breeders' Championship, both mare and foal will be presented before the judges at A.
- Animals should stand square with all four limbs bearing weight.
- For mare and foal combinations, the foal should be presented behind the mare so that both animals can be clearly seen by the judges.
- Movement will be assessed on the triangle. The exhibitor will be asked to walk and trot their animal around the triangle (25m × 40m × 25m) in a clockwise direction, one round in walk and one round in trot.
- The triangle format allows the judges (who will be positioned at A) to assess natural paces from behind, side and in front - allowing them to easily assess freedom of shoulder, use of back, engagement of the hock, tracking up and straightness in both paces.
- Care should be taken that the foal is kept along-side the mare during Walk and Trot Phase going away from and coming back to the judges so that both mare and foal are clearly visible. When the mare and foal are being assessed for movement on the long side of the triangle, the foal should be positioned behind the mare.

Prospective owners / exhibitors are advised to familiarise both themselves and their horse(s) with this layout to maximise the art of presentation. Exhibitors should ensure that the foals in particular are well handled and prepared well in advance to perform walk and trot in a balanced and calm manner around the triangle.



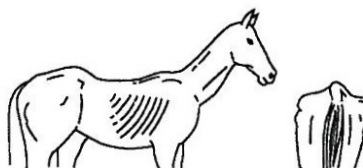
BODY CONDITION SCORING

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 RDS National Championships 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.

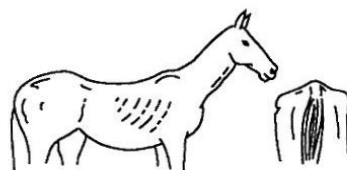
0 Very Poor

- 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



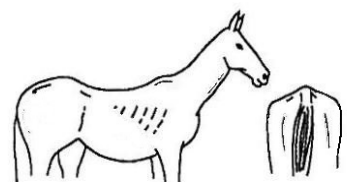
1 Poor

- 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



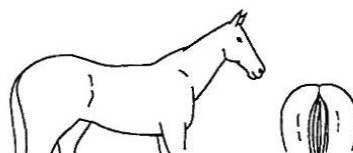
2 Moderate

- 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



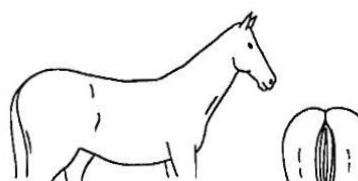
3 Good

- 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



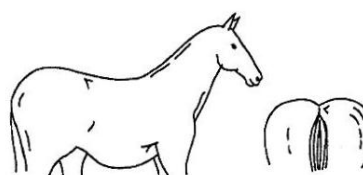
4 Fat

- 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

Classes and their details are listed in numerical order

SHOW HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 Championships 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:

Entry Fee €120

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 10).

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1 January 2021.

Qualifiers:

The following classes and a championship for each weight category will be held at the four qualifiers listed below;

Light-Weight Hunters

1. MARE or GELDING, four years old, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).
2. MARE or GELDING, five years old, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).
3. MARE or GELDING, six to eight years old, capable of carrying up to 83kg (13st).

Middle-Weight Hunters

4. MARE or GELDING, four and five years old, capable of carrying 83kg to 89kg (13st to 14st).
5. MARE or GELDING, six to eight years old, capable of carrying 83kg to 89kg (13st to 14st).

Heavy-Weight Hunters

6. MARE or GELDING, four and five years old, capable of carrying 89kg (14st) and upwards.
7. MARE or GELDING, six to eight years old, capable of carrying 89kg (14st) and upwards.

Hunter Mares

8. MARE, four to eight years old, open to all weights.

The top two horses in each weight category and the top two horses in the Hunter Mare class at the qualifiers listed below, are eligible to enter for the RDS National Championships. A change of rider will **not** be permitted under any circumstances.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sun 20 June
Maryville Stables, Co. Cork Tel: 087 7710970	Sun 20 June
Galway Equestrian Centre, Co. Galway Tel: 086 1713601	Sun 4 July
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sat 10 July

Qualifiers (cont.d):

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link; <https://www.itsplainsailing.com/club/dhs>. Entries must be submitted **online** by **5pm** on the **Thursday before** the qualifier is due to take place. Entries will not be accepted by email or phone.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

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 23, pg 16).

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 9.

Light-Weight Hunters, Middle-Weight Hunters, Heavy-Weight Hunters, Four Year Old Hunters and Hunter Mares:
1st €500, 2nd €350, 3rd €250

The RDS will present a Champion Prize of €2,000 and a Reserve Champion Prize of €1,000 for the Best Hunter in the Show (Cup No. 65).

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be provided to the breeder of the Supreme Hunter Champion.

Show 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.

Championship Cups at the Show:

Cup No. 44 – The "Samuel Ussher Roberts" Perpetual Cup for the Best Light-Weight Hunter.

Cup No. 62 – The "Joseph Widger" Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Middle-Weight Hunter.

Cup No. 43 – The "Frances Cash" Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Heavy-Weight Hunter.

Cup No. 85 – The "Galway-Greer" Perpetual Champion Cup for the Best Four-Year-Old Hunter in the Show.

Cup No. 98 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Hunter Mare.

Cup No. 65 – Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Hunter in the Show. The winners and reserves for Cups 43, 44, 62, 85 and 98 will compete for this Cup.

Cup No. 157 – The "Michael W. Hickey" Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the rider of the Supreme Hunter Champion. Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

IRISH DRAUGHT MARES AND FOALS

Aim:

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

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €120

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, three or four 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 MARE**, open to Class 1 and Class 2 mares, five 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.

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sat 19 June
Maryville Stables, Co. Cork Tel: 087 7710970	Sat 19 June
Galway Equestrian Centre, Co. Galway Tel: 086 1713601	Sat 3 July
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sun 11 July

Qualifiers (cont.d):

The Irish Draught Mare and Foal classes will be limited to a maximum of 10 entries per class. The top **three** mares at the first two qualifiers and the top **two** mares at the last two qualifiers in the categories listed, are eligible to enter for the RDS National Championships.

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link; <https://www.itsplainsailing.com/club/dhs>. Entries must be submitted **online** by **5pm** on the **Thursday before** the qualifier is due to take place. Entries will not be accepted by email or phone.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Rules:

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 9.

Classes 37 & 38:

1st €535, 2nd €367, 3rd €290, 4th €199, 5th €137

Classes 39 & 40:

1st €300, 2nd €250, 3rd €200, 4th €150, 5th €100

A Special Prize of €250 for the Champion and €100 for the Reserve Champion of the Irish Draught Mares will apply.

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,000 will be provided to the breeder of the Champion Irish Draught mare.

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 Best Irish Draught Foal. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 39 and 40 will compete for this Trophy.

Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aim:

To give recognition to breeders who breed from mares suitable to produce top quality foals with performance potential. To encourage the production of quality young stock which might, in time and with suitable nurture, achieve success in the disciplines of show jumping and eventing. These classes aim to serve as an important benchmark for breeders (and the industry at large) to determine the progress being made in the national herd.

The Breeders' Championship classes are seminal classes for the RDS and for the industry in showcasing the quality of equine talent being produced nationally for future domestic and export markets.

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €120

Class:

49. BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP – SHOW JUMPING

50. BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP – EVENTING

Eligibility:

Open to mares likely to produce performance horses, with an athletic foal at foot. Mares should be registered with an approved studbook or with Weatherby's General Studbook or Weatherby's Non-Thoroughbred Register and have recorded breeding. Foals must be by a registered stallion.

Class 49 - open to foals who are suitable for the discipline of show jumping.

Class 50 - open to foals with 60% or over Thoroughbred blood in their pedigrees and who are suitable for the discipline of eventing.

In all instances, foals should be modern athletic individuals with a future at the top of the sport.

Mares must be free from all obvious clinical or hereditary unsoundness. In case of doubt, veterinary advice will be sought.

Qualifiers:

The Breeders' Championship will be limited to a maximum of 10 entries per class. The top **three** mare and foal combinations at the first two qualifiers and the top **two** mare and foal combinations at the last two qualifiers listed below, are eligible to enter for the RDS National Championships.

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link: <https://www.itsplainsailing.com/club/dhs>. Entries must be submitted **online** by **5pm** on the **Thursday before** the qualifier is due to take place. Entries will not be accepted by email or phone.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sat 19 June
Maryville Stables, Co. Cork Tel: 087 7710970	Sat 19 June
Galway Equestrian Centre, Co. Galway Tel: 086 1713601	Sat 3 July
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sun 11 July

Rules:

Please note that foals with less than 60% Thoroughbred blood are not eligible for Class 50.

Exhibitors can use the 'Hypothetical Mating' function on the IHR Online database (<https://breeding.horsesportireland.ie>) as a guide to determine the percentage of Thoroughbred blood in the foal, if the foal is not yet registered. In all cases, the percentage of Thoroughbred blood will be verified by the RDS Equestrian Department.

Exhibitors may qualify a maximum of two mare and foal combinations across the two classes.

Passports of all competing mares must be brought to the qualifying shows and to the RDS for scrutiny by the judges / stewards. If valid passports are not available for inspection at the time of judging, the mare and foal will not be eligible to compete.

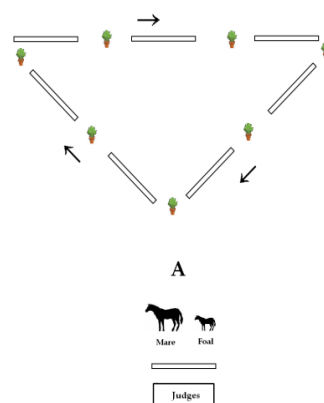
Presentation for the Breeders' Championship:

All mare and foal combinations at both the qualifiers and Final will be shown in-hand using the triangle format (25m x 40m x 25m). The triangle format allows the judges (who will be positioned at A) to assess natural paces from behind, side and in front – allowing them to easily assess freedom of shoulder, use of back, engagement of the hock, tracking up and straightness in both paces.

Mares and foals competing at the qualifiers and Finals should be familiar with the triangle format. Guidelines on showing on the triangle are included on pg 18. Mares and foals will have one opportunity to show themselves on the triangle; it is in the interest of the exhibitor to ensure that they are both shown correctly.

Exhibitors should ensure that foals in particular are handled and prepared well in advance to perform walk and trot in a balanced and calm manner around the triangle.

Exhibits in this class will be viewed on 'the triangle' in the order in which they appear in the official RDS National Championships Catalogue.



Judging Criteria:

Judging will be based on adjudicating the mare as a progenitor of athletic type foals with obvious performance potential.

BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS (cont.d)

Awards & Prizes:

Class 49:

1st €1500, 2nd €1000, 3rd €800, 4th €600, 5th €400. *The additional 5 competitors will receive €250 for competing at the Final.*

Class 50:

1st €1500, 2nd €1000, 3rd €800, 4th €600, 5th €400. *The additional 5 competitors will receive €250 for competing at the Final.*

A Special Prize of €300 will be awarded for the best "show". The winning exhibitors will be identified by the judges based on the presentation of their mare and foal on the triangle.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 122 – The "Lynn Aldridge" Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of Class 49.

Cup No. 124 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of Class 50.

Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

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:

Entry Fee €120

Classes:

Yearlings

52. GELDING or COLT, with potential to be a CSI5* / CCI / CIC5* horse (top level show jumping or event horse)

53. FILLY, with potential to be a CSI5* / CCI / CIC5* horse (top level show jumping or event horse)

Two Year Olds

54. GELDING or COLT, with potential to carry over 83kgs (13st)

55. GELDING or COLT, with potential to carry up to 83kgs (13st)

56. FILLY

Three Year Olds

57. GELDING, with potential to carry over 83kg (13st)

58. GELDING, with potential to carry up to 83kg (13st)

59. FILLY

Qualifiers:

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sat 19 June
Maryville Stables, Co. Cork Tel: 087 7710970	Sat 19 June
Galway Equestrian Centre, Co. Galway Tel: 086 1713601	Sat 3 July
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sun 11 July

The Young Horse classes will be limited to a maximum of 10 entries per class at the Final at the RDS National Championships. The top **three** horses at the first two qualifiers and the top **two** horses at the last two qualifiers in each category listed above, are eligible to enter for the RDS National Championships.

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link; <https://www.itspainsailing.com/club/dhs>. Entries must be submitted **online** by **5pm** on the **Thursday before** the qualifier is due to take place. Entries will not be accepted by email or phone.

Qualifiers (cont.d):

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Awards & Prizes:

The number of prizes awarded is based on the number of animals catalogued, see pg 9.

1st €535, 2nd €367, 3rd €290, 4th €199, 5th €137

The RDS will present a Champion Prize of €500 & a Reserve Champion Prize of €250 for the Overall Champion Young Horse.

The RDS will present a Champion Prize of €300 & a Reserve Champion Prize of €150 for the Champion Traditionally Bred Young Horse.

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be provided to the breeder of the Champion Young Horse.

Tack:

Horses should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with 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. The first and second prize-winners in Classes 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 59 will compete for this Trophy. For eligibility see Rule 21, pg 10.

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 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 and 59 will compete for this Cup.

Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

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:

Entry Fee €120

Class:

61. THREE YEAR OLD POTENTIAL EVENT HORSE

Eligibility:

Restricted to 'Irish bred' horses only (see Rule 20, pg 10).

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 RDS National Championships.

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 21 June
County Clare Showgrounds, Co. Clare Tel: 087 3343418 Email: secretaryclareshowociety@gmail.com	Tues 22 June
Tubberbride Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 6712200 / 086 6043193 Email: tubberbridestables@gmail.com	Wed 23 June
Ross House Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 8540218 / 086 3183779 Email: rossequestrian@gmail.com	Thurs 24 June
Kernan's Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 086 8370376 Email: kernan.james@gmail.com	Fri 25 June

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link: <https://www.itspainsailing.com/club/dhs>. Entries must be submitted **online** by **5pm** on the **day before** the qualifier is due to take place. Entries will not be accepted by email or phone.

Exhibitors will be advised of their start time by return 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.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

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. Triangle, 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 19 July will automatically be replaced by a reserve horse.** Any horse withdrawn from this class after 26 July 2021 will not be replaced. It is the responsibility of the owner to enter their animal by the due date for the Final at the RDS National Championships.

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

This class will run as per a specific drawn order available from the Equestrian Office.

Judging:

Phase One – Presentation

In-hand - using triangle format (25m x 40m x 25m) in the Final only. Guidelines on showing on the triangle are included on pg 18.

- 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 parameters given above.

THREE YEAR OLD POTENTIAL EVENT HORSE (cont.d)

Judging (cont.d):

Economy of effort in jumping will be rewarded.

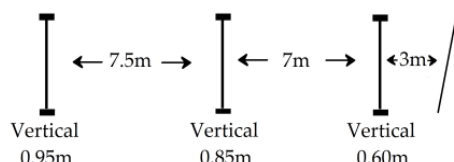
No points for unnatural or exaggerated performances.

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

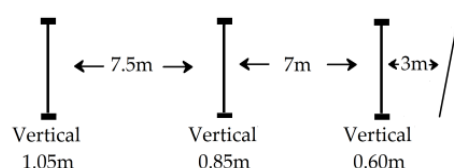
Fences:

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

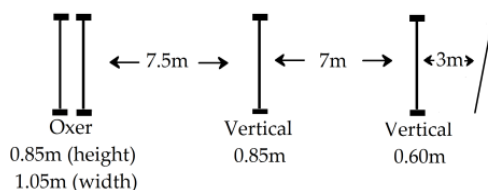
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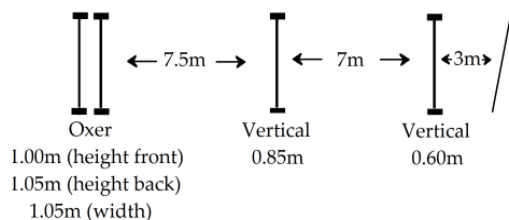
JUMPING EFFORT 2



JUMPING EFFORT 3



JUMPING EFFORT 4



Tack:

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

Stallions should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with 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 €3,500, 3rd €2,250, 4th €1,500, 5th €1,000, 6th €700, 7th €600, 8th €500, 9th €400, 10th €300

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

Cups / Trophies:

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

Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 52, pg 12)

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited

No animal is permitted to leave its transport vehicle without having its competition number displayed appropriately
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 19 July 2021 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:

Entry Fee €170

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 10).

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 RDS National Championships. 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 RDS National Championships.

Venue	Date
Top Flight Equestrian Centre, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 087 2028874 Email: topflightwarrington@gmail.com	Mon 28 June
County Clare Showgrounds, Co. Clare Tel: 087 3343418 Email: secretaryclareshowsociety@gmail.com	Tues 29 June
Tubberbride Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 6712200 / 086 6043193 Email: tubberbridestables@gmail.com	Wed 30 June
Kernan's Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 086 8370376 Email: kernan.james@gmail.com	Thurs 1 July
Ross House Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 8540218 / 086 3183779 Email: rossequestrian@gmail.com	Fri 2 July

Online entry for the qualifiers is available via the following link; <https://www.itsplainsailing.com/club/dhs>. Entries must be submitted **online** by **5pm** on the **day before** the qualifier is due to take place. Entries will not be accepted by email or phone.

Exhibitors will be advised of their start time by return 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.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

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 19 July will automatically be replaced by a reserve horse.** Any horse withdrawn from this class after 26 July 2021 will not be replaced. It is the responsibility of the owner to enter their animal by the due date for the Final at the RDS National Championships.

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 transport vehicle.

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

This class will run as per a specific drawn order available from the Equestrian Office.

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.

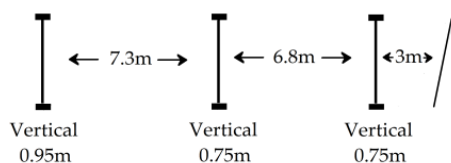
Horses may be called back into the arena to jump a bigger fence before the final adjudication at the judge's discretion.

THREE YEAR OLD LOOSE PERFORMANCE (cont.d)

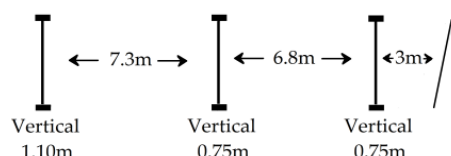
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A 'Grid' consisting of three obstacles will be provided.

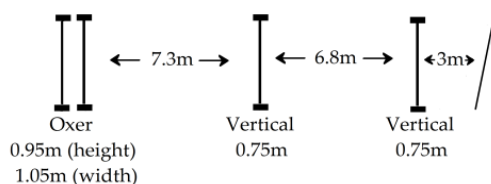
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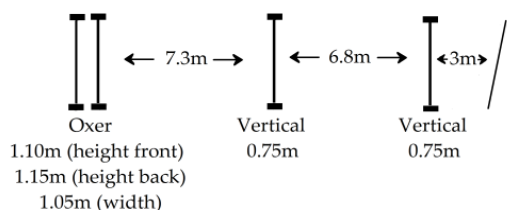
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JUMPING EFFORT 4



Tack:

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

Stallions should be appropriately tacked with an in-hand bridle with 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, 6th €400, 7th €350, 8th €250, 9th €200, 10th €200

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

Section B (Fillies):

1st €2,600, 2nd €1,750, 3rd €1,200, 4th €800, 5th €600, 6th €400, 7th €350, 8th €250, 9th €200, 10th €200

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

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 27 – Perpetual Champion Trophy for the Champion Loose Performance Filly.

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

Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 52, pg 12)

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited

No animal is permitted to leave its transport vehicle without having its competition number displayed appropriately
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 19 July 2021 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 RDS National Championships.

1. In order to be eligible to compete in the jumping competitions at the RDS National Championships, ponies and horses must be entered in the special classes provided for jumping only ponies and horses (Classes 100 - 113). If horses or ponies are entered in any class other than Classes 100 – 113 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 unless otherwise provided for. A horse cannot compete in more than one show jumping qualifier category for the RDS National Championships.
3. Entries for all jumping competitions close on **Monday 19 July 2021, at 5pm** and late entries will not be accepted.
4. The pony or horse must be ridden at the Show by the same rider as in the qualifying competition. However, substitution of rider will be allowed in the case of:
 - Bona fide sale and change of registered ownership, which must be made with SJI before Monday 19 July
 - Proven injury

In all cases a change will only be allowed on written request and approval of the RDS Show Director and the Chairman of SJI, who will consult with the chairperson of the relevant sub-committee. All changes in ownership, regardless of athlete change, must be done through the SJI Offices before Monday 19 July.

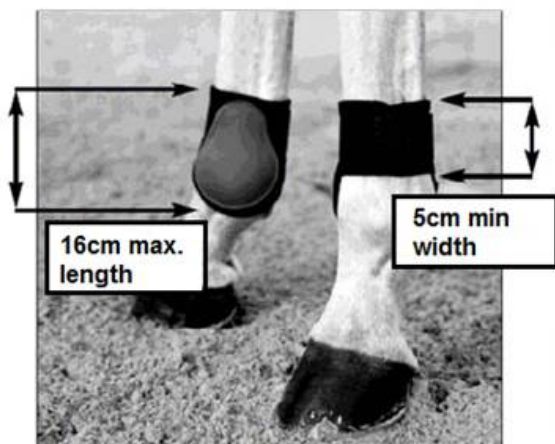
A substitution of rider will not be permitted in the Children on Horses category.

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 19 July 2021** the qualifying place will be forfeited.
6. Declarations must be made for all horses and ponies competing in the national show jumping competitions. Declaration must be made with the Declaration Steward in the Main Arena pocket at least 1 hour before the competition is scheduled to take place.
7. The withdrawal of a horse or pony from a jumping competition must be made in writing to the Withdrawal Steward at the Jumping Pocket quarter-of-an-hour before the competition is programmed to commence; withdrawals cannot be accepted unless made in writing. 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 €40 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 likewise 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 RDS National Championships. To be eligible to compete in the RDS National Championships 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 RDS National Championships, 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 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 / website.
14. It is the responsibility of the competitor to be in the correct ring 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 and 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 are registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture) prior to the qualifying competition. Horses entered in these classes must be micro-chipped.
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 8, pg 9). 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 in Classes 110 - 113. Entries for all competitions close on **Monday 19 July 2021 at 5pm** and late entries will not be accepted.
20. No child under 14 years of age on 1 January 2021, is eligible to compete in any jumping competition except those specially arranged for ponies and 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 (1998 or 2011), Snell (E2001 or E2016 with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12) or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is worn and properly secured at all times. Please note that (BS) EN1384 hats will not be permitted unless the hat is dual stamped with another standard such as Snell or PAS 015.
22. The stewards are empowered to refuse permission to enter the enclosure to anyone incorrectly dressed.
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. 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 (previously).
28. 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.
29. There will be a time allowed and a time limit in all competitions, except as otherwise stated.
30. 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.
31. Horses competing in the Four Year Old qualifiers are not permitted to wear hind boots or bandages. Only non-performance enhancing hind boots may be worn in all other qualifier categories for the RDS National Championships. This rule will also extend to the Finals at the Show. Each rider / owner wishing to avail of the use of hind boots on their horse must ensure that the boots are of the specified variety. Under no circumstances will non-specified hind boots or bandages of any kind be permitted. SJI stewards will be in attendance at each qualifier to carry out spot checks.

All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16cm and minimum exterior width of 5cm. The following criteria must be respected:

- The inside of the protection must be smooth; the fixations must be non-elastic velcro; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used;
- The rounded rigid part of the protection must be placed around the inside of the fetlock;
- No additional elements may be used in conjunction with the protection.



32. No pony will be permitted to jump with **draw reins** in the warm-up arenas.
33. Riders will not be permitted to wear the Irish flag on their saddle cloths.
34. In all jumping competitions at this Show only the running martingale is permitted.

- 35.** Spurs are allowed in all show jumping competitions.
- 36.** The wearing of blinkers is prohibited.
- 37.** 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 RDS Showgrounds.
- 38.** 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.
- 39.** 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).

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
100	Amateurs	32
101	Four Year Old Horses	24
102	Five Year Old Horses	36
103	Six Year Old Horses	36
104	Seven Year Old Horses	27
105	Eight and Nine Year Old Horses	27
106	Children on Horses (1.15m)	16
107	Young Riders (1.10m – 1.15m)	20
108	Young Riders (1.25m – 1.30m)	20
109	Young Riders (1.35m – 1.40m)	16
110	128cm Ponies	28
111	138cm Ponies	28
112	148cm Ponies	28
113	148cm 6 & 7 Year Old Ponies	24

CLASS 100 – AMATEURS

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

100. AMATEURS

Competition Format:

Final – Amateur National Championship – Saturday 21 August

Qualifiers:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Ballinamona Equestrian Centre, Co. Waterford Tel: 087 6847752 / 087 2417107	Sat 12 June
Tipperary Equestrian Centre, Co. Tipperary Tel: 087 7995585	Sat 19 June
Galway Equestrian Centre, Co. Galway Tel: 086 1713601	Sat 26 June
Ravensdale Equestrian Centre, Co. Louth Tel: 042 9371034 / 087 2306603	Sun 4 July

Rules:

Competition 100 will be judged under National Rules, Table A, Article 238.2.2.

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Special prizes will be awarded.

CLASS 101 – FOUR YEAR OLD HORSES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

101. FOUR YEAR OLD HORSES

Competition Format:

Final – Four Year Old 'Mo Chroí' National Championship – Saturday 21 August

Qualification:

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 RDS National Championships.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Wed 26 May
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath Tel: 087 2488017	Wed 16 June
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Wed 30 June

In the event of a tie, the 'Future Potential', 'Rideability' and 'Jumping Technique / Natural Ability' scores in that order will decide.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

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 350mpm. 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 are registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture) prior to the qualifying competition.

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:

Final

1st €4,300, 2nd €2,900, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,400, 5th €800, 6th €700, 7th €600, 8th €450, 9th €350, 10th €250

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be provided to the breeder of the Champion Four Year Old.

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 rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 52, pg 12)

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited

No animal is permitted to leave its transport vehicle without having its competition number displayed appropriately
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 19 July 2021 at 5pm

CLASS 102 – FIVE YEAR OLD HORSES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

102. FIVE YEAR OLD HORSES

Competition Format:

Final – Five Year Old 'Flexible' National Championship – Sunday 22 August

Qualifiers:

The twelve highest placed horses at each of the three qualifiers below, will qualify for the RDS National Championships.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Wed 26 May
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath Tel: 087 2488017	Wed 16 June
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Wed 30 June

Rules:

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and 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 are registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture) prior to the qualifying competition.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €4,300, 2nd €2,900, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,400, 5th €800, 6th €700, 7th €600, 8th €450, 9th €350, 10th €250

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be provided to the breeder of the Champion Five Year Old.

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 rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

CLASS 103 – SIX YEAR OLD HORSES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

103. SIX YEAR OLD HORSES

Competition Format:

Final – Six Year Old 'Cruising' National Championship – Sunday 22 August

Qualifiers:

The twelve highest placed horses at each of the three qualifiers below, will qualify for the RDS National Championships.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Wed 26 May
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath Tel: 087 2488017	Wed 16 June
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Wed 30 June

Rules:

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and 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 are registered and approved / preliminary approved or selected for breeding in an Irish Studbook (approved by the Department of Agriculture) prior to the qualifying competition.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €4,300, 2nd €2,900, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,400, 5th €800, 6th €700, 7th €600, 8th €450, 9th €350, 10th €250

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be provided to the breeder of the Champion Six Year Old.

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 rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

CLASS 104 – SEVEN YEAR OLD HORSES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

104. SEVEN YEAR OLD HORSES

Competition Format:

Final – Seven Year Old National Championship – Sunday 22 August

Qualifiers:

The nine highest placed horses at each of the three qualifiers below, will qualify for the RDS National Championships.

The qualifiers will be judged under SJI rules, Article 238.2.2.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Wed 26 May
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath Tel: 087 2488017	Wed 16 June
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Wed 30 June

Rules:

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €4,300, 2nd €2,900, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,400, 5th €800, 6th €700, 7th €600, 8th €450, 9th €350, 10th €250

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse in the Seven Year Old National Championship.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 60 – The "John Higgins" Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the owner of the winner of the Seven Year Old Championship.

Cup No. 154 – The "Corry" Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the **rider** of the winner 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 rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

CLASS 105 – EIGHT AND NINE YEAR OLD HORSES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

105. EIGHT AND NINE YEAR OLD HORSES

Competition Format:

Final – Eight and Nine Year Old National Championship – Sunday 22 August

Qualifiers:

The nine highest placed horses at each of the three qualifiers below, will qualify for the RDS National Championships.

The qualifiers will be judged under SJI rules, Article 238.2.2.

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Wed 26 May
Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath Tel: 087 2488017	Wed 16 June
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Wed 30 June

Rules:

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €4,300, 2nd €2,900, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,400, 5th €800, 6th €700, 7th €600, 8th €450, 9th €350, 10th €250

A Special Breeders' Prize of €1,500 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse in the Eight and Nine Year Old National Championship.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 174 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the owner of the winner of the Eight and Nine Year Old Championship.

Cup No. 175 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winning **rider** of the Eight and Nine Year Old Championship. To be won three times in all by the same rider before becoming the property of the rider.

Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

CLASS 106 – CHILDREN ON HORSES (1.15m)

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

106. CHILDREN ON HORSES (1.15m)

Competition Format:

Final – Children on Horses National Individual Championship – Friday 20 August

Qualifiers:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sun 20 June
Ard Chuain Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 2495991	Sun 27 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sun 11 July
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sun 18 July

Rules:

Open to riders 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 2021.

Riders may only qualify one horse to compete in the Children on Horses classes at the RDS National Championships. Only the combination of horse and rider qualified will be eligible to compete at the RDS National Championships, a change of rider will not be permitted. However, if a qualified horse is subsequently sold, it may seek new qualification with a new rider and the previous rider may qualify another horse.

Rules (cont.d):

Riders must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System to compete in the 2021 RDS National Championships qualifiers and must be signed off by a Level 2 HSI accredited coach to be eligible to compete.

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Individual Championship

All riders will compete in the Individual Championship.

Awards & Prizes:

Individual Championship

1st €900, 2nd €600, 3rd €400, 4th €300, 5th €250, 6th €200

A Special Breeders' Prize of €300 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 172 – Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented to the winner of the Children on Horses Individual Championship.

Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 52, pg 12)

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited

No animal is permitted to leave its transport vehicle without having its competition number displayed appropriately
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 19 July 2021 at 5pm

CLASS 107 – YOUNG RIDERS (1.10m – 1.15m)

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

107. YOUNG RIDERS (1.10m – 1.15m)

Competition Format:

Final – Young Riders (1.10m – 1.15m) National Championship – Saturday 21 August

Qualifiers:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sun 20 June
Ard Chuain Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 2495991	Sun 27 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sun 11 July
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sun 18 July

Rules:

Open to riders 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 RDS National Championships, horses must have a minimum of 20 grading points. Restricted to horses 5 – 7 years old on the 1 January 2021.

Riders must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System to compete in the 2021 RDS National Championships 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 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €900, 2nd €600, 3rd €400, 4th €300, 5th €250, 6th €200

A Special Breeders' Prize of €300 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse.

CLASS 108 – YOUNG RIDERS (1.25m – 1.30m)

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

108. YOUNG RIDERS (1.25m – 1.30m)

Competition Format:

Final – Young Rider (1.25m – 1.30m) National Championship – Saturday 21 August

Qualifiers:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sun 20 June
Ard Chuain Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 2495991	Sun 27 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sun 11 July
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sun 18 July

Rules:

Open to riders 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 RDS National Championships, horses must have a minimum of 50 grading points.

Riders must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System to compete in the 2021 RDS National Championships 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 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €900, 2nd €600, 3rd €400, 4th €300, 5th €250, 6th €200

A Special Breeders' Prize of €300 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse.

CLASS 109 – YOUNG RIDERS (1.35m – 1.40m)

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

109. YOUNG RIDERS (1.35m – 1.40m)

Competition Format:

Final – Young Rider (1.35m – 1.40m) National Championship – Saturday 21 August

Qualifier:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sun 20 June
Ard Chuain Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 2495991	Sun 27 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sun 11 July
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sun 18 July

Rules:

Open to riders 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 RDS National Championships, horses must have a minimum of 50 grading points.

Riders must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System to compete in the 2021 RDS National Championships 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 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €900, 2nd €600, 3rd €400, 4th €300, 5th €250, 6th €200

A Special Breeders' Prize of €300 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred horse.

CLASS 110 – 128cm PONIES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

110. 128cm PONIES

Competition Format:

Final – 128cm National Championship – Friday 20 August

Qualifiers:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sat 19 June
Ard Chuain Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 2495991	Sat 26 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sat 10 July
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sat 17 July

Rules:

Open to riders 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 RDS National Championships, ponies must have a minimum of 150 SJI grading points at least three days before competing at a qualifier.

Riders in the 128cm class must have attained Bar 1 of the SJI Five Bar Training System to compete in the 2021 RDS National Championships qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 1 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHSI or BHSII qualified instructors.

Competition 110 will be judged under National Rules, Table A, Article 238.2.2.

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €850, 2nd €550, 3rd €350, 4th €300, 5th €250, 6th €200

A Special Breeders' Prize of €300 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred pony.

CLASS 111 – 138cm PONIES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

111. 138cm PONIES

Competition Format:

Final – 138cm National Championship – Friday 20 August

Qualifiers:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sat 19 June
Ard Chuain Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 2495991	Sat 26 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sat 10 July
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sat 17 July

Rules:

To be eligible to qualify for the RDS National Championships, ponies must have a minimum of 150 SJI grading points at least three days before competing at a qualifier.

Riders in the 138cm class must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System to compete in the 2021 RDS National Championships qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHS AI and BHS II qualified instructors.

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €850, 2nd €550, 3rd €350, 4th €300, 5th €250, 6th €200

A Special Breeders' Prize of €300 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred pony.

Cups / Trophies:

Cup No. 37 – Perpetual Challenge Cup presented for the Champion 138cm Jumping Pony.

Please note the rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

CLASS 112 – 148cm PONIES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

112. 148cm PONIES

Competition Format:

Final – 148cm National Championship – Friday 20 August

Qualifiers:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sat 19 June
Ard Chuain Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 2495991	Sat 26 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sat 10 July
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sat 17 July

Rules:

To be eligible to qualify for the RDS National Championships, ponies must have a minimum of 150 SJI grading points at least three days before competing at a qualifier.

Riders must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System to compete in the 2021 RDS National Championships qualifiers. Accreditation for Bar 2 of the Training System can be obtained from Horse Sport Ireland accredited coaches or from BHS AI and BHS II qualified instructors.

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €850, 2nd €550, 3rd €350, 4th €300, 5th €250, 6th €200

A Special Breeders' Prize of €300 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred pony.

CLASS 113 – 148cm 6 & 7 YEAR OLD PONIES

Entry Fee:

Entry Fee €170

Class:

113. 148cm 6 & 7 YEAR OLD PONIES

Competition Format:

Final – 148cm 6 & 7 Year Old National Championship – Friday 20 August

Qualifiers:

Qualification pertains to the 2021 RDS National Championships only. Should the Show be cancelled, or unable to take place for any reason, qualification will not extend to the 2022 Dublin Horse Show or any other shows held by the Society.

Venue	Date
Barnadown Showjumping, Co. Wexford Tel: 087 7645393	Sat 19 June
Ard Chuain Equestrian Centre, Co. Sligo Tel: 087 2495991	Sat 26 June
Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan Tel: 049 4332017	Sat 10 July
The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh Tel: 0044 28 38322417	Sat 17 July

Rules:

To be eligible to qualify for the RDS National Championships, ponies must have a minimum of 50 SJI grading points at least three days before competing at a qualifier.

Riders must have attained Bar 2 of the SJI Five Bar Training System to compete in the 2021 RDS National Championships 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.

6 year old ponies will jump first at both the qualifiers and Final.

Only hind boots as per Rule 31, pg 29 may be worn at the qualifiers and Final.

Awards & Prizes:

Final

1st €600, 2nd €400, 3rd €300, 4th €250, 5th €200, 6th €150

A Special Breeders' Prize of €200 will be provided to the breeder of the highest placed Irish bred pony.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 52, pg 12)

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited

No animal is permitted to leave its transport vehicle without having its competition number displayed appropriately
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 19 July 2021 at 5pm

BURSARY COMPETITION

The RDS is delighted to award a bursary of one weeks training with a top international trainer to include budget return travel fare, accommodation and all training. The Bursary winner will be selected from those competing in the 1.25m – 1.30m Young Rider (108) and 1.35m – 1.40m Young Rider (109) classes at the RDS National Championships. 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.

The Bursary winner will be selected by three independent judges, nominated by the RDS Organising Committee, who will evaluate each of the riders competing in the 1.25m – 1.30m Young Rider (108) and 1.35m – 1.40m Young Rider (109) classes. The rider will be selected on his / her ability to be as one with their horse. The rider 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.

In all matters of interpretation or circumstances unforeseen, the decision of the 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 rules pertaining to the collection of Cups and Trophies on pg 6 of this Competition Schedule.

NOTE:

Neat dress is essential in the judging rings (see Rule 52, pg 12)

Use of mobile phones in the judging rings is prohibited

No animal is permitted to leave its transport vehicle without having its competition number displayed appropriately
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 19 July 2021 at 5pm

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. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The judges are requested to award the prizes offered in each class in accordance with the number of animals catalogued (see pg 9).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 THE RDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

1. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE (see overleaf for Arrival Times)

All animals which have completed their adjudication should depart the Showgrounds.

PLEASE NOTE that the Arrivals / Departure Area is located in Simmonscourt opposite the Simmonscourt Pavilions. 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 57, pg 13) 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 2021, unless otherwise stated in the class details.

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 52, pg 12). 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 (1998 or 2011), Snell (E2001 or E2016 with official Snell label and number), ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark), VG1 01.040 (2014-12) or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), and fitted with an adjustable harness, is recommended for all riders. Please note that (BS) EN1384 hats will not be permitted unless the hat is dual stamped with another standard such as Snell or PAS 015. 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).

A competition number will be provided in 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 transport vehicle. This judging 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 42, pg 11).

4. ENTRY

All entry fees must be paid by credit or debit card. Payment by cheque, cash or postal order is no longer accepted. All entries must be made through the Online Entry System which is available via the following link: <http://entries.rdsnationalchampionships.com>, for more information on the Online Entry System see pg 44. Entries open on **Tuesday 8 June 2021, at 9am**. Entries close on **Monday 19 July 2021, at 5pm**.

5. NUMBERS ENTERED IN CLASSES

If less than 6 entries are received in a class, the class may be cancelled.

6. OWNERS

The Society reserves the right to refuse entry into the judging ring of exhibits in any capacity other than that of the 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.

7. EXHIBITOR PARKING

Parking for trucks and trailers will be available in Simmonscourt.

ARRIVAL TIMES 2021

THESE ARRIVAL TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO REVISION

August	WED 18	THURS 19	FRI 20	SAT 21	SUN 22
Yearlings (Classes 52 & 53)	8am-9am				
Two Year Olds (Classes 54 – 56)	8am-10am				
Three Year Olds (Classes 57– 59)	8am-12noon				
Three Year Old Potential Event Horse (Class 61)	12noon-4pm				
Irish Draught Mares & Foals (Classes 37 – 40)		8am-9am			
Breeders' Championship (Class 49 & 50)		8am-11am			
Show Hunters (Championships)		12noon-1pm			
Three Year Old Loose Performance (Class 62)		12noon-3.30pm			
148cm 6 & 7 Year Old Ponies (Class 113)			8am-9am		
148cm Ponies (Class 112)			8am-10am		
138cm Ponies (Class 111)			8am-2pm		
128 Ponies (Class 110)			8am-12noon		
Children On Horses (Class 106)			12noon-4pm		
Amateur Jumping (Class 100)				8am-9am	
Young Riders (Classes 107 – 109)				8am-1pm	
Four Year Old Horses (Class 101)				2pm-3pm	
Five Year Old Horses (Class 102)					8am-9am
Six Year Old Horses (Class 103)					8am-10am
Seven Year Old Horses (Class 104)					12noon-1pm
Eight and Nine Year Old Horses (Class 105)					2pm-3pm

ARRIVALS VIA SHREWSBURY ROAD ENTRANCE ONLY

NO ANIMAL IS PERMITTED TO LEAVE THEIR TRANSPORT VEHICLE WITHOUT DISPLAYING THEIR COMPETITION NUMBER

ONLINE ENTRY

- The RDS National Championships Online Entry System will open at **9am on Tuesday, 8 June**. Entries will close at **5pm on Monday, 19 July**.
- The Online Entry System is available via the following link; <http://entries.rdsnationalchampionships.com>.
- An owner must register and set up an account by providing an email address, surname and password, and confirming the account by email activation
- Entries for an owner can be handled by a rider / agent by adding their email address into the secondary email space provided under the 'Owner's Details' section
- Draft entries can be saved without submitting a payment and finished later (before the close of entries on Monday 19 July)
- 'Reserve' entries can be saved for classes with qualifiers, so that if an entry place becomes available the entry can be accepted later by the RDS Equestrian Office
- Following validation and payment of an entry, an email confirmation is sent to the owner (and rider / agent, if applicable)

ONLINE ENTRY – STEP BY STEP GUIDE

In order to use the entry system owners must do the following:

1. Register and set up an account by providing an email address, surname and a password.
2. Activate the account by clicking on a link that will have been sent to the email address provided.
3. Once the account is activated, owners can login using their email address and password.
4. Owners must provide some further personal details before beginning the entry process such as name, address and telephone number, and preference for their catalogue publication.

Important Note:

Please ensure that each individual entry has been entered under the correct owner's account, as displayed at the top of each entry. Riders should take particular care not to enter horses under the wrong ownership.

If an owner would like a rider / agent to make entries on their behalf, the owner must provide the rider / agent's email address in the 'Secondary email address' box, under the 'Owner's Details' section. The rider / agent in question must in turn have his / her own personal account on the RDS National Championships Online Entry System. The rider / agent can then log onto their own account and access the owner's entries under the 'Rider / Agent Entry' section. The rider / agent will be cc'ed on all RDS National Championships correspondence to the owner.

Before commencing the entry process owners must ensure that they have read the Competition Schedule, and the class details and rules relating to the class(es) they wish to enter. Owners must ensure that they have also read the General Rules and Regulations section of the Competition Schedule, as it is a condition of entry that they agree to adhere to them.

The next step is to complete the 2021 online entry form:

1. Under the 'Animal Details' section owners must enter their horse's name, colour, gender, passport number, breed code, age and equine premises number, and an opportunity will also be provided at this point to indicate if the horse is for sale or not.
2. Owners must then proceed to complete the 'Breeding Details' section for the entry. Owners will be required to provide the breeder's name and address; the name of sire, dam, and dam sire, and the breed codes for each will also be required under this section.
3. Owners must then pick the classes they wish to enter.
4. **Owners must choose their qualifying venue from a drop-down box. Please note if an owner's horse is in reserve position at a qualifier, this entry should not be finalised in the Online Entry System, but rather saved as a 'Reserve' by ticking the box at the bottom of the online form. Should a place become available, the owner will be notified by the RDS Equestrian Staff and the entry can then be processed.**
5. For ridden classes, owners must enter the rider's name. There will be a requirement to enter the rider's date of birth and the name of his / her trainer for certain classes.

ONLINE ENTRY – STEP BY STEP GUIDE (CONT.D)

6. The next step is to **save** and **validate** the entry before payment can be made. **Owners must tick the box at the bottom of the online form agreeing to the Rules and Regulations of the RDS National Championships Competition Schedule.**
7. When the entry is validated, click the 'Finalise & Pay' button and invoice details will appear.
8. You will then be directed to a secure Realex Payments page. Payments will be accepted by credit or debit card. Riders / agents may fill out the online entry form and save it, in order to allow the owner to pay for the entry at a later time. ***Please note entries will not be confirmed until final payment has been received by the RDS.***
9. Once payment is complete a confirmation email will be received.

If an owner wishes to enter a horse into a second class after they have finalised their initial entry, they can do so by accessing the initial entry under the "Committed entries for the RDS National Championships" section and subsequently adding an additional class at the bottom of the online entry form. Please note however that alterations cannot be made to committed entries. If a committed entry requires an amendment, please contact the RDS Equestrian Department directly by email at equestrian@rds.ie.

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.rds.ie/nationalchampionships/privacy to view the RDS National Championships Privacy Policy.

Online entries will close at **5pm on Monday, 19 July 2021.**

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