



Le Lion d'Angers Programme 2011

Objective

The objective of this programme is to ensure the best possible representation for Ireland at the world breeding championships for young horses at Le Lion d'Angers 20th to 23rd Oct 2011 and to develop potential team horses for the future from amongst Ireland's 6 and 7 year old event horses.

Lions d'Angers Selection

All 6 and 7 year old horses ridden by Irish riders are eligible for selection for Le Lion d'Angers regardless of where they are born. However, no funding will be provided for horses that are not in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Time line

The selection committee have reviewed all expression of interest forms for Le Lion d'Angers.

In the week beginning September 12th, the selectors will meet and select the combinations and reserve combinations who will be listed and included on the nominated entries which are due on 19th September. Riders will be informed by the 19th September and the squad will be announced publicly once this is done.

A training day funded by Horse Sport Ireland for selected combinations will take place on Tuesday 11th October with Heike Holstein & Ian Fearon. This day will be free for participants.

Selectors

The selection panel are Chef d'Equipe Janet Murray, Eventing Ireland nominee John Reid and Horse Sport Ireland nominee Stephanie von Schilcher.

Le Lion d'Angers Minimum Qualification

Under FEI rules combinations must achieve the following minimum criteria:

All qualifying events must be achieved as a combination

The deadline for obtaining the Minimum Eligibility Requirements is 4 weeks before the 1st Dressage day of the Championships (20st September 2011) and must be obtained in the calendar year in question or the preceding calendar year.

6 yr old CCI*: 1 x CIC* with zero obstacle penalties on XC and max 4 penalties on obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping Test plus 1 x CNC*

In addition, the selection committee would like Irish Combinations to achieve a minimum Dressage Score of 65% in International Competition

7 yr old CCI**: 1 x CCI* or 1 x CIC** with zero obstacle penalties on XC
Plus
1 x CIC** or 2 x CNC** with zero obstacle penalties on XC and max 4 penalties on obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping Test

In addition, the selection committee would like Irish Combinations to achieve a minimum Dressage Score of 62% in International Competition

FEI Points

The FEI will rank combinations based on their performances in international competition and these will be used to allocate places in the two competitions. It is not possible to determine what the cut off point will be but it is essential for combinations to have FEI points i.e. placings at international level. This year there will be three places for Ireland in the six year old competition and twelve in the seven year old competition. The definite Entry Date is 10th October 2011

FEI Points are awarded as Follows:

CIC* : 11 , 9 , 8 , 7 , 6 , 5 , 4 , 3 , 2 , 1

CIC** : 21 , 19 , 18 , 17 , 16 , 15 , 14 , 13 , 12 , 11 & so on down in increments of 1

CCI* : as for CIC** above

CCI** : 41 , 38 , 36 , 34 , 32 , 30 , 28 , 26 , 24 , 22 & so on down in increments of 2

Prospective candidates should note that while the selection panel will have a mind to the points level of each combination with a view to them getting into their class it will not be the case that combinations with the most FEI points will be selected for Le Lion.

Selection

The selection panel will select the combinations that they believe will best represent Ireland at Le Lion d'Angers. Factors which they will take into account include:

- The main factor will be the overall form of the combination with particular emphasis on their international results.
- As Le Lion D'Angers takes place in France it will be an advantage for horses to have competed abroad to demonstrate that they can cope with travelling etc
- The current form and well being of the combination as demonstrated in national or international competition.
- The performances of the horses in training will also be taken into account.
- The experience and competence of the rider will be a factor in selection.
- Generally the committee would prefer if each rider rode only one horse at Le lion d'Angers but would look at this on a case by case basis.
- While the main goal of the programme is to have success at le Lion d'Angers; if the panel considers that the combination is likely to have a long term future in the sport and that it could be a future 'team' horse this may be a factor in the selection, particularly in the seven year old section.
- Horse Sport Ireland may request that horse attend for veterinary assessment at any time.

Funding

Irish Sport Horses who are by a stallion approved on the Irish Horse Register will, subject to the availability of funding, receive a travel bursary (subject to passing the 1st trot up) and will have their entries paid. Irish Sport Horses who are not by approved stallions will have their entries paid but will not be eligible for a travel bursary.

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