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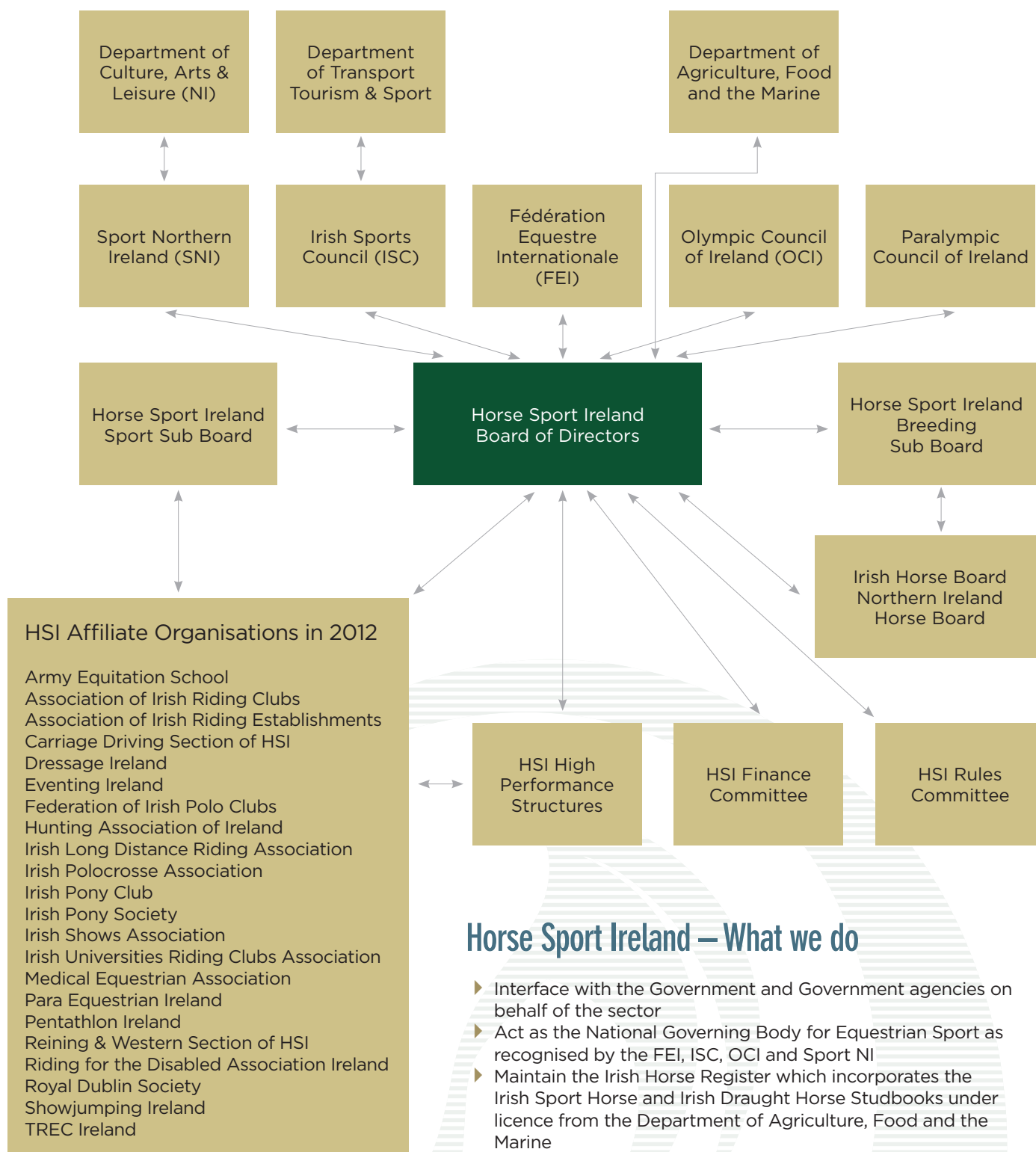
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Horse Sport Ireland – What we do

- ▶ Interface with the Government and Government agencies on behalf of the sector
- ▶ Act as the National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport as recognised by the FEI, ISC, OCI and Sport NI
- ▶ Maintain the Irish Horse Register which incorporates the Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse Studbooks under licence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- ▶ Issue non-Pedigree ID documents for horses under licence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- ▶ Run High Performance Programmes for selected equestrian disciplines
- ▶ Run the National Horse Anti-Doping Programme for Equestrian Sport
- ▶ Run the National Equestrian Coaching Development Programme with Coaching Ireland
- ▶ Operate the online Pedigree, Progeny and Performance database – CapallOir

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Introduction

Last year – 2012 – was an exceptional twelve months for the sector, some of the high points included medals gained at the London Olympics and Paralympics, an outstanding victory in the Aga Khan and a haul of underage medals in the European Championships.

Despite the current challenging economic situation, sport horses have provided many standout moments for individuals and families in a wide variety of disciplines throughout the year. The HSI Affiliates had busy schedules and I commend all of the voluntary effort that makes their events possible. The passion and commitment we have for the horse in Ireland remains one of our greatest strengths.

If the sport is to grow and develop we need all the stakeholders to work together in a climate of mutual respect. We are in an intense competition with other sports and leisure pursuits for spectators, media coverage and sponsorship, and we need to maximize the positive stories we have to tell. Every competitor and horse, at whatever level, is an ambassador for our sector.

The young riders are our future and their successes during the past year give us confidence in the years to come. We have international riders operating successfully on several continents while flying the flag for Ireland and acting as influential role models for our young people. Our developmental coaching programmes, and those of our Affiliates, continue to pay dividends.

The financial return for those breeding and producing young sport horses has been far from ideal and we need radical reform if this is to become a viable agricultural enterprise rather than just an interesting hobby. We need to ruthlessly select the best and cull the rest if we are to see dramatic improvements.

We can't change the past but if we make the correct decisions now we can influence the future. We acknowledge the success of the past year but we cannot rest on our laurels. I admire those individuals who are continuing to invest in world-class facilities to host shows and events so that riders and horses can be developed and competitors and spectators can enjoy our sport to its fullest.

I acknowledge the work of my predecessor Joe Walsh, the staff of Horse Sport Ireland and the many volunteers who populate the management board, sub boards and committees. Success does not arise by accident and I encourage everyone involved to work together to strive for greatness in the coming year.



Professor Patrick Wall
Chairman, Horse Sport Ireland



Report of the Chief Executive

In 2012, a study commissioned by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI), and published by UCD, found that the Sport Horse Industry in Ireland contributes over €700 million per year to the Irish economy; that it supports over 12,500 full-time jobs and over 29,000 people earn some or all of their income from this sector. Over 47,000 people are estimated to be involved in the industry. This is a valuable and important piece of work as it demonstrates the scale of the sector and its significance to the rural Irish economy.

This report contains an overview of the areas that HSI has direct responsibility for within the industry. HSI effectively has four main functions: to act as the Governing Body for Equestrian Sport, to maintain the Irish Horse Register and related responsibilities, to run High Performance Programmes and to interface with the Government and Government agencies on behalf of the sector. The funding provided to HSI is earmarked for very specific purposes and linked to the functions outlined above. There are many other initiatives that we would like to undertake but our funding is very limited and there are many areas of activity over which we still have no direct control.

During 2012 the Olympic and Paralympic Games came to London. This presented a huge opportunity, but also a real challenge, as performances inside and outside the ring would be scrutinised like never before. Thankfully, the London Olympics and Paralympics were a huge success for Ireland. We won our first equestrian medal since equestrian sport was introduced to the Olympics in 1912, when Cian O'Connor and the O'Reilly-Hyland family's Blue Loyd took individual bronze in Show Jumping. Our Eventing team finished a highly commendable fifth, all riding Irish Sport Horses, with Aoife Clark and Master Crusoe (ISH) finishing seventh individually. The Irish Para Dressage Team, having qualified for the Paralympics for the first time, produced the shock of the Games by winning the team bronze medal. For good measure, Helen Kearney won two individual medals on the Irish-bred Mister Cool (ISH). Equestrian was the only sport in which Ireland won medals in both the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London.

There were also many other Irish people involved as officials and members of the arena party along with countless Irish volunteers who worked at the Games in

various capacities. The Irish equestrian community did itself proud on the biggest stage in the history of our sport.

While the Games were a huge success, Horse Sport Ireland withdrew the nomination of an athlete to the Olympic Council of Ireland in the lead up to the Games. While not everyone in the sector agreed with the decision, it was important that the organisation had strong structures in place to deal with such eventualities.

Sixteen Irish-bred horses competed at the London 2012 Olympics with four Irish Sport Horses finishing in the top 10 in Eventing and two finishing in the top 20 in Show Jumping. The highest placed Irish-bred show jumper Flexible (ISH) produced the show jumping breeding highlight of the year when he won the Rolex/FEI World Cup Jumping Finals at 16 years of age, under Rich Fellers (USA). Flexible subsequently won the USEF International Horse of the Year Award for 2012. The Eventing breeding highlight saw the Irish Sport Horse Studbook once again topping the world rankings for the breeding of Eventing horses for the 14th time in the 16 years since the rankings were introduced.

Our Senior Show Jumping Team won the FEI Nations' Cup at Hickstead and followed this up with victory at the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show where they lifted the Aga Khan Trophy for the first time since 2004. The win featured on the front pages of the national newspapers in Ireland and meant that, combined with our Olympic and Paralympic medals, equestrian sport featured on the front pages three times in a six week period.

It was, however, disappointing that no equestrian athlete made the shortlist for the RTE Sports Personality of the Year. While it was undoubtedly an exceptional year for Irish sports people it raises the question as to what an equestrian athlete would have to achieve in order to be nominated?

Our underage riders produced outstanding results with seven medals secured in European Championships. These young riders and their parents and coaches, HSI's High Performance Coaches and our Affiliate Organisations, deserve huge credit for these achievements. It is also worth mentioning the HSI Coaching Programme, which has trained many coaches in a structured system. The first Level 3 Coaches qualified in 2012. The implementation of a standardised system has brought benefits and these are now being seen on the international stage in the performances of our underage riders. However, we need to keep the progress up and it would be important to see more of our current top riders getting involved in the Coaching Programme.

The new National Anti-Doping Programme was introduced in 2012. This programme will help to underpin the credibility of the sector on the international stage. No horse ridden by an Irish rider



has tested positive in a competition run by the FEI since 2008. This is how it should be but we must remain vigilant to ensure that our reputation in this area continues to grow.

While it was welcome that an Irish Sport Horse, Lisona (ISH), featured on both the Hickstead and Dublin winning teams, we would like to see many more Irish-bred horses featuring at the top level in world show jumping. Progress is being made but the information gap between breeders and the top end of the sport needs to be bridged. Ultimately, it is down to individual breeders to make strategic decisions to improve the genetic standard of their horses. While we receive occasional criticism for providing information on foreign-based stallions, breeders need to be aware of all their options. There are many good sires in Ireland, however, the use of artificial insemination is allowed in sport horses so breeders can have access to genetics anywhere in the world.

The number of foals registered in the Irish Horse Register (IHR) continued to decline in 2012. We are all in favour of expanding and developing the sector, however, the emphasis must be on quality rather than quantity. I see Horse Sport Ireland's role as providing information to help breeders make decisions. It is the responsibility of each breeder to decide whether or not to cover their mare and with which stallion. There are plenty of young horses sold out of Ireland each year at very good prices but there are more sold for less than the cost of production. While the general downturn in the economy has impacted on all sectors, breeders must make decisions which give them the best chance to make a return on their investment. Covering a mare with no record of performing or producing performers, with an unproven stallion, is unlikely to result in a valuable foal.

Another welcome development in 2012 saw the Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada (IDHSC) enter into a harmonisation agreement with the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland. This followed the 2011 agreement by the Irish Draught Horse Society of Great Britain (IDHSGb) to harmonise their studbook rules. In order to promote genetic diversity within the breed, HSI introduced a measure of genetic diversity for every Irish Draught Horse registered in the Studbook. Available on CapallOir, this allows breeders to assess how closely horses within the Studbook are related to each other.

One statistic that must concern the industry is that of the 5,801 foals registered in the IHR in 2012, 795 had no recorded pedigree. The situation is even more worrying for older horses with over 75% registered with only non-pedigree ID documents. During 2011 HSI greatly reduced the cost of registering older animals with verified pedigree and there was a significant response. We receive proposals regularly to reduce the cost of non-pedigree ID documents to facilitate people in registering their horse to comply with the law. While the sentiment behind this is understandable, our objective must be to have all horses registered with recorded pedigree. Why breed a horse if its pedigree is not worth recording?

Horse Sport Ireland became the Governing Body for equestrian sport in Ireland on 1st January 2008 and is run by a voluntary Board of Directors. We also have a

voluntary Breeding Sub Board and a voluntary Sport Sub Board, along with a number of other important committees. At the end of 2012, HSI had 22 Affiliate Organisations. The Northern Ireland Horse Board was a welcome addition during the year. The contribution made by volunteers to our sport is immense. Without such voluntary effort we would have no infrastructure to organise and promote the equestrian activities which give enjoyment to so many people throughout the length and breadth of Ireland.

I would like to thank the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Irish Sports Council. Without their funding and guidance it would not be possible for us to run our programmes. In an Olympic year, the support of the Olympic Council of Ireland and Paralympics Ireland was integral toward achieving success at the Games. As well as being recognised by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), the Olympic Council of Ireland (OCI) and the Irish Sports Council (ISC), HSI is now recognised by Sport Northern Ireland as the all-island Governing Body for equestrian sport in Ireland.

On 6th February 2013, Professor Patrick Wall was appointed by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Leo Varadkar TD, as the new Chairman of Horse Sport Ireland, replacing outgoing Chairman Joe Walsh. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank Joe for his contribution to the organisation and the industry.

In my view, it is of great benefit to Horse Sport Ireland that the Chairman of the organisation is nominated by the Government. It gives the position additional standing and independence. The appointment of Professor Wall has been very well received and we are fortunate to have someone who gives so much time to the sector in what has been – and continues to be – a voluntary role.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the continued contribution of the staff in Horse Sport Ireland. The organisation has taken on many new initiatives which has increased the organisation's workload while our funding has been declining. This has required great flexibility and commitment from our staff and I would like to thank them for their hard work during 2012.



Damian McDonald
CEO, Horse Sport Ireland



[L-R] Dr Alan Fahey, UCD School of Agriculture & Food Science, Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine Simon Coveney and former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh at the launch of the industry report on 21st November 2012.

Attendance at HSI Board of Directors Meetings in 2012

	3/2	4/4	14/6	6/9	1/11	17/12	Total
Joe Walsh, Chairman	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
David Abbott, AIRC	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/2
Rita Dunne, AIRE (replaced David Abbott on 14/6)	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Comdt Tom Freyne, Army Equitation School, RDAI	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Lt Col Brian MacSweeney, Army Equitation School, RDAI (replaced Comdt Tom Freyne on 4/4)	N/A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	4/5
Jim Beecher, Irish Horse Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	5/6
Tristan Kingston, Irish Horse Board	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0/1
Helen Kelly, Irish Horse Board (replaced Tristan Kingston on 4/4)	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	4/5
Michael Duignan, Irish Horse Board	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Neil Henry, Irish Horse Board (replaced Michael Duignan on 4/4)	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5/5
John Jude Doyle, Irish Horse Board	✓	✓	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/3
Pat McCarthy, Irish Horse Board (replaced John Jude Doyle on 1/11)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	2/2
Paul Duffy, Irish Horse Board	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/3
Paddy Joe Foy, Irish Horse Board (replaced Paul Duffy on 1/11)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	2/2
Robert McCormick, Dressage Ireland	X	✓	✓	X	X	N/A	2/5
Anne Cahill, Dressage Ireland (replaced Robert McCormick on 17/12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	1/1
Jessica Harrington, Eventing Ireland	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	2/6
John Reid, Eventing Ireland	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Georgia Stubington, Eventing Ireland (replaced John Reid on 4/4)	N/A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	4/5
Peter Molloy, Irish Pony Society	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Sam Smyth, Northern Ireland Horse Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Lt Col Gerry O'Gorman (retired), Para Equestrian Ireland	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	4/6
Harold McGahern, RDS, IURCA, MEA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Liam Murphy, Showjumping Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	5/6
Gerry McCloskey, Showjumping Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Tony Hurley, Showjumping Ireland	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5/6
Ronan Corrigan, Showjumping Ireland	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0/1
Taylor Vard, Showjumping Ireland (replaced Ronan Corrigan on 4/4)	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5/5

Charles Powell, Observer

N/A – not applicable i.e. not a Board member at that time.



HSI Breeding Sub Board. Seated [L-R]: Michael Grace, Anne Bannon, Paddy Joe Foy, Chairman Jim Beecher, former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh, John Jude Doyle, Tommy Brennan.
Standing [L-R]: Paul Duffy, Kieran O’Gorman, Sean Kavanagh, Pat McCarthy, Helen Kelly, Neil Henry, Joanne Jardin, Andy O’Donoghue.

Attendance at HSI Breeding Sub Board Meetings in 2012

	8/2	20/2	28/3	24/5	28/6	4/10	13/11	7/12	Total
Jim Beecher, Chairman (Minister’s Nominee)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8/8
P.J. Foy (Vice Chairman) (IHB, Region 4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8/8
Joe Walsh (Minister’s Nominee)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8/8
Anne Bannon (IHB, Region 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	7/8
Helen Kelly (IHB, Region 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	6/8
John Jude Doyle (IHB, Region 2)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	5/8
Tommy Brennan (IHB, Region 2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/5
Anne Marie O’Gorman-Owens (replaced Tommy Brennan on 4/10)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	3/3
Pat McCarthy (IHB, Region 3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8/8
Kieran O’Gorman (IHB, Region 3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8/8
Paul Duffy (IHB, Region 4)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	7/8
Neil Henry (IHB, Region 5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	7/8
Sean Kavanagh (IHB, Region 5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8/8
Michael Grace (IPS)	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/8
Joanne Jarden (NIHB)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7/8
Andy O’Donoghue (CPBS)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	3/8

N/A – not applicable i.e. not a Sub Board member at that time.

Region 1 - Wicklow, Louth, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath, Dublin

Region 2 - Tipperary, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny

Region 3 - Waterford, Kerry, Limerick, Cork

Region 4 - Mayo, Galway, Clare

Region 5 - Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Roscommon



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Launch of the proposed site for equestrian high performance training facilities at the National Sports Campus in Abbotstown on 24th October 2012.

Attendance at HSI Sport Sub Board Meetings in 2012

	12/3	21/5	10/9	19/11	Total
John Malone, Chairman	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Lt Col Brian MacSweeney, Army Equitation School	✓	✓	X	X	2/4
David Abbott, Association of Irish Riding Clubs	✓	✓	X	✓	3/4
Helen Fox, Association of Irish Riding Establishments	✓ (Linda Young substitute)	✓ (Linda Young substitute)	N/A	N/A	2/2
Donal O'Sullivan, AIRE (replaced Helen Fox on 10/9)	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	2/2
Hon. Sarah Mullins, Carriage Driving Section of HSI	X	✓	X	✓	2/4
Joan Keogh, Dressage Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Comdt Pat Coleman, Eventing Ireland	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Alison Packman, EI (replaced Comdt Pat Coleman on 21/5)	N/A	✓	✓	✓	3/3
James Kennedy, Federation of Irish Polo Clubs	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
David Lalor, Hunting Association of Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Larry O'Neill, Irish Long Distance Riding Association	X	X	X	X	0/4
Richard Nolan, Irish Polocrosse Association	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	0/1
Noreen O'Donnell, IPA (replaced Richard Nolan on 21/5)	N/A	✓	✓ (Fiona Walsh substitute)	X	2/3
Belle Balding, Irish Pony Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Patrick Geoghegan, Irish Pony Society	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Michael Hughes, Irish Shows Association	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Brian Coleman, Irish Universities Riding Clubs Association	X	X	N/A	N/A	0/2
Peter O'Donnell, IURCA (replaced Brian Coleman on 10/9)	N/A	N/A	✓	X	1/2
Dr Antonia Lehane, Medical Equestrian Association	✓ (Dr Carlos McDowell substitute)	X	X	✓ (Dr Carlos McDowell substitute)	2/4
Michael Kearney, Para Equestrian Ireland	X	X	✓	X	1/4
Robert Downes, Pentathlon Ireland	X	✓ (Brendan Walsh substitute)	✓ (Brendan Walsh substitute)	✓	3/4
Declan McArdle, Reining & Western Section of HSI	✓	✓	X	✓	3/4
Dara Kearney, Riding for the Disabled Association Ireland	✓	✓	X	✓	3/4
Kyra Donnelly, Royal Dublin Society	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Vacant, Showjumping Ireland	X	X	X	X	0/4
Cassie O'Connell, TREC Ireland	✓	✓ (Adrian Flynn substitute)	✓	✓ (Adrian Flynn substitute)	4/4

N/A - not applicable i.e. not a Sub Board member at that time.

Olympics, Paralympics and High Performance Programmes





Olympic Showjumping

There was great disappointment when Ireland failed to qualify a Show Jumping team for the London 2012 Olympic Games. We had failed in our two attempts at the 2010 World Equestrian Games and the 2011 European Championships. However, in March it was confirmed that Ireland had secured two individual places thanks to the rankings of Billy Twomey and Denis Lynch. Billy Twomey, with Ed and Sue Davies Tinka's Serenade, and Cian O'Connor, with the O'Reilly-Hyland family's Blue Loyd, were selected to fill the two places.

Following three qualifying rounds at London, Billy Twomey finished 53rd while Cian O'Connor lay in 36th place, first reserve for the 35 rider individual final. On the morning of the final all 35 qualified riders were required to present their horse for a veterinary inspection. Swedish rider Rolf-Göran Bengtsson withdrew his horse Casall La Silla during the veterinary inspection. Cian O'Connor and Blue Loyd were in the final and under Olympic Rules all riders would start with zero penalties.

The combinations jumped in reverse order so the

Irish combination was required to jump early in the first round of the final. They recorded one of only 6 clears to set them up for the second and final round. Once again they left all the fences up but were just 0.02 seconds over the time and so incurred a time fault which denied them a jump off for the gold medal with Switzerland's Steve Guerdat. Ultimately, their one fault total left them in a jump off for silver with The Netherlands' Gerco Schröder who jumped first and recorded a fast clear. Cian and Blue Loyd were well up on the time but were unfortunate to knock the last fence. But disappointment quickly turned to elation with the realisation that Ireland had secured our first Equestrian Olympic medal since Equestrian sport was included in the Olympics in 1912. A full table of the results is shown below.

President Michael D. Higgins congratulated Cian O'Connor, saying: *"This is a great result for Cian and indeed for Irish show jumping. He showed great skill and determination all week and thoroughly deserves this bronze medal."*



Cian O'Connor with his bronze medal on the podium at the London 2012 Olympics.



Cian O'Connor in action at the London Olympics.

London 2012 Olympic Games 28th July - 8th August 2012 - Show Jumping - Chef d'Equipe: Robert Splaine

	Rider	Horse	Speed Class	1st round Nations' Cup	2nd round Nations' Cup	1st round Individual Final	2nd round Individual Final	Ind. Total	Jump Off	Final Placing
1	Cian O'Connor	Blue Loyd 12	0	8	12	0	1	1	4/46.64	3rd = Bronze
2	Billy Twomey	Tinka's Serenade	4	8	-	DNQ	DNQ	-	-	56th

Team Veterinarian: Marcus Swail



Billy Twomey, with Ed and Sue Davies' Tinka's Serenade, represented Ireland in the London 2012 Olympic Games. The combination played a key role in Ireland's qualification for the Olympics.

Olympic Pentathlon



Irish Olympic Pentathlon athlete Natalya Coyle finished 9th in the Pentathlon competition at the London 2012 Olympics. Pentathlon Ireland is affiliated to Horse Sport Ireland. The Pentathlon High Performance Committee is chaired by HSI's Equestrian Sport Co-ordinator Triona Connors. Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe also competed at the Olympics in Pentathlon and won a European medal at Junior level in 2012.

Olympic Dressage

Ireland secured one place in Dressage at the London 2012 Olympics as a result of Anna Merveldt's world ranking with Coryolano. Anna Merveldt was subsequently selected for the Games with Coryolano. In the opening Grand Prix competition Anna was unlucky to have to compete in dreadful conditions and driving rain. The pair recorded a score of 69.772 to finish in 33rd position from among the 50 starters, just outside the top 32 who qualified for the Grand Prix Special.



Irish Dressage rider Anna Merveldt & Coryolano during their test at the London Olympics.



London 2012 Olympic Games 2nd-9th August 2012 - Dressage - Chef d'Equipe: Triona Connors

	Rider	Horse	GP	Placing	GPS	GPFS
1	Anna Merveldt	Coryolano	69.772	33rd in Grand Prix	DNQ	DNQ

Team Veterinarian: Marcus Swail



Olympic Eventing

The Irish Eventing Team just missed out on Olympic qualification at the World Equestrian Games in 2010 and the European Championships in 2011. However, under Olympic Rules countries can secure up to 5 individual places through the FEI Olympic rider rankings. If a country secures more than three such places they can form a team. In the latter part of 2011 and the early part of 2012, Irish riders competed at strategic events to maximise their ranking. An event in Ballindenisk in Co. Cork on the final weekend for counting results saw Irish riders put in performances which eventually secured five places, comprising a full team at the Olympics. The places were secured by Camilla Speirs, Michael Ryan, Mark Kyle, Jayne Doherty and Capt. Geoff Curran. The team selected for the Olympics by High Performance Manager Ginny Elliot comprised Aoife Clark, Mark Kyle, Joseph Murphy, Michael Ryan and Camilla Speirs. Capt.

Geoff Curran was first reserve while Sam Watson was second reserve.

The team was lying 10th after the dressage phase with sub 50 tests by Aoife Clark and Camilla Speirs. In the cross-country phase Aoife Clark and Joseph Murphy went clear with very few time faults. Camilla Speirs and Michael Ryan were eliminated for falls on the course but anchorman Mark Kyle produced a solid clear to leave Ireland in 8th place overnight. Following a six fault show jumping round by Mark Kyle and two brilliant clears from Joseph Murphy and Aoife Clark, Ireland finished fifth overall in the team final. Mark Kyle, Joseph Murphy and Aoife Clark qualified for the individual final which consisted of one additional show jumping round. Aoife Clark and Joseph Murphy went clear again to finish 7th and 14th overall respectively, with Mark Kyle finishing 21st. A table with full results is shown below.



Aoife Clark & Master Crusoe (ISH) finished 7th in Individual Eventing at the London 2012 Olympics.



Members of the Irish Olympic Eventing Team: Mark Kyle, Aoife Clark, Joseph Murphy.

London 2012 Olympic Games 28th-31st July 2012 - Eventing - Chef d'Equipe: Ginny Elliot

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	SJ Obs Ind.	SJ Time Ind.	Total	Final Placing
1	Aoife Clark	Master Crusoe (ISH)	48.9	0	3.6	0	0	52.5	0	0	52.5	7th Individual
2	Joseph Murphy	Electric Cruise (ISH)	55.6	0	4.8	0	0	60.4	0	0	60.4	14th Individual
3	Mark Kyle	Coolio (ISH)	58.7	0	7.2	4	2	71.9	4	0	75.9	21st Individual
4	Michael Ryan	Ballylynch Adventure (ISH)	60.2	ELIM	-	-	-		DNQ	DNQ	DNQ	
5	Camilla Speirs	Portersize Just a Jiff (ISH)	47.6	ELIM	-	-	-		DNQ	DNQ	DNQ	
	Team Total:		152.1		178.8			184.8			184.8	5th Team

Team Veterinarian: Marcus Swail Dressage Coach: Ferdi Eilberg Show Jumping Coach: Ian Fearon



Paralympic Dressage

Significantly, Ireland qualified a para dressage team for the Paralympic Games for the first time in 2012. The team made fantastic progress in 2010 under Team Manager Avril O'Byrne. In 2011, when Naomi Donoghue took over as Team Manager, they finished second in the team competition at Hartpury, recording Ireland's best result in para equestrian competition up to that point and moving Ireland up in the world rankings. This ultimately qualified the team for the London 2012 Paralympics.

In 2012 a system was set down by HSI and Paralympics Ireland which meant that the four riders who secured the best four scores over three specified international competitions would be selected for the Games. While this was rigid, it meant that internal

competition for places remained strong.

The team of Eilish Byrne, James Dwyer, Helen Kearney and Geraldine Savage achieved selection and travelled to the Games with Chef d'Equipe Dara Kearney and Team Coach Donie McNamara. Pat Meagher was appointed Team Veterinarian.

In the first Individual test all four team members put in outstanding performances. In the second Championship test all four riders put in further outstanding performances. On an unforgettable day in Greenwich, Helen Kearney won an Individual silver medal and the Irish Team won Team bronze. Two days later Helen Kearney won a further Individual bronze in the Freestyle competition.

Helen Kearney & Mister Cool (ISH) during their test at the London Paralympics.



Bronze medal winning Irish Paralympic Equestrian Team.



London 2012 Paralympic Games 30th August - 4th September 2012 - Para Dressage - Chef d'Equipe: Dara Kearney/ Triona Connors

	Rider	Horse	Grade	Team Test 1	Championship Test/Team Test 2	Placing Ind.	Freestyle Test	Placing
1	Helen Kearney	Mister Cool (ISH)	1a	72.235	76.7	2nd = Silver	78.45	3rd = Bronze
2	Geraldine Savage	Blues Tip Top Too	1a	68	68.8	7th	72.3	5th
3	Eilish Byrne	Youri	II	67.15	73.429	5th	75.25	4th
4	James Dwyer	Orlando	IV	69.149	68.516	6th	74.4	6th
		Team Total:			428.313	3rd = Bronze		

Team Veterinarian: Patrick Meagher Coach: Donie McNamara



Flexible (ISH) & Rich Fellers
(USA) at the London 2012 Olympics.

16 IRISH-BRED HORSES SELECTED FOR LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Rider	Discipline	Result
Imperial Cavalier (ISH)	1997	G	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Gene Pool (ISH)	Imperius (TB)	John Brennan	Mary King (GBR)	Eventing	5 th Team Silver
Master Crusoe (ISH)	2001	G	Master Imp (TB)	Slaney Cruise Diamond (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Michael Doyle	Aoife Clark (IRL)	Eventing	7 th
Flexible (ISH)	1996	S	Cruising (ISH)	Flex (ISH)	Safari (TB)	Edward & Catherine Doyle	Rich Fellers (USA)	Show Jumping	8 th
High Kingdom (ISH)	2001	G	Master Imp (TB)	High Dolly (ISH)	Chair Lift (TB)	William Micklem	Zara Phillips (GBR)	Eventing	8 th Team Silver
Mr Medicott (ISH)	1999	G	Cruising (ISH)	Slieveluachra (ISH)	Edmund Burke (TB)	Dr Donal Geaney	Karen O'Connor (USA)	Eventing	9 th
Electric Cruise (ISH)	2001	G	Cruising (ISH)	Kilnamac Sally (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	James J. Ryan	Joseph Murphy (IRL)	Eventing	14 th
Castlefield Eclipse (ISH)	2002	M	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Furisto Clover Hill (ISH)	Furisto (HANN)	Pat Nihill	Paul Estermann (SUI)	Show Jumping	17 th
Coolio (ISH)	2002	G	Ghareeb (TB)	Beechland Lady (WNTR)	Diamond Serpent (ISH)	Walter Crean	Mark Kyle (IRL)	Eventing	21 st
Lenamore (ISH)	1992	G	Sea Crest (ID C1)	Karinella (TB)	Valiyar (TB)	Ted & Helen Walsh	Caroline Powell (NZL)	Eventing	29 th Team Bronze
Sofarsogood (ISH)	2000	M	Naheez (USA) (TB)	Vanity Fair (OLD)	Volturmo (OLD)	Charlotte Walsh	Malin Petersen (SWE)	Eventing	30 th
Ringwood Magister (ISH)	2001	G	Master Imp (TB)	Clonkeen View (ISH)	Carrabawn View (ID C1)	Adrian P. Bourke	Tina Coudray (USA)	Eventing	40 th
Master Rose (ISH)	1999	G	Master Imp (TB)	Skyrose (ISH)	Sky Boy (TB)	Patrick Kirwan	Ronald Zabala-Goetschel (ECU)	Eventing	43 rd
Carraig Dubh (IRE) (TB)	2000	G	Gothland (FR) (TB)	Water Sprite (TB)	Pry (TB)	Desmond Pettitt	Samantha Albert (JAM)	Eventing	51 st
Ballylynch Adventure (ISH)	2000	G	Don Juan de la Bouverie (sBs)	Stanman Girl (TB)	Standaan (TB)	John B. Hughes	Michael Ryan (IRL)	Eventing	ELIM during XC
Kilrodan Abbott (ISH)	1999	G	Clover Brigade (ISH)	Gentle Lassie (ISH)	Leabeg (ISH)	Michael Hogan	Peter Barry (CAN)	Eventing	ELIM during XC
Portersize Just A Jiff (ISH)	2000	G	Crosskeys Rebel (CP)	Mizen Talent (ISH)	Mizen Melody (TB)	Philip GL White	Camilla Speirs (IRL)	Eventing	ELIM during XC



Sixteen Irish-bred horses competed at the London 2012 Olympic Games, these included 15 Irish Sport Horses and one Irish-bred thoroughbred. Four Irish Sport Horses featured in the top 10 in Eventing, while two Irish Sport Horses finished in the top 20 in Show Jumping. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, issued a press release congratulating the breeders, commenting:

"This is a fantastic accolade for all the Irish Sport Horse breeders involved. To breed a horse that is good enough to be selected for the Olympic Games is a great honour. Ireland is known throughout the world as a horse breeding nation and this is even further evidence of our prowess in the breeding of sport horses."

– Minister Simon Coveney



Castlefield Eclipse (ISH) & Paul Estermann (SUI)
at the London 2012 Olympics.



Lenamore (ISH) &
Caroline Powell (NZL).



Imperial Cavalier (ISH) & Mary King (GBR) during the
cross-country phase at the London 2012 Olympics.



Zara Phillips (GBR) leads High Kingdom (ISH),
her London 2012 mount.



High Performance Programmes



In 2008, Horse Sport Ireland introduced High Performance structures in conjunction with the Irish Sports Council and the relevant Affiliate Organisations. The programmes consist of a mix of training and target competitions aimed at preparing combinations for the challenges they are likely to face at European level. Most years, Ireland sends seven underage teams abroad to represent us in

European Championships (see below). These High Performance Programmes are overseen by a High Performance Committee. The High Performance Team Manager has full selection powers. These programmes are funded by the Irish Sports Council, Showjumping Ireland and Eventing Ireland.

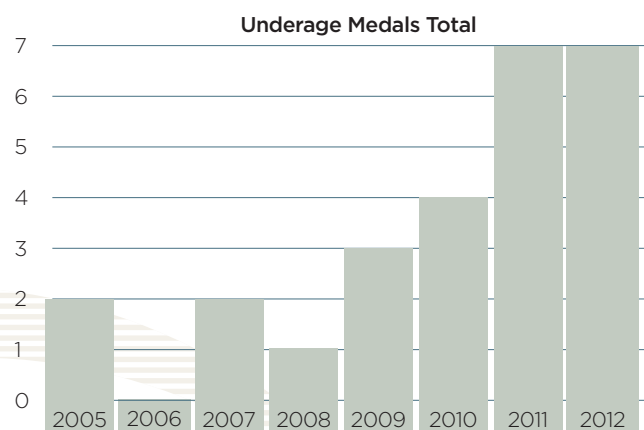
Show Jumping

Children on Horses (U14)
Pony Rider (U16)
Junior Rider (U18)
Young Rider (U21) (no team in 2012)

Eventing

Pony Rider (U16)
Junior Rider (U18)
Young Rider (U21)

The riders in these squads can also participate in the individual competition. Below is a graph of the total number of medals won by Irish teams in these competitions in recent years. The progress made to date brings credit to the riders, their families, their coaches, the Affiliate Organisations, the High Performance Programmes and the HSI Coaching Programme. Having achieved such excellent results, the challenge now is to help these exceptional young athletes to make the transition to the successful senior teams.



Show Jumping: Children on Horses (U14) High Performance Programme

This programme is overseen by the Children on Horses High Performance Committee.

Chairperson: Heather Coyle
Team Manager: Comdt John Ledingham
Member: James Kernan
Member: Liam Murphy
Team Vet: William Lawlor



Members of the Children on Horses team before the Championships: Jessica Kuenhle, Hannah Smyth, Team Manager Comdt John Ledingham, Caitlin Duffy, Evalina Hughes.

CHILDREN ON HORSES SHOW JUMPING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS EBREICHS DORF, AUSTRIA August 14th - 19th 2012
Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Farewell Class
1	Evalina Hughes	Dorethy May	4	9	0 - 56.34 (9th)
2	Jessica Kuehnle	Best Lady	0	8	0 - 55.29 (7th)
3	Hannah Smyth	Heman	8	W/D	8 - 57.27 (41st)
4	Caitlin Duffy	Glenard Courage	25	W/D	2 - 74.31 (23rd)
		Team Total	12	12 (did not jump 2nd round)	16th



Show Jumping: Pony Rider (U16) High Performance Programme

This programme is overseen by the Pony Show Jumping High Performance Committee.

Chairperson: Mark Bolger
Team Manager: Tom Slattery
Member: Keith Griffin
Member: Katy Saunders
Team Vet: Con Kennedy

The team competed in three Nations' Cups and the European Championships in 2012. The highlight of the year was the team winning the Nations' Cup in Fontainebleau in April 2012.



Show Jumping Pony Rider Team (U16) before the Championships: Molly O'Shea, Darragh Ryan, Team Manager Tom Slattery, Tom Foley, Paraic Kenny, Matt Garrigan.

PONY SHOW JUMPING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FONTAINEBLEAU, FRANCE July 18th - 22nd 2012
Chef d'Equipe: Tom Slattery

	Rider	Pony	Round 1	Round 2	Final Placing
1	Tom Foley	Crown Jewel	12	12	=33
2	Darragh Ryan	Quantum Light	4	8	22nd
3	Paraic Kenny	Grey Ross	16	0	9th
4	Molly O'Shea	More Clover	8	12	=33
		Team Total	24	44	9th
Reserve	Matt Garrigan	Future Interest			=33

Show Jumping: Junior Rider (U18) High Performance Programme

This programme is overseen by the Junior Rider High Performance Committee.

Chairperson: Heather Coyle
Team Manager: Comdt John Ledingham
Member: James Kernan
Member: Liam Murphy
Team Vet: William Lawlor

The highlight of the 2012 season was the Junior Team winning Team Gold at the European Championships in Ebreichsdorf, Austria.



Junior Show Jumping European Championships Gold Medal winning team [L-R] Max O'Reilly Hyland, Shannon McKenzie, Sven Hadley, Bertram Allen.

JUNIOR SHOW JUMPING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS EBREICHSDORF, AUSTRIA August 14th - 19th 2012
Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Final Placing
1	Bertram Allen	Wild Thing L	0	0	7th
2	Sven Hadley	Adelgonde Z	0	0	-
3	Shannon MacKenzie	Peyroux	16	20	-
4	Max O'Reilly Hyland	Da Vincis Pride	4	0	= 8th
		Team Total	4	4	1st - Gold



Eventing: Pony Rider (U16) High Performance Programme



Eventing Pony Rider (U16) Individual
Gold & Bronze Medals for Ireland:
Cathal Daniels (centre) and Ana O'Brien (right).

This programme is run by HSI with an input from Eventing Ireland. The Team Manager is Sue Shortt.

Team Manager: Sue Shortt
Dressage Coach: Sue Smallman
Show Jumping Coach: Tom Slattery
Team Vet: Con Kennedy

The Team had phenomenal successes in 2012, winning Team Gold, Individual Gold and Individual Bronze medals at the European Championships in Fontainebleau, France.



Eventing Pony Rider Team (U16) before the Championships: Gavin Smiddy, Ana O'Brien, Kirsty Connell, Team Manager Sue Shortt, Cathal Daniels, Susie Berry, Lucy Latta.



Cathal Daniels on the Irish-bred Master Murrose (ISH) on his way to winning an Individual Gold medal.

PONY EVENTING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FONTAINEBLEAU, FRANCE July 18th - 22nd 2012 Chef d'Equipe: Sue Shortt

	Rider	Pony	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Cathal Daniels	Master Murrose	45.2	0	0	0	0	45.2	1st - Gold
2	Ana O'Brien	Ice Cool Bailey	41.9	0	0	8	0	49.9	3rd - Bronze
3	Lucy Latta	Nono	49.8	0	0	8	0	57.8	10th
4	Gavin Smiddy	Mr Hale Bob	47.7	40	24	12	0	123.7	37th
		Team Total:	134.8		136.9		152.9	152.9	1st - Gold
5	Kirsty Connell	Little Indian Feather	57.1	0		0		57.1	8th
6	Susie Berry	Quiverhill Remember Me	ELIM	-		-		-	ELIM

Eventing: Junior Rider (U18) High Performance Programme

This programme is run by HSI with an input from Eventing Ireland. The Team Manager is Debbie Byrne.

Team Manager: Debbie Byrne
Dressage Coach: Terry Boon
Cross Country Coach: Terry Boon
Show Jumping Coach: Ian Fearon
Team Vet: William Lalor

The highlight of the programme was winning Team Silver and Individual Bronze at the European Championships in Strzegom, Poland.



Eventing Junior Rider Team (U18) before the Championships: Jodie O'Keeffe, Harold Megahey, Ian Cassells, Tori Dixon, Katie Moffatt, Lucca Stubington.



Eventing Junior Rider (U18) Team Silver & Individual Bronze for Ireland: Harold Megahey (right).

JUNIOR EVENTING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS STRZEGOM, POLAND Sept. 6th - 9th 2012 Chef d'Equipe: Debbie Byrne

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Harold Megahey	Chuckleberry	43.1	0	0	0	0	43.1	3rd - Bronze
2	Lucca Stubington	Kilminchy Condor	44	0	0	0	0	44	4th
3	Tori Dixon	Shadow Light	42.5	0	0	4	0	46.5	9th
4	Katie Moffatt	Pick N Mix II	46	0	0	4	0	50	13th
		Team Total:	129.6		129.6		133.6	133.6	2nd - Silver
5	Jodie O'Keeffe	Kachemire Le Beau	50.2	0		4		54.2	19th
6	Ian Cassells	Woodend Garfield	52.3	0		4		56.3	46th



Eventing: Young Rider (U21) High Performance Programme

This programme is run by HSI with an input from Eventing Ireland. The Team Manager is Sally Corscadden.

Team Manager: Sally Corscadden
Dressage Coach: Heike Holstein
Show Jumping Coach: Ian Fearon
Team Vet: William Lalor

The highlight of the programme was winning Team Silver at the European Championships in Malmo, Sweden in 2012.



Eventing Young Rider (U21) Team Silver for Ireland: Team Manager Sally Corscadden, Jessica O'Driscoll, Shane Power, David Hannigan, Katie Nolan.



Eventing Young Rider Team (U21) before the Championships: Dressage Coach Heike Holstein, Team Manager Sally Corscadden, David Hannigan, Jessica O'Driscoll, Melanie Young, Katie Nolan, Shane Power.

YOUNG RIDER EVENTING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MALMO, SWEDEN August 9th - 12th 2012 Chef d'Equipe: Sally Corscadden

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Katie Nolan	Kilbeg Cool Diamond	58.3	0	0.4	0		58.7	8th
2	Jessica O'Driscoll	Mr Beau Jangles	61.5	WD		WD		WD	WD
3	David Hannigan	Red Baron	51.5	20	0	4	1	76.5	18th
4	Shane Power	TLB Interactive	54.6	0	0	0	4	58.6	7th
		Team Total:	164.4		164.8		173.8	173.8	2nd - Silver
5	Melanie Young	Riverstown Express	58.5	0	0	4	1	63.5	13th

Senior Eventing High Performance Programme



Brian Mangan, Chairman Senior Eventing High Performance Committee 2012.

This programme is overseen by the Eventing High Performance Committee.

Chairperson: Brian Mangan

High Performance Manager: Ginny Elliot

Member: Lord Patrick Carew

Member: Jessica Harrington

Member: Jean Mitchell

Member: Janet Murray

The focus of the 2012 programme was on securing Olympic places through the FEI rider rankings. Following a successful event in Ballindenisk in Cork in February 2012, Ireland secured five places at the London 2012 Olympics which meant that Ireland had a full complement for the team competition. When Ireland reached the Games the team put in a fantastic performance, finishing fifth with three riders making the individual final.



Camilla Speirs and Portersize Just a Jiff (SH) were the top-ranked Irish combination in the FEI Olympic rider rankings. They played a key role in securing Olympic qualification.

The 2012 Senior Eventing High Performance Programme was run by High Performance Manager Ginny Elliot along with Dressage Coach Ferdi Eilberg and Show Jumping Coach Ian Fearon. The Team Vet was Marcus Swail.



Irish Olympic Eventing Team, riders, support staff and grooms in Greenwich.



Para Equestrian High Performance Programme



Lt Col (retired) Gerry O'Gorman,
Chair of the Para Equestrian High
Performance Committee.

This programme is run by HSI with an input from Para Equestrian Ireland and Paralympics Ireland. The Team Manager is Dara Kearney.

Chairman: Lt Col (retired) Gerry O'Gorman

Team Manager: Dara Kearney

HSI representative: Triona Connors

Paralympics Ireland representative: Nancy Chillingworth

Team Coach: Donie McNamara



Triple medal winning Helen
Kearney on the podium at the
Paralympics.



Olympic Bronze medallist Cian O'Connor with the Irish
Paralympic Equestrian Team who won Team Bronze: Helen
Kearney, Eilish Byrne, Geraldine Savage, James Dwyer.

The Irish Para Equestrian Team participated in three Nations' Cups in preparation for the 2012 Paralympic Games. These were Deauville in France, Moorsele in Belgium and Hartpury in Great Britain. The programme also had a significant input from Paralympics Ireland who ran training camps for the team in conjunction with HSI. Businessman Denis O'Brien generously supported the programme in 2012.



Dara Kearney, Chef d'Equipe of the Irish Para Equestrian Team,
addressing the London 2012 Paralympics Team Bronze medal winners
at a HSI reception for the team at McKee Barracks in Dublin on 11th September.

Other High Performance Programmes

HSI also supports other High Performance Programmes in Dressage and Carriage Driving.

Dressage High Performance Committee 2012

Chairperson: Joan Keogh
Member: Norbert Von Cramon
Member: David Lee
Member: Robert McCormick

The highlight of the programme was Irish Dressage rider Anna Merveldt competing at the London 2012 Olympics.

Carriage Driving High Performance Committee 2012

Chairperson: Terry Logan
Member: Ger Hennessy
Member: Dan Joe Spillane

Irish Carriage Driver Barry Capstick had considerable success in 2012 winning several international competitions.



Minister Leo Varadkar, Irish Carriage Driver Barry Capstick and former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh at the HSI Awards in Croke Park on 17th December 2012.



To mark the unprecedented success of Team Ireland Equestrian in 2012, HSI held an awards ceremony in Croke Park on 17th December. The highlight of the ceremony was when Olympic bronze medallist Cian O'Connor was given the opportunity to re-enact one of his jumps from London 2012 on the hallowed turf of Croke Park.



Senior Show Jumping High Performance Programme

The Irish Senior Show Jumping Nations' Cup team competed in 15 Nations' Cups in 2012. Eight of these were part of the FEI Top Level Nations' Cup Series. The results for all the shows are shown below with a summary table for the Top Level Series.



Bernie Brennan, Chairperson
Senior Show Jumping High
Performance Committee.



Irish Senior Show Jumping Team
wins Hickstead 2012.

Final Standings after the last leg of the FEI Nations Cup™ Series 2012

Rank	Team	Venues								Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	GER	5	10	5	10	7	4	6	1	48
2	FRA	1	5	2	6	10	6	7	7	44
3	IRL	3	1	3	5	6	1	10	10	39
4	GBR	3	3.5	6.5	3	4	7	5	6	38
5	SUI	3	7	6.5	4	5	5	1	3.5	35
6	NED	7	3.5	10	2	3	2	2	5	34.5
7	SWE	6	2	1	7	2	10	3.5	2	33.5
8	BEL	10	6	4	1	1	3	3.5	3.5	32

Venues: 1. La Baule (FRA) 2. Rome (ITA) 3. St Gallen (SUI) 4. Rotterdam (NED) 5. Aachen (GER)
6. Falsterbo (SWE) 7. Hickstead (GBR) 8. Dublin (IRL)

The Senior Show Jumping High Performance (HP) Programme is overseen by the Senior Show Jumping HP Committee. All selection decisions are made by the Team Manager. The Team Vet for the Top Level shows was Marcus Swail, except for Hickstead and St Gallen when Hugh Suffern was the Team Vet.

Senior Show Jumping HP Committee

Chairperson: Bernie Brennan
Team Manager: Robert Splaine
Member: Taylor Vard
Member: James Tarrant



Irish Senior Show Jumping Team with the
Aga Khan Trophy at the RDS, August 2012.



Senior Nations' Cups 2012

CSIO4* WELLINGTON (USA) 29th February - 4th March 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Shane Sweetnam	Amaretto D'Arco	0	4	
2	Richie Moloney	Slieveanorra	4	0	
3	Darragh Kerins	Lisona	4	4	
4	Cian O'Connor	Blue Loyd 12	0	0	
		Team Total	4	8	2nd
CSIO4* LUMMEN (BELGIUM) 2nd - 6th May 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou Lou	4	DNQ	
2	Alexander Butler	Will Wimble	17	DNQ	
3	Edward Doyle	Samgemjee	4	DNQ	
4	Shane Breen	Cos I Can	8	DNQ	
		Team Total	16	16	13th
CSIO5* LA BAULE (FRANCE) 10th - 13th May 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Shane Sweetnam	Amaretto D'Arco	0	4	
2	Jessica Kuerten	Vincente	5	0	
3	Cian O'Connor	Blue Loyd 12	4	0	
4	Denis Lynch	Lantinus 3	4	4	
Reserve	Niall Talbot	Nicos De La Cense			
		Team Total	8	12	5th
CSIO4* COPENHAGEN (DENMARK) 17th - 20th May 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Andrew Bourns	Roundthorn Madios	4	4	
2	Trevor Coyle	Jubilee D'Ouilly	4	4	
3	Edward Doyle	Samgemjee	8	4	
4	Clem McMahon	Pacino	4	4	
		Team Total	12	24	4th
CSIO5* ROME (ITALY) 24th - 27th May 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Billy Twomey	Tinka's Serenade	0	0	
2	Cian O'Connor	Blue Loyd 12	20	4	
3	Shane Sweetnam	Amaretto D'Arco	0	8	
4	Niall Talbot	Nicos De La Cense	EL		
Reserve	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou Lou			
		Team Total	20	32	9th
CSIO4* LISBON (PORTUGAL) 31st May - 3rd June 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Andrew Bourns	Roundthorn Madios	4	0	
2	Edward Doyle	Samgemjee	12	Ret.	
3	Marion Hughes	Heritage HHS Fortuna	4	4	
4	Peter Smyth	Hermione IV	8	4	
		Team Total	16	24	2nd
CSIO5* ST GALLEN (SWITZERLAND) 31st May - 3rd June 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Shane Sweetnam	Amaretto D'Arco	4	8	
2	Jessica Kuerten	Voss	9	0	
3	Cian O'Connor	Blue Loyd 12	8	4	
4	Billy Twomey	Je T'Aime Flamenco	4	12	
Reserve	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou Lou			
		Team Total	16	28	6th



CSIO5* ROTTERDAM (NETHERLANDS) 20th - 24th June 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Cian O'Connor	Blue Loyd 12	5	0	
2	Jessica Kuerten	Voss	5	8	
3	Clem McMahon	Pacino	1	4	
4	Denis Lynch	Abbevail Van Het Dingshof	4	1	
Reserve	Shane Breen	Cos I Can			
		Team Total	10	15	4th
CSIO4* DRAMMEN (NORWAY) 21st - 24th June 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Shane Carey	Ballymore Eustace	0	0	
2	Joan Greene	Biscaya D'Eversem	0	8	
3	Capt. Michael Kelly	Ringwood Abbey	12	12	
4	Thomas Ryan	Cruise On Clover	4	4	
		Team Total	4	16	6th
CSIO5* AACHEN (GERMANY) 3rd - 8th July 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Denis Lynch	Lantinus 3	4	8	
2	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou Lou	4	16	
3	Billy Twomey	Je T'Aime Flamenco	12	0	
4	Cian O'Connor	Blue Loyd 12	4	0	
		Team Total	12	20	3rd
CSIO5* FALSTERBO (SWEDEN) 12th - 15th July 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Shane Breen	Cos I Can	16	0	
2	Capt. David O'Brien	Annestown	24	16	
3	Shane Carey	Ballymore Eustace	0	5	
4	Clem McMahon	Pacino	13	0	
Reserve	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou Lou			
		Team Total	29	34	8th
CSIO5* HICKSTEAD (GBR) 19th - 22nd July 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Shane Breen	Cos I Can	0	8	
2	Richie Moloney	Ahorn Van De Zuuthoeve	0	0	
3	Darragh Kerins	Lisona	0	4	
4	Clem McMahon	Pacino	Ret.	0	
Reserve	Andrew Bourns	Roundthorn Madios			
		Team Total	0	4	1st
CSIO5* DUBLIN (IRELAND) 15th -19th August 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Clem McMahon	Pacino	0	0	
2	Richie Moloney	Ahorn Van De Zuuthoeve	1	0	
3	Darragh Kerins	Lisona	0	4	
4	Cian O'Connor	Blue Loyd 12	4	DNS	
Reserve	Billy Twomey	Tinka's Serenade			
		Team Total	1	5	1st
CSIO5* GIJON (SPAIN) 29th August - 3rd September 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Billy Twomey	Romanov	15	DNQ	
2	Marion Hughes	Heritage HHS Fortuna	14	DNQ	
3	Trevor Coyle	Jubilee D'Ouilly	23	DNQ	
4	Conor Swail	Lansdowne	Ret.	DNQ	
		Team Total	52	52	12th
CSIO5* CALGARY, SPRUCE MEADOWS (CANADA) 5th - 9th September 2012					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Jennifer Crooks	S.F. Uryadi	9	20	
2	Shane Sweetnam	Amaretto D'Arco	4	4	
3	Andrew Bourns	Roundthorn Madios	5	4	
4	Shane Breen	Cos I Can	0	5	
		Team Total	9	22	2nd

The Irish Horse Register and Breeding Related Activities



2012 IHR Registrations



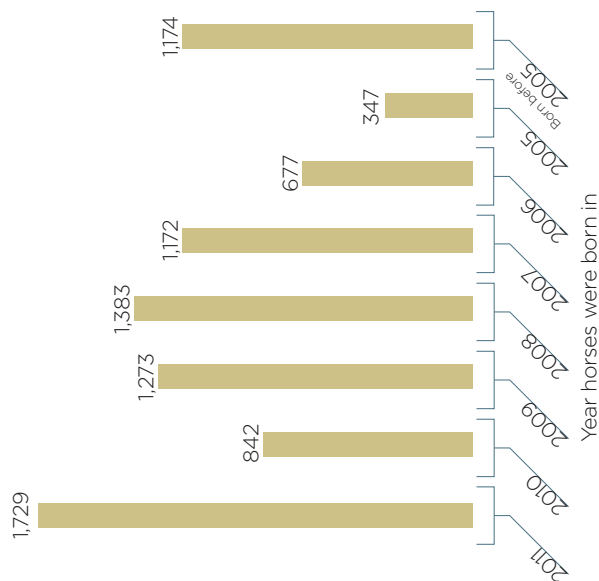
IHR Horse Registration Statistics for 2012

	ID	ISH	Total IHR	ID Document	Total No.
No. of 2012 foal passports issued	624	4,382	5,006	795	5,801
No. of adult passports issued in 2012	258	1,736	1,994	6,603	8,597
Total	882	6,118	7,000	7,398	14,398

Other Registration Services

	2012
Change of ownership	5,876
Naming of Adult Horses	2,929

Number of passports issued for Adult Horses in 2012 (by year of birth) for horses born before 2012.



2012 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM

MARES BREED													
2012 FOALS	Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught / Class 1	Irish Draught Class 2	Irish Draught Class 3/4	Appendix Irish Draught/ Grade Up	Foreign Breed	Weatherby Non TB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony	Other	TOTAL
*TB	4	482	88	4	41	8	3	14	0	4	1	31	680
ISH	134	963	40	4	14	12	30	16	1	12	5	35	1,266
IDC1	72	234	426	23	63	26	4	2	0	0	2	20	872
IDC2	36	115	60	2	9	6	0	2	0	0	1	2	233
IDC3/C4	11	27	4	0	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	51
FB	85	1,304	41	16	1	8	167	26	1	4	3	25	1,681
WNTR	1	19	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	26
ARAB	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CP	43	95	3	0	4	1	2	8	1	0	8	20	185
RP	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
OTHER	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	386	3,245	665	49	142	62	208	69	3	22	21	134	5,006

A further 795 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigree.



2011 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM														
2011 FOALS		MARES BREED												
		Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught / Class 1	Irish Draught Class 2	Irish Draught Class 3/4	Appendix Irish Draught/ Grade Up	Foreign Breed	Weatherby Non TB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony	Other	TOTAL
SIRE BREED	*TB	6	472	90	1	20	7	3	8	0	2	0	24	633
	ISH	173	1,004	36	1	19	5	24	15	2	6	12	39	1,336
	IDC1	97	250	595	12	69	44	2	11	0	0	0	27	1,107
	IDC2	34	136	38	2	14	5	1	5	0	0	1	4	240
	IDC3/C4	14	41	6	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	69
	FB	84	1,323	36	4	11	8	135	26	1	3	5	27	1,663
	WNTR	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17
	ARAB	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	9
	CP	33	85	2	0	1	1	4	2	3	0	12	37	180
	RP	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
OTHER	2	15	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	26	
	TOTAL	444	3,346	805	20	136	74	170	70	7	13	31	169	5,285
A further 985 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigree.														

2010 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM												
2010 FOALS	MARES BREED											
	Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught	Appendix Irish Draught	Irish Draught	Foreign Breed	Weatherby Non TB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony	Other	TOTAL
*TB	4	591	52	4	14	9	11	0	0	2	27	714
ISH	163	1,089	24	6	19	23	25	0	1	11	28	1,389
RID	86	307	784	64	89	3	13	1	0	0	39	1,386
ID	62	240	44	7	17	1	9	0	0	4	2	386
FB	76	1,407	24	10	14	132	31	0	1	9	30	1,734
WNTR	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
ARAB	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
CP	41	92	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	16	36	194
RP	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9
OTHER	6	38	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	6	54
TOTAL	439	3,777	930	93	156	171	92	1	3	45	172	5,879
A further 1,124 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigree.												



HSI Stallion Inspections



Stallion Inspections for the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and the Irish Draught Horse Studbook are carried out in February/March each year. Stallions must be a minimum of 3 years of age to be presented for inspection, which involves a veterinary examination (including X-Rays) and an assessment of their conformation, movement and athleticism using linear profiling. Movement is assessed both in hand and loose in an arena. Athleticism is assessed by means of loose jumping and/or jumping under saddle. Irish Draught Horse stallions are also assessed on breed 'type', which judges the level to which each stallion exhibits Irish Draught Horse breed characteristics.

Total Number of Stallions Inspected

Year	Inspected
2012	54
2011	90
2010	74

Irish Sport Horse Studbook Stallion Inspections

Year	Inspected	Inspected Stage 1	Met Stage 1 Requirements	Inspected Stage 2	Met Stage 2 Requirements (PA)	Approved on Performance
2012	36	31	9	11	3	3
2011	35	30	11	3	2	5
2010	32	9	4	N/A	N/A	2

Irish Draught Horse Studbook Stallion Inspections

Year	Inspected for Class 1	Achieved Class 1	Class 2 Stallions Approved in ISH
2012	18	5	4
2011	55*	10	4
2010	42*	8	

*Included 'S1' (Section 1) stallions previously inspected under the old inspection system

HSI Stallion Inspections Results 2012

Irish Draught Horse Studbook – Class 1

Horse	YOB	Sire	Dam
Dunsandle Diamond	2006	Coolcronan Wood (ID) (C1)	Kennedy Diamond (RID)
Eponastables Uibh Fhaili	2009	Gurraun Golden Eye (ID) (C1)	Corrcullen Goldie (RID)
Gortfree Casanova	2007	Castana (ID) (C1)	Springvale Beauty (RID)
Inisfree The Holy Grail	2009	Holycross (ID) (C1)	Miss Ginger Dick (RID)
Kiltealy Silver	2009	Coolcronan Wood (ID) (C1)	Silver Fox (RID)

Irish Sport Horse Studbook – Approved

Horse	YOB	Breed	Sire	Dam
Chinook Eclipse (USA)*	1994	TB	Hansel (USA)	Arctic Eclipse (USA)
Garrison Royal	1997	ISH	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Garrison Queen (ISH)
Karical De Khan	1998	SF	Quito De Baussy (SF)	Themis III (SF)
Radolin	1998	KWPN	Monaco (KWPN)	Floor (KWPN)

*TB – Approved after Stage 1

Irish Sport Horse Studbook – Preliminary Approved (PA)

Horse	YOB	Breed	Sire	Dam
Cabriole	2007	WESF	Calico (HOLST)	Donna Corrada (OLD)
Gatsby	2004	ISH	Simba (KWPN)	Daisy Cruise (ISH)
Yeats	2005	ISH	Cruising (ISH)	Coolmore Starlet (ISH)



HSI Mare Inspections

Mare Inspections for the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and the Irish Draught Horse Studbook are carried out at regional venues in spring and autumn each year. Mares must be a minimum of 3 years of age to be presented for inspection, with the exception of Irish Draught Horse mares that can be inspected in the autumn at 2 years of age. During the inspection mares undergo a veterinary examination and are assessed on their conformation and movement using linear profiling. Movement is assessed in hand and loose in an arena. Owners can opt to have their mare's athleticism assessed for additional merits by means of a loose jumping demonstration.

Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

Year	Inspected	Achieved Select Status	Did not Achieve Select Status	Loose Jumped	Star Rating for Athleticism	Select Mares with Star Ratings
Autumn 2012	67	58	9	39	3	21
Spring 2012	78	60	18	44	5	27
Autumn 2011	96	75	21	35	5	40
Spring 2011	63	46	17	39	9	23
Autumn 2010	320	227	93	155	22	121

In addition, 282 mares with star ratings were published in the *HSI Breeder Magazine* based on their own performance without coming out for inspection.

Total Number of Mares Presented for Irish Sport Horse Studbook Inspections

Year	Inspected	Select
2012	145	118
2011	159	121
2010	320	227

Total Number of Mares Presented for Irish Draught Horse Studbook Inspections

Year	Inspected	Class 1
2012	210	100
2011	265	129
2010	324	156



Participants in the Young Breeders' Programme act as the Arena Party for inspections. Pictured receiving their Level 5 FETAC Award [L-R]: John McGearthy, Conor Higgins, Iris Brazil, Patrick Hester (Level 6) and Sarah Camon. Not pictured are Eileen Murphy and Regina Daniels.

Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

Year	Inspected	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Grade Up Register	Did not Achieve Grade Up	Loose Jumped	Bronze Merit for Jumping	Bronze Merit for Conformation / Movement
Autumn 2012	132	62	58	6	3	3	29	20	3
Spring 2012	78	38	26	3	0	11	22	9	0
Autumn 2011	203	103	83	9	4	4	40	14	8
Spring 2011	62	26	25	8	1	2	23	8	0
Autumn 2010	324	156	134	20	11	3	42	18	1



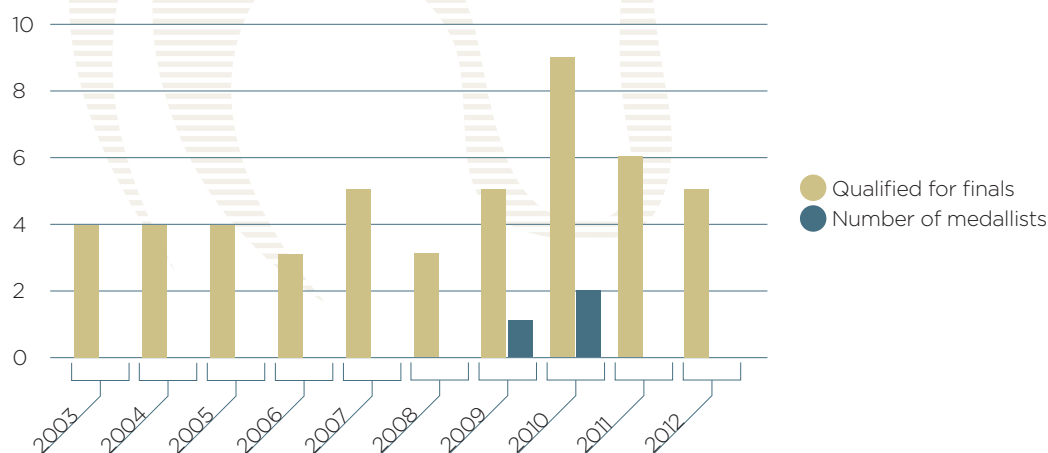
Codarco (ISH) &
Thomas O'Brien.

FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses – Lanaken

The WBFSH FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses takes place in September each year in Lanaken, Belgium, where the world's best 5, 6 and 7 year old show jumpers gather to compete. All horses that compete must be registered in a studbook that is a member of the WBFSH and each country is given a quota for

the number of horses they can select to compete per age category. The list of 15 Irish Sport Horses selected to compete in 2012 is shown on the following page with their results. The Irish Chef d'Equipe was Comdt John Ledingham. Also included below is a graph detailing the results from these championships between 2003 and 2012.

Irish Sport Horse Results in WBFSH Young Horse Championships Lanaken 2003 to 2012





Bronson De Reve (ISH)
& John Floody.

Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider	Consolation Class	Final
5 Year Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2012									Place	Place
Codarco (ISH)	2007	S	Darco (BWP)	Vereedom G (KWPN)	Orame (KWPN)	Thomas O'Brien	Thomas O'Brien	Thomas O'Brien		5th
Harlequin Bay (ISH)	2007	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Ballykealy Girl (ISH)	Rimilis (TB)	Eamon Kenny	Robert Nethercote	Gareth Nethercote	87th	DNQ
Lalique (ISH)	2007	S	Diamant De Semilly (SF)	Rincoola Bua (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Harold McGahern	Harold McGahern	Joe Owens	4th	DNQ
Lux Classic (ISH)	2007	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Nadja S (KWPN)	Holland (KWPN)	Patrick A. Walsh	Noel Delahunty	Thomas O'Brien	80th	DNQ
MHS Shamrock (ISH)	2007	G	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Mill Royale (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan	Austin Broderick	Darragh McCarthy		15th
6 Year Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2012										
Bronson De Reve (ISH)	2006	G	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Oktober (ISH)	Not recorded	Eamon McGuirk	Eileen Duggan	John Floody		25th
Cushions (ISH)	2006	M	Flexible (ISH)	Ard Flo (ISH)	Flagmount Diamond (ID C1)	Catherine Doyle	Manuela Martinelli	Edward Doyle	8th	DNQ
Reminisce One (ISH)	2006	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Astragele (SF)	Jalisco B (SF)	Don Hadden	Kieran Ryan	Gary Quinn	16th	DNQ
Coco Chanelle (ISH)	2006	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Orchid Hill (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Eamonn Gleeson	Deirdre Bourns	Declan Egan	4th	DNQ
MHS Going Global (ISH)	2006	G	Quidam Junior I (KWPN)	Gowran Lady (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan	Caledonia Stables	Greg Broderick		21st
7 Year Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2012										
BP Blondey (ISH)	2005	S	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Cummer Beauty (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Michael Ryan	Caledonia Stables	Greg Broderick	23rd	DNQ
Coco Chic (ISH)	2005	M	Touchdown (ISH)	Rincoola Abu (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Harold McGahern	Harold McGahern	Michael Duffy	46th	DNQ
Milano (ISH)	2005	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Royal Irish (ISH)	I'm A Star (TB)	R. Thornton	Catherine Thornton	Catherine Thornton	27th	DNQ
Mullentine Loughgall (ISH)	2005	G	Tlaloc M (SF)	Crosskeys Cavalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	George Allen	Capt. Eoghain Lavelle & Minister for Defence	Capt. Michael Kelly	27th	DNQ
Renolli (ISH)	2005	G	Poltarf (TB)	Coolmannon Porsch (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Anthony Connolly	John Scally	Gary Quinn		30th

FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses – Le Lion d'Angers

The FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses takes place each year at Le Lion d'Angers, France. These Championships consist of two competitions, a CC1* for 6 year olds and a CC1** for 7 year olds. A WBFSH Studbook competition forms part of this prestigious event, with the winning studbook awarded the World Breeding Trophy for Young Horses.

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions and flooding, the 2012 FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses was cancelled following the dressage phase of the competition. The list of Irish Sport Horses that were due to compete at the competition is shown below. The Irish Chef d'Equipe was Janet Murray.

Ian Fearon, High Performance Show Jumping Coach (left) and Luke Drea aboard Gorsehill Pearl during final training for the World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horses at Le Lion d'Angers 2012.



Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider
6 Year Old ISH Ridden by Irish Riders								
Bridgehousestud River Wild (ISH)	2006	M	Riverland ROI (SF)	Havana Club (ISH)	Not Recorded	Rachel Corrigan	Jessica Acheson	Jessica Acheson (IRL)
Cooley Rorkes Drift (ISH)	2006	G	Courage II (HOLST)	Doon-A-Ree Lass (ISH)	Rachelle Comet (TB)	William McCarrison	Fiona Elliot	Jonty Evans (IRL)
Day By Day (ISH)	2006	M	Jumbo (BSHR)	Decision Day (ISH)	Lafontaine (TB)	Kate Jarvey	Kate Jarvey	Austin O'Connor (IRL)
7 Year Old ISH Ridden by Irish Riders								
Ballygreen Millord (ISH)	2005	G	Kings Master (ISH)	Ballygreen Anouschka (ISH)	Orbis (TB)	David Asp Cosby	Lawrence Patterson	Louise Codd (IRL)
BT Border Bandit (ISH)	2005	G	Warcraft (TB)	Wanda XVI (WNTR)	Weltstar (OLD)	Ronnie Kelly	Camilla Speirs	Camilla Speirs (IRL)
Double Dashing (ISH)	2005	G	Poltarf (TB)	Desart Countess (ISH)	Not Recorded	Thomas R. Bratten	Fred Scala	Fred Scala (IRL)
Dunlough Striker (ISH)	2005	G	Maltstriker (KWPN)	Beau Rua (ISH)	Beau Royale (ISH)	Linda Downes	Victoria Brown	Robbie Collins (IRL)
Gorsehill Pearl (ISH)	2005	M	Hermes de Reve (SF)	Holly Clover (ISH)	Minstral Bouncer (TB)	Anne Bannon	Anne Bannon	Luke Drea (IRL)
Hip Hop Hero (ISH)	2005	G	Cult Hero (TB)	Bing Power (ISH)	Tomgar Powercrest (ISH)	Bryan Maguire	Bryan Maguire	David Richards (IRL)
Horseware Lukeswell (ISH)	2005	G	Puissance (ISH)	Gentle Servant (ISH)	Kings Servant (ISH)	Teresa Walsh	Tom MacGuinness	Sam Watson (IRL)



Killossery Jupiter Rising (ISH)	2005	G	Master Imp (TB)	Sesheta Flight (ISH)	Laughton's Flight (ISH)	June Atkinson	Laura & Ciaran Glynn	Ciaran Glynn (IRL)
Kilpatrick Knight (ISH)	2005	G	Master Imp (TB)	Golden Choice (ISH)	Golden Trump (ID C1)	Joan J. Dolan	Mrs Wendie Foster	Austin O'Connor (IRL)
Tredstep Bold Flyer (ISH)	2005	G	Barnaby Flight (ISH)	Ballylar Bold (ISH)	Balboa (TB)	Joseph Walshe	Larry Deaton	Aidan Keogh (IRL)
Willows Dark Stranger (ISH)	2005	G	Limmerick (HOLST)	Skreenmor Dark Stranger (ISH)	Big Sink Hope (TB)	Jim Tempamy	Daisy Duggan	Daisy Duggan (IRL)
Other ISH 6 Year Olds								
Cavalier Venture (ISH)	2006	G	New Market Venture (ISH)	Newmarket Rare Cavalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Bill Daly	Janette Chin, Edward & Sue Davies	Mary King (GBR)
SBT Prospector (ISH)	2006	G	Tasset (TB)	Silverlady (ISH)	Prospect Pride (ID C1)	Myles Nugent	Antonia Brown & Sarah Lucas	John-Paul Sheffield (GBR)
OBOS Cooley (ISH)	2006	G	OBOS Quality 004 (OLD)	OBOS Demira (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	OBOS	George & Jane Apter	Laura Collett (GBR)
Premier Clover Royale (ISH)	2006	G	Gelvin Clover (ID C3)	Rosy Cavalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Dominic Rice	AZ. AGR. Elisabetta Moranzoni	Gian Luca Gardini (ITA)
Up Up And Away (ISH)	2006	G	Puissance (ISH)	Coolmore Frolic (ISH)	Paris Lights (SF)	Marie Creighton	Mr & Mrs Cameron Crawford	Caroline Powell (NZL)
Spring Sensation II (ISH)	2006	M	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Good Lady (TB)	Good Thyme (TB)	John Martin McLoughney	Shonaid Jemmett Page	Anna Hilton (GBR)
Port Royal (ISH)	2006	G	Garrison Royal (ISH)	Robertstown Maid (WNTR)	Robertstown Boy VII (WNTR)	Charles Patterson	Mark Todd	Mark Todd (NZL)
Regal Mix (ISH)	2006	G	Diamond Imp Lad (ISH)	Odin Lady (ISH)	Odin (TB)	Thomas Hayden	Amelia King	Andrew Heffernan (NED)
Other ISH 7 Year Olds								
Graf Liberty (ISH)	2005	G	Limmerick (HOLST)	Lisheen Star (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Brian Livingstone	The Graf Liberty Company, Christopher Burton & Jill Martin	Christopher Burton (GBR)
Shannondale Santiago (ISH)	2005	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Be-Bop (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Susan Lamb	Hugh Treanor	Sammi McLeod (AUS)
The Court Jester (ISH)	2005	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Frankfort Diamond (ISH)	Frankfort Boy (TB)	Michael Byrne	Kyrle Arscott, Mr & Mrs D. Chappell	Nick Gauntlett (GBR)
Cooley Business Time (ISH)	2005	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Moxella (OLD)	Quick Star (SF)	Don Hadden	Andrew Cawthray	Oliver Townend (GBR)
Atlantic Domino (ISH)	2005	G	Maltstriker (KWPN)	Atlantic Amanda (ISH)	Glidawn Diamond (ID C1)	David Browne	Shelagh Morley, Mark & Tanya Kyle	Tanya Kyle (GBR)
Tarbert Eiffel (ISH)	2005	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Tarbert Crest (ISH)	Sea Crest (ID C1)	MJ Coolahan	Maria Doel	Tanya Kyle (GBR)
Boleybawn Ace (ISH)	2005	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Queen Cee (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ronan Rothwell	Top Eventers Syndicate & Andrew Heffernan	Andrew Heffernan (NED)
HHS Dasset Appeal (ISH)	2005	G	Ghareeb (TB)	La Juanita (ISH)	Don Juan de La Bouverie (sBs)	Marion Hughes	Dasset Eventing & The Jazz Syndicate & Kate Rocher	Kate Rocher (GBR)
Cooley Master Class (ISH)	2005	G	Ramiro (BW/P)	The Swallow (ISH)	Master Imp (TB)	John Hagon	Jenny Newton	Georgie Strang (GBR)

Note: Le Lion d'Angers 2012 was cancelled due to adverse weather.



WBFSH Rankings 2012

The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) rankings are based on the FEI points system. The WBFSH/FEI horse ranking takes into account the number of points gained by a horse from 1st October until 30th September the following year. In addition to the individual horse ranking, a studbook ranking is established. The scores of the 6 best horses of each studbook are added to calculate the studbook placing. Studbooks must be officially recognised by the WBFSH.



Mr Medicott (ISH) & Karen O'Connor (USA)
at the London 2012 Olympics.

2012 WBFSH Studbook Eventing Rankings 1st Oct. 2011 – 30th Sept. 2012

1st Irish Sport Horse (ISH) – Total Points 1,427						
WBFSH Position	Horse	WBFSH Points	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder
1 st	Mr Medicott (ISH)	364	Cruising (ISH)	Slieveluachra (ISH)	Edmund Burke (USA) (TB)	Dr Donal Geaney
5 th	Imperial Cavalier (ISH)	270	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Gene Pool (ISH)	Imperius (TB)	John Brennan
26 th	Sugar Brown Babe (ISH)	214	Porsch (BWP)	Sugar Cube (ISH)	Renkum Englishman (KWPN)	Miriam Cuning
29 th	The Jump Jet (ISH)	205	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Sea Water (ISH)	Triggerero (TB)	Andrew Thornton
33 rd	Trading Aces (ISH)	194	Coervers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Ballyvannon Beauty VII (ISH)	Leabeg (ISH)	Patrick Minogue
39 th	Ballynoe Castle RM (ISH)	180	Ramiro B (BWP)	Ballyvaldon Natalie (ISH)	Blue Laser (TB)	Sylvester Cullen

2012 WBFSH Studbook Eventing Rankings – Top 10 Studbooks 1st Oct. 2011 – 30th Sept. 2012

WBFSH Position	WBFSH Studbook	Total WBFSH Points
1 st	Irish Sport Horse (ISH)	1,427
2 nd	Hannoveraner Verband (HANN)	1,323
3 rd	Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes (HOLST)	1,072
4 th	Studbook Francais du Cheval Selle Francais (ANSF) (SF)	969
5 th	Caballo de Deporte Espanol (CDE)	823
6 th	Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (SHBGB)	810
7 th	Swedish Warmblood Association (SWB)	741
8 th	Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (OLDGB)	733
9 th	Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN)	721
10 th	Verband der Züchter und Freunde des Ostpreussischen Warmblutpferdes Trakehner Abstammung (TRAK)	699



Darragh Kerins & Lisona (ISH)
at the RDS 2012.

2012 WBFSH Studbook Show Jumping Rankings 1st Oct. 2011 – 30th Sept. 2012

8th Irish Sport Horse (ISH) – Total Points 4,897

WBFSH Position	Horse	WBFSH Points	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder
6 th	Flexible (ISH)	1,312	Cruising (ISH)	Flex (ISH)	Safari (TB)	Edward & Catherine Doyle
42 nd	Roller Coaster (ISH)	880	High Roller (ISH)	Coral Bay (ISH)	First Consul (TB)	Seamus Cawley
54 th	Castlefield Eclipse (ISH)	797	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Furisto Clover Hill (ISH)	Furisto (HANN)	Pat Nihill
60 th	Cos I Can (ISH)	778	Olympic Lux (KWPN)	Carel Vew Lass (ISH)	Harlequin du Carel (SF)	John Griffin
=132 nd	Roundthorn Madios (ISH)	565	Condios (HOLST)	Clover Heidi (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Denise Gleeson McDonagh
=132 nd	Lisona (ISH)	565	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Clady (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Comdt John Ledingham

2012 WBFSH Studbook Show Jumping Rankings – Top 10 Studbooks 1st Oct. 2011 – 30th Sept. 2012

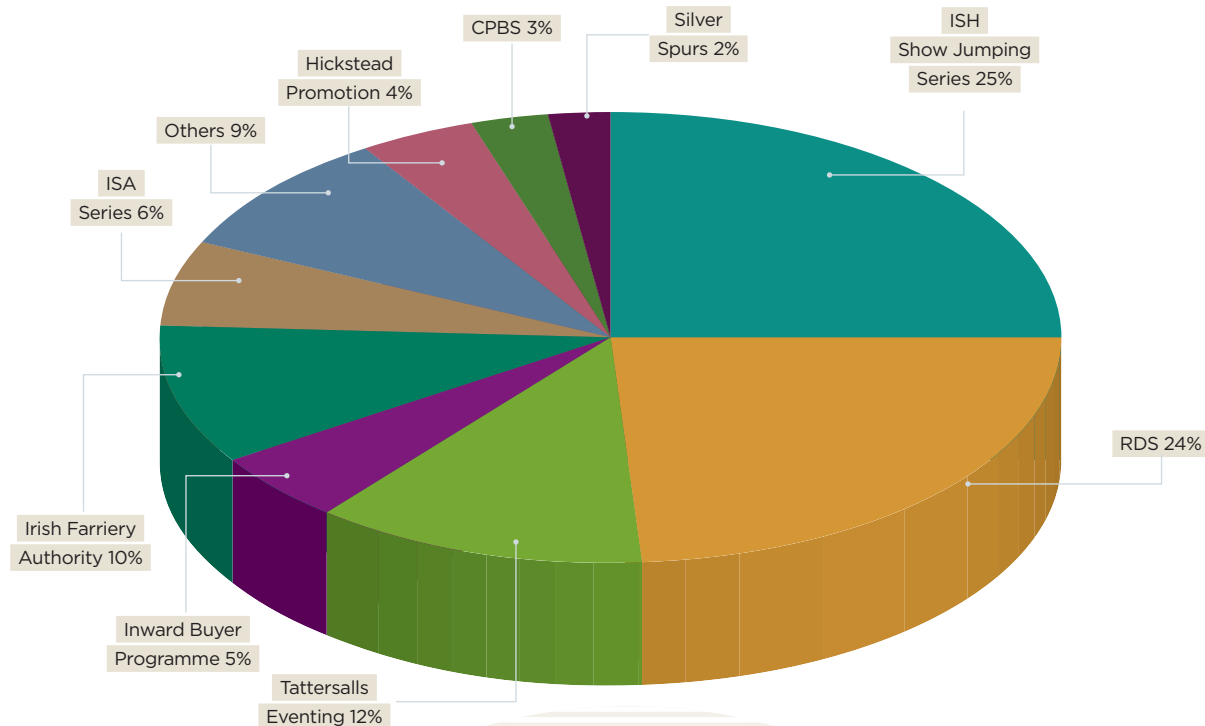
WBFSH Position	WBFSH Studbook	Total WBFSH Points
1 st	Verband der Zuchter des Holsteiner Pferdes (HOLST)	7,555
2 nd	Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN)	7,274
3 rd	Studbook Francais du Cheval Selle Francais (ANSF) (SF)	6,412
4 th	Belgisch Warmbloedpaard (BWP)	5,880
5 th	Stud-book sBs, Le Cheval de Sport Belge (SBS)	5,024
6 th	Anglo European Studbook (AES)	5,002
7 th	Hannoveraner Verband (HANN)	4,913
8 th	Irish Sport Horse (ISH)	4,897
9 th	Verband der Zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (OLDGB)	4,630
10 th	Westfaliches Pferdestammbuch (WESTF)	4,518



Financial Supports

The HSI Breeding Sub Board allocates funding to support a number of initiatives and events in support of the Horse and Pony sector. The total amount allocated in 2012 was €249,458. The breakdown of the 2012 allocations is shown below.

HSI Breeding Sub Board Financial Supports 2012 – Total Investment €249,458



Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show at the RDS

The Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show is Ireland's biggest equestrian event which takes place at the RDS in August each year. Over the five days it is attended by over 100,000 visitors. It includes the five star International Show, the centre piece of which is the

Aga Khan Trophy. In addition, a huge amount of other National Showing and Show Jumping Classes take place at the show. Horse Sport Ireland supports the 3 year old loose jumping competition and the 4, 5 and 6 year old National Classes for Show Jumping.

Tattersalls International Horse Trials in association with HSI

The Tattersalls International Horse Trials, in association with Horse Sport Ireland, are held annually at the Tattersalls sales complex in Ratoath, Co. Meath. Attended by over 20,000 people, the event features a number of classes at all levels and attracts the top

riders from all over the world. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook is the leading studbook for event horses in the world and the HSI Breeding Sub Board considers it strategically important for Ireland to have a flagship eventing competition in the country.



Irish Farriery Authority

The Irish Farriery Authority is the umbrella body for farriery in Ireland. It is responsible for providing farriery training in Ireland and maintaining a database of practising farriers. Horse Sport Ireland provides annual funding towards the organisation's activities.

Bay My Hero (ISH), winner of The Irish Field CCI3* at Tattersalls International Horse Trials 2012. Bay My Hero (ISH) 2003 bay gelding by Cult Hero (TB) out of Bing Power (ISH) by Tomgar Power Crest (ISH). Bred by Bryan Maguire, Tomgar, Ballycanew, Gorey, Co. Wexford. Owned by Catherine Whitt. Ridden by William Fox Pitt (GBR).



Coco Chanelle (ISH) & Declan Egan, joint winners ISH Studbook Showjumping Series 2012 6 Year Old category.

Inward Buyer Programme 2012

Horse Sport Ireland provides refunds of air or ferry travel costs to the purchasers of horses and ponies sold for export at auction sales, or at certain shows, subject to terms and conditions.

	Number of Applications	Number of Individual Applicants	Number of Horses Purchased	Total Spent
Goresbridge	112	101	153	€8,771
Cavan	67	59	94	€6,474
Shows	14	6	22	€1,005
Total	193	166	269	€16,250

Irish Breeders' Classic

The Irish Breeders' Classic, which was initiated in 2012, is a show jumping competition for 5 and 6 year old Irish-born horses with a total prize fund of €50,000, making it the richest Young Horse Class in the world. Five percent of the overall prize fund goes to breeders, with breeders' prizes of €3,000 provided by Horse Sport Ireland. The prize fund is generated by voluntary contributions from organisations and individuals within the Irish Sport Horse industry.



Ann Marie Blessington receives the inaugural Irish Breeders' Classic 2012 top breeder's prize from HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher, accompanied by her husband (right) and Irish Breeders' Classic organiser Ronan Rothwell (left). Ms Blessington produced Bens Lady Lux (ISH) 2007, brown mare by Lux Z (HANN) out of Leading Edge (ISH) by Cavalier Royale (HOLST).

Connemara Pony Show

The Connemara Pony Breeders' Society (CPBS) hosts the Connemara Pony Show, as part of the Connemara Pony Festival, in August each year in the Showgrounds in Clifden, Co. Galway. HSI provides financial support to this show each year. The show includes loose jumping, in-hand classes, ridden classes and working hunter.



Owner/breeder Padraic Hynes with 'Village Heather', 2012 Supreme Champion at Connemara Pony Show, Clifden 2012.



BP Blondey (ISH) &
Greg Broderick.

Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series 2012

The Irish Sport Horse (ISH) Studbook Showjumping Series 2012 consisted of seven legs across the summer from April to July. The Studbook Series 2012 was open to horses with the breed codes ISH, RID or ID that were registered in the Irish Horse Register (IHR), by a stallion APPROVED, PRELIMINARY APPROVED, SUPPLEMENTARY APPROVED, RECOGNISED, PRELIMINARY RECOGNISED or CLASS 1 in the Main Section of the IHR, and with sire and dam documented on their passport. Below are the Top Five League Standings in the 5 year old, 6 year old and 7 year old classes for 2012, including the breeding details for each animal.

ISH Studbook Showjumping Series 2012 Top 5 League Standings						
7 Year Olds						
Horse	Rider	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Points
BP Blondey (ISH)	Greg Broderick	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Cummer Beauty (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Michael Ryan	31
Coco Chic (ISH)	Michael Duffy	Touchdown (ISH)	Rincoola Abu (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Harold McGahern	22
Renolli (ISH)	Gary Quinn	Poltarf (TB)	Coolmannon Porsch (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Anthony Connolly	20
Ballycapple Mist (ISH)	Tomas Doyle	Boherdeal Clover (ISH)	Bally Capple Cruise (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Henry J. Fleming	19
Golden Exchange (ISH)	Greg Broderick	Cruising (ISH)	Ballinakill Clover (ID)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Noel Cawley	18
6 Year Olds						
Bronson De Reve (ISH)	John Floody	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Oktober (ISH)	Not recorded	Eamon McGuirk	22
Coco Chanelle (ISH)	Declan Egan	Lux Z (HANN)	Orchid Hill (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Eamonn Gleeson	22
One Ders (ISH)	Declan Egan	VDL Arkansas (KWPN)	Vahine De La Cense (SF)	Lama Des Landes (SF)	Heemskerk IRL Ltd	17
Reminisce One (ISH)	Gary Quinn	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Astragele (SF)	Jalisco B (SF)	Don Hadden	17
Semper Fortis (ISH)	Catherine Thornton	Tadmus (KWPN)	Miami Queen (SF)	Galoubet Du Marais (SF)	Peter Glynn	16
5 Year Olds						
Codarco (ISH)	Thomas O'Brien	Darco (BEWB)	Vereedom G (KWPN)	Orame (KWPN)	Thomas O'Brien	19
Harlequin Bay (ISH)	Gareth Nethercote	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Ballykealy Girl (ISH)	Rimilis (TB)	Eamon Kenny	17
Cuffesgrange Luxaire (ISH)	Thomas O'Brien	Lux Z (HANN)	Troys Elle (ISH)	Voltaire (HANN)	Fintan Walsh	15
Shantonagh (ISH)	Edward Butler	Power Blade (TB)	Diamond Explosion (ISH)	King Of Diamonds (ID C1)	Dermot Forde	12
Uppercut Vic (ISH)	Vincent Byrne	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Waterlilie (ISH)	Peter Pan 065 (KWPN)	Eva Fearon	12



John Roche accepting the 'Breeder of Top ISH Showing Mare' award for Assagart Saviour (ISH) on behalf of his late father Michael, from HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher.



Raymond Sloyan accepting the 'Breeder of Top Irish Draught Showing Mare' award for Elm View (RID) from HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher.

HSI All Ireland Showing Championship Series in association with the Irish Shows Association

The Irish Shows Association runs a number of Showing All Irelands each year at shows around the country. Qualifiers for these finals take place countrywide. Horse Sport Ireland supports a number of these championships and these finals make up the All Ireland Showing Championship Series.

HSI All Ireland Showing Championship Series in association with the Irish Shows Association							
Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner
The 3 Year Old Horse All Ireland Championship - Bannow & Rathangan							
Unnamed	2009	M	Emperor Augustus (TB)	Garron Rebel (ISH)	Rich Rebel (TB)	Norman Graham	Wafer Bros, Co. Wicklow
The County Clare Broodmare All Ireland Championship - Clare County Show							
Assagart Saviour (ISH)	2002	M	Flagmount King (ID C1)	Assagart Kitty (ISH)	Not recorded	John Roche, Co. Wexford	John Roche, Co. Wexford
The Kildysart Two Year Old Filly All Ireland Championship							
Unnamed	2010	F	Porsch (BWP)	Tattygare Golden Delight (ISH)	Euphemism (TB)	Hurst Show Horses, Co. Fermanagh	Hurst Show Horses, Co. Fermanagh
The All Ireland Irish Draught Yearling Filly Championship - Roscommon							
Unnamed	2011	F	Elm Hill (ID C1)	Morning Glow (RID)	Sir Rivie (ID C1)	Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo	Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo
The Leitrim Irish Draught Breeders All Ireland Championship - Mohill							
Elm View (RID)	2007	F	Elm Hill (ID C1)	Morning Glow (RID)	Sir Rivie (ID C1)	Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo	Seamus Sloyan, Co. Roscommon
The A Browne Filly Foal All Ireland Championship Final - Moate Show							
Unnamed	2012	F	Ramiro B (BWP)	Bagnelstown Imp (ISH)	Master Imp (TB)	Mrs Valerie Breen, Co. Tyrone	Mrs Valerie Breen, Co. Tyrone
The Irish Draught 2 Year Old Filly All Ireland Championship - Limerick							
Unnamed	2010	F	Clew Bay Bouncer (ID C1)	Ballintaff Lady (RID)	Grosvenor Lad (ID C1)	Seamus Sloyan, Co. Roscommon	Seamus Sloyan, Co. Roscommon
The Yearling Filly All Ireland Championship - Scariff							
Unnamed	2011	F	Lux Z (HANN)	PJ's Hope (ISH)	Big Sink Hope (TB)	PJ Lehane, Co. Cork	PJ Lehane, Co. Cork
The Irish Draught Filly Foal Championship							
Unnamed	2012	F	Holycross (ID C1)	Inisfree White Lady (RID)	Crannagh Hero (ID C1)	James Whyte, Co. Cork	James Whyte, Co. Cork



Breeder of the Top International
Show Jumper: Flexible (ISH) bred by
Edward & Catherine Doyle. Edward
Doyle accepting the award from
HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman
Jim Beecher.



Breeder of the Top International
Event Horse: Mr Medicott (ISH)
bred by Dr Donal Geaney.
Margaret & Donal Geaney
accepting the award from HSI
Breeding Sub Board Chairman
Jim Beecher on behalf of the late
Dr Donal Geaney.

Outstanding Contribution Award:
Ms Iris Kellet. Joyce Swanton accepting
the award from HSI Breeding Sub Board
Chairman Jim Beecher on behalf of her
cousin, the late Ms Iris Kellet.



HSI Breeders' Awards 2012

The annual Horse Sport Ireland Breeders' Awards recognise the achievements of Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse breeders who have produced outstanding results throughout the year. HSI held its 2012 Breeders' Awards in Gorey, Co. Wexford on 13th November, where 13 awards were presented by HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher.

Breeder of the Top International Event Horse
Mr Medicott (ISH) bred by Dr Donal Geaney.

Breeder of the Top International Show Jumper
Flexible (ISH) bred by Edward & Catherine Doyle.

ISH that contributed most to the Irish Senior Event Team
Master Crusoe (ISH) bred by Michael Doyle.

ISH that contributed most to the Irish Show Jumping Team
Lisona (ISH) bred by Comdt John Ledingham.

ISH that contributed most in the FEI Nations' Cup League Series
Castlefield Eclipse (ISH) bred by Pat Nihill.

Highest Placed ISH at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken
Codarco (ISH) bred by Thomas O'Brien.

Breeder of the Top ISH Showing Mare
Assagart Saviour (ISH) bred by Michael Roche.

Breeder of the Top Irish Draught Showing Mare
Elm View (RID) bred by Raymond Sloyan.

Outstanding Contribution Award
Iris Kellet.

Greatest Support of Irish Sport Horses
Claire Ryan.

Breeder of medal-winning Irish Sport Horses at Paralympics
Yana Verling, breeder of Mister Cool (ISH).

Young Breeder Award
Iris Brazil.

Outstanding Irish groom at the WBFSH Young Horse Championships
Ashleigh Skillen, Greg Broderick's groom at Lanaken 2012.

General Sport Related Activities





Home Internationals

IRISH HOME SHOW JUMPING INTERNATIONALS 2012

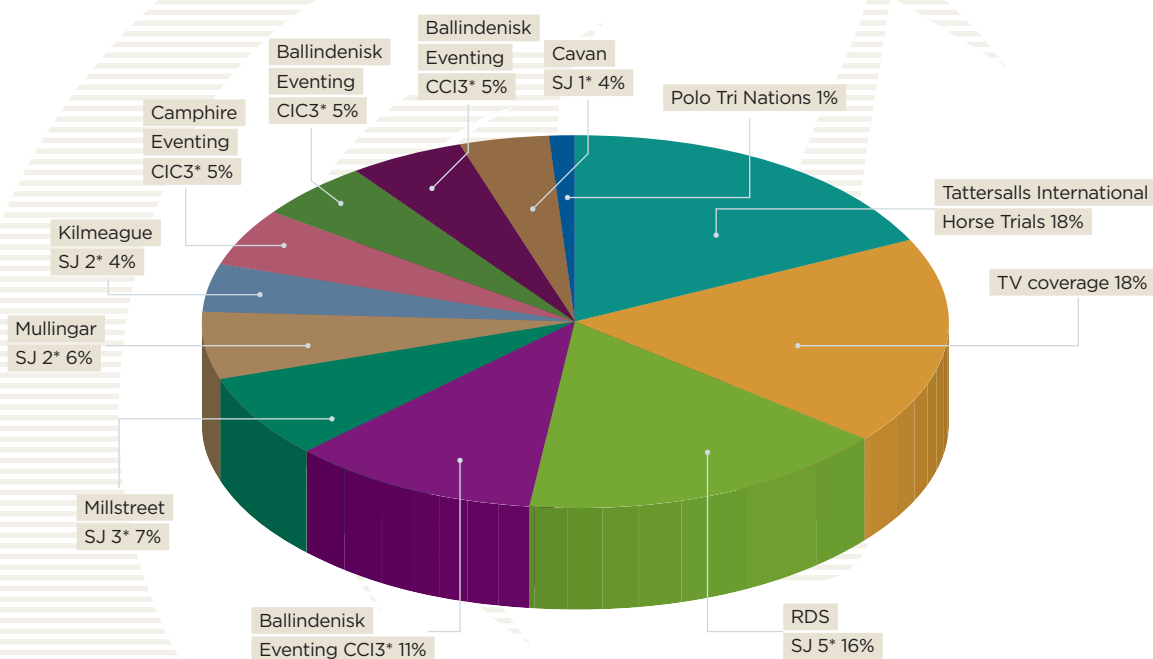
	Balmoral 16 - 18 May	Mullingar 1 - 4 June	Millstreet 7 - 8 August	Dublin 15 - 19 August	Kilmeague 23 - 26 August	Cavan 9 - 11 September
Total number of Horses	79	125	145	184	115	87
Horses with Irish riders	51	117	100	74	113	81
Horses with foreign riders	28	8	45	110	2	6

IRISH HOME EVENTING INTERNATIONALS 2012

	Ballindenisk 24 - 26 February	Ballindenisk 21 - 22 April	Tattersalls 31 May - 3 June	Camphire 3 - 5 August	Ballindenisk 12 - 16 September
Total number of Horses	48	129	264	194	132
Horses with Irish riders	34	119	160	170	91
Horses with foreign riders	14	10	104	24	41

Horse Sport Ireland International Hosting Financial Supports 2012 – Total Investment €110,000

Horse Sport Ireland allocates financial supports towards the hosting of international equestrian events in Ireland. This funding is provided by the Irish Sports Council. The total allocation in 2012 was €110,000, the breakdown is shown below. Two of the events listed below, the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show and the Tattersalls International Horse Trials in association with HSI, also receive allocations from the HSI Breeding Sub Board.





Joseph Murphy and Electric Cruise (ISH) who finished 14th individually at the London 2012 Olympics.



Clem McMahon and the 8 year old stallion Pacino, part of Ireland's Nations' Cup winning teams at Hickstead and Dublin 2012.

National FEI Discipline Statistics 2012

AFFILIATE DISCIPLINES	Total Membership	Total Horse/Pony Registrations	Total Entries
Showjumping Ireland	6,634	7,970	154,000
Eventing Ireland	1,056	1,125	6,865
Dressage Ireland	433	500	3,523
Irish Long Distance Riding Association	123	90	1,063
Carriage Driving Section of HSI	62	61	127
Reining & Western Section of HSI	26	N/A	43

Irish FEI Registered Riders by Discipline in 2012	
Show Jumping	252
Eventing	196
Dressage	10
Para Dressage	9
Endurance	4
Driving	3
Para Driving	2
Vaulting	1

Irish FEI Registered Riders by gender in 2012	
Female	244
Male	233
Total	477



NUMBER OF HORSES REGISTERED AS IRISH SPORT HORSES (ISH) WITH THE FEI						
YEAR	ALL FEI HORSES	ALL ISH	SHOW JUMPING (SJ)	SJ ISH	EVENTING (EV)	EV ISH
2012	58,621	1,514	33,312	607	8,167	909
2011	56,432	1,449	31,597	535	8,029	916
2010	52,801	1,323	28,753	491	7,951	832
2009	47,847	1,133	25,042	390	7,566	736

Some horses may be dual registered (Show Jumping & Eventing)
Source - FEI online database



HSI Coaching Programme 2012

Course	Level	Dressage	Show Jumping	Eventing
Introduction to Coaching	Training	Preliminary	1 metre	n/a
Level 1	Apprentice	Novice	1.10m	Novice
Level 2	Coach	Elementary	1.20m	1 – 2*
Level 3	National	Prix St George	1.40m	CCI2* – CCI3*
Level 4	International	Grand Prix	1.60m	CCI4*

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) operates the HSI Coaching Programme, delivering competition coaching qualifications using modern techniques to improve both horses' and riders' performance. Coaching courses are delivered by professional equestrian tutors and are accredited by Coaching Ireland.

HSI Coaching had a hugely successful year in 2012 with over 200 applicants taking part in courses around the country. The year saw significant developments within the HSI Coaching Programme with completion of the first ever HSI Level 3 Coach courses, the introduction of a Cross Country/Eventing workshop and the HSI National Coaching Conference, which attracted over 400 attendees.

- ▶ HSI Introduction to Coaching – 6 courses (80 participants)
- ▶ HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach – 5 courses (73 participants)
- ▶ HSI Level 2 Coach – 1 course (16 participants)
- ▶ HSI Level 3 Coach – 2 courses (15 participants)
- ▶ HSI Cross Country Eventing workshops – 2 workshops (29 participants)

The **HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach** course is a four-day course providing candidates with the skills and techniques to work competently at a coach to novice level. It is recommended that HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coaches work under the guidance and supervision of a higher qualified coach.

Fifty-two people achieved their HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach qualification in 2012:

Oinri Jackson	Katie Timmins
Feaha Moore	Sue Perry
Heli Nannimainen	Ian Grace
Zora Feurer	Noel Barry
Simone Barry	Eileen Bennett O'Farrell
Michelle Nelson	Elma O'Mahony
Jane Lamb	Penny Jagdhuber
Paul Duffy	Marjorie Haire
Michael Cusack	Anne Trent
Tom Doherty	Christina Keane
Grace O'Rourke	Michelle Humphreys
Meike Biegel	Susanne Stafford
Lorli Higgins	Maria O'Neill
Corina Broderick	Marnie Crerar
Ellyn Gourley	Brenda Burke
Anna Jozwik	Janice Campbell
Martha Naughton	Alexandra McCully
Hannah Bolger	Caroline Walsh
Laura Brown	Lisa Mitchell Talbot
Susan Stokesberry	Deirdre Lynch
Lorna Keogh	Melanie King
David O'Connor	Niamh Grimes
Nicola Cassidy	Karen Kelly
Shane Costello	Ruth Shanahan
Cormac Rafferty	Elizabeth Keane
Johnny O'Connell	Joanne Attley



Olympic gold medallist in Eventing
David O'Connor at the HSI National Coaching
Conference on 4th November 2012.



HSI Level 3 Show Jumping Coaches receiving their certificates
in 2012. BACK: Comdt Tom Freyne, Denis Flannelly, Jack Doyle,
Erik Holstein and Ian Fearon. FRONT: Gary Marshall, Comdt
John Ledingham, Harry Marshall and Heather Coyle.

The **HSI Level 2 Coach** qualification is currently an eight-day course and provides candidates with the skills necessary to work competently as an independent coach up to elementary level. Candidates must meet the required standard at an official assessment in dressage, show jumping and eventing.

Ten people achieved the required standard in the HSI Level 2 Coach course in 2012:

Melanie Ashe	Nicky Colley
Sheila White	Steven Smith
James Kernan	Liam Buckley
Marie Burke	Mark Smith
Tom Holden	Tom Slattery

The **HSI Level 3 Coach** course provides coaches with the skills necessary to coach performance riders competently up to the highest level in national competition. The Level 3 course is discipline specific, although there are some core elements which are similar in all three disciplines.

Seventeen people received the HSI Level 3 Show Jumping Coach certificates in 2012:

Erik Holstein	Ian Fearon
Clem McMahon	Comdt Tom Freyne

Heather Coyle
Harry Marshall
Gary Marshall
Dermott Lennon
Gerry Flynn
Eddie Macken
Comdt John Ledingham

Denis Flannelly
Jack Doyle
Trevor Coyle
Gerry Mullins
Col Ned Campion
John Hall

Six people received the HSI Level 3 Dressage Coach certificates in 2012:

Denis Flannelly	Heike Holstein
Maureen Dwyer	Rosemary Gaffney
Gisela Holstein	Anna Merveldt

The **HSI National Coaching Conference** took place on 4th November 2012 at Citywest Hotel and Conference Centre and Kill International Equestrian Centre, Co. Kildare. The conference featured internationally-renowned equestrian speakers including Olympic Gold medallist in Eventing David O'Connor; official veterinary surgeon to the British Three Day Event Team 1992-1997 John Killingbeck; and consultant farrier to the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) Haydn Price, among others. The conference was a huge success with over 400 equestrian enthusiasts in attendance.



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Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine, Simon Coveney TD, takes a photo of Team Ireland bronze medallist Cian O'Connor with members of Tipperary Pony Club [L-R] Dorothy Wall, Emma Hatton, Zoe Stokes, Jack Ryan, James Phillips and Peter Wall, at the Dublin Horse Show 2012.

HSI Affiliate Organisations in 2012

Army Equestration School (Department of Defence)
 Association of Irish Riding Clubs (AIRC)
 Association of Irish Riding Establishments (AIRE)
 Carriage Driving Section of HSI
 Dressage Ireland
 Eventing Ireland
 Federation of Irish Polo Clubs (FIPC)
 Hunting Association of Ireland (HAI)
 Irish Long Distance Riding Association (ILDRA)
 Irish Polocrosse Association (IPA)
 Irish Pony Club (IPC)

Irish Pony Society (IPS)
 Irish Shows Association (ISA)
 Irish Universities Riding Clubs Association (IURCA)
 Medical Equestrian Association (MEA)
 Para Equestrian Ireland (PEI)
 Pentathlon Ireland
 Reining & Western Section of HSI
 Riding for the Disabled Association Ireland (RDAI)
 Royal Dublin Society (RDS)
 Showjumping Ireland (SJI)
 TREC Ireland (Tourism Related Equestrian Competitions)



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HSI Equestrian Showcase Parade

The inaugural HSI Equestrian Showcase Parade took place on 24th April 2012 as part of the opening ceremony of the Punchestown Festival. Each HSI Affiliate and Section, represented by an exhibitor and Chef d'Equipe, presented their sporting disciplines in full attire in the parade ring before the first race. A large crowd of equestrian enthusiasts attended this unique spectacle which showcased the full diversity of the Irish Equestrian Sector.



At the launch of the inaugural HSI Equestrian Showcase Parade at Punchestown Racecourse on 4th April 2012 were [L-R] Olivia Casey, from AIRE-approved Toberton Lodge Riding Centre, Co. Kildare, aboard her pony Daylight Surprise, Camilla Speirs, representing Eventing Ireland, and Lt Col Brian MacSweeney, representing the Army Equitation School.



Former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh and HSI CEO Damian McDonald with the Chefs d'Equipe who represented the HSI Affiliates and Sections that took part in the Equestrian Showcase Parade at Punchestown on 24th April 2012.



Introduction to Horse Riding – Schools' Programme 2012

The success of the Introduction to Horse Riding for Schools' pilot programme, which ran during 2010 and 2011 and was developed by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) in conjunction with the Association for Irish Riding Establishments (AIRE), was so well received by participating educational schools around the country, that the programme got the green light for 2012.

The programme provides access to affordable horse riding for children who may discover a passion for horses that could last a lifetime. The participating AIRE Approved riding schools offer lessons at a subsidised rate while HSI provides a travel subsidy to participating educational schools. The travel subsidy fund for 2012 was €8,000 and over €4,500 was claimed by those schools that took part.

The enthusiasm of schools and students, and the



Representing AIRE, Nadine Dunne aboard Multi with Chef d'Equipe Mrs Rita Dunne leading, during HSI's Equestrian Showcase Parade at Punchestown on 24th April 2012.

support of AIRE, made the return of this scheme in 2012 possible. Many children have taken up horse riding on a regular basis as a result of the programme.

In 2012, 69 educational schools expressed an interest in the programme with 27 participating during the year. These schools were represented regionally in the East/South East (15), West (19), South/South West (23), Midlands (6) and North West (6). A total of 569 students enjoyed an introductory lesson in 2012. In all, 25 AIRE Approved Riding Establishments signed up for the programme, covering 14 counties throughout Ireland.



HSI National Anti-Doping Programme

In 2012, Horse Sport Ireland introduced a National Anti-Doping Programme for horses competing in equestrian competitions in Ireland. The programme is run in conjunction with Horse Sport Ireland's Affiliate Bodies. The programme was devised by the HSI Rules Committee. A report on the programme is shown below.

HSI Rules Committee

Charles Powell (Chairman)
Jean Mitchell
Ronan Sugrue
Kate Horgan
Lord Patrick Carew



At the HSI Anti-Doping Seminar at Charleville Park Hotel, Co. Cork in March 2012 were [L-R] Mark Sherry, Irish Equine Centre; Ronan Sugrue, HSI Rules Committee Member; Joe Walsh, former HSI Chairman; Professor Tom Buckley Irish Equine Centre; Damian McDonald, HSI CEO.



Ronan Sugrue, HSI Rules Committee member, outlines details of the programme at one of the regional HSI Anti-Doping Seminars which took place in Charleville Park Hotel, Co. Cork in March 2012.

HSI National Anti-Doping Programme 2012 - Summary

Programme Investment, Legal and Testing Costs	€74,000*
Total Number of Events Sampled	25
Total Number of Days Sampled	29
Total Number of Horses Sampled	131
HSI Sanctions Issued	2

*This is a net figure which includes fines and penalties issued of €2,500

Affiliate Organisations who participated in the 2012 programme**	Number of horses sampled
Dressage Ireland	10
Eventing Ireland	19
Royal Dublin Society	12
Showjumping Ireland	90
Total	131

**The cost of sampling is funded directly by the Affiliates listed above.



FEI Clean Sport

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) carries out testing on horses at international competitions. In 2012, 86 horses and ponies ridden by Irish riders in international competitions were tested by the FEI under their Controlled Medication and Anti-Doping Programme. All of the samples taken were found to be clean when tested in FEI laboratories. No horse ridden by an Irish rider has tested positive in an FEI competition since 2008.

Irish Ridden Horses Tested by the FEI	
Number of horses sampled	86
FEI Sanctions on Irish Riders	0

Financial Overview

HORSE SPORT IRELAND - INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2012	
TOTAL INCOME	€5.118m
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€5.094m
OPERATING SURPLUS	€0.024m





A full set of the HSI Audited Financial Statements is filed with the Companies Registration Office.

Extract from the 2012 audited financial statements



We have audited the financial statements of Horse Sport Ireland for the year ended 31st December 2012 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on pages 2 - 4, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act, 1990. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2012. We also report to you whether in our opinion: proper books of account have been kept by the company; whether, at the balance sheet date, there exists a financial situation requiring the convening of an extraordinary general meeting of the company; and whether the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

We also report to you if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not disclosed and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement within it.

*Extract from the 2012 audited financial statements***BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements:

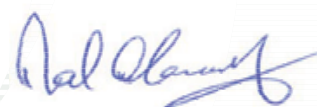
- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st December 2012 and of its surplus and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2012.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the company. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report on pages 2 – 4 is consistent with the financial statements.

24 - 26 City Quay
Dublin 2

15th May 2013



For and on behalf of
GRANT THORNTON
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditor

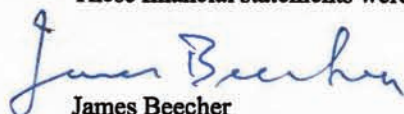
*EXTRACT FROM THE 2012 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***HORSE SPORT IRELAND
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012**

	2012 €	2011 €
INCOME	5,118,028	4,914,230
Cost of sales	2,842,430	2,688,286
GROSS SURPLUS	2,275,598	2,225,944
Administrative expenses	2,251,952	2,191,861
OPERATING SURPLUS	23,646	34,083
Interest receivable	2,880	369
SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	26,526	34,452
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	392	—
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	26,134	34,452
Balance brought forward	(77,926)	(112,378)
Balance carried forward	(51,792)	(77,926)

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 15th May 2013 and are signed on their behalf by:



James Beecher
Director

Patrick Wall
Director






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**HORSE SPORT IRELAND
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE****BALANCE SHEET****31ST DECEMBER 2012**

	Note	2012 €	€	2011 €
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets			—	—
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	1	76,884		56,364
Debtors	2	307,421		238,572
Cash at bank		273,852		284,286
		658,157		579,222
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	3	709,949		657,148
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(51,792)	(77,926)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			(51,792)	(77,926)
RESERVES	4			
Income and expenditure account			(51,792)	(77,926)
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COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

1. STOCKS

	2012	2011
	€	€
Stock	<u>76,884</u>	<u>56,364</u>

The replacement cost of stocks did not differ significantly from cost.

2. DEBTORS

	2012	2011
	€	€
Trade debtors	150,123	134,580
Irish Horse Board Co-operative Society Limited	–	43,642
Other debtors	73,228	8,987
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>84,070</u>	<u>51,363</u>
	<u>307,421</u>	<u>238,572</u>

3. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2012	2011
	€	€
Trade creditors	181,938	209,311
Corporation tax	480	214
Other taxation and social welfare	57,499	45,294
Irish Horse Board Co-operative Society Limited	20,972	–
Accruals and deferred income	<u>449,060</u>	<u>402,329</u>
	<u>709,949</u>	<u>657,148</u>

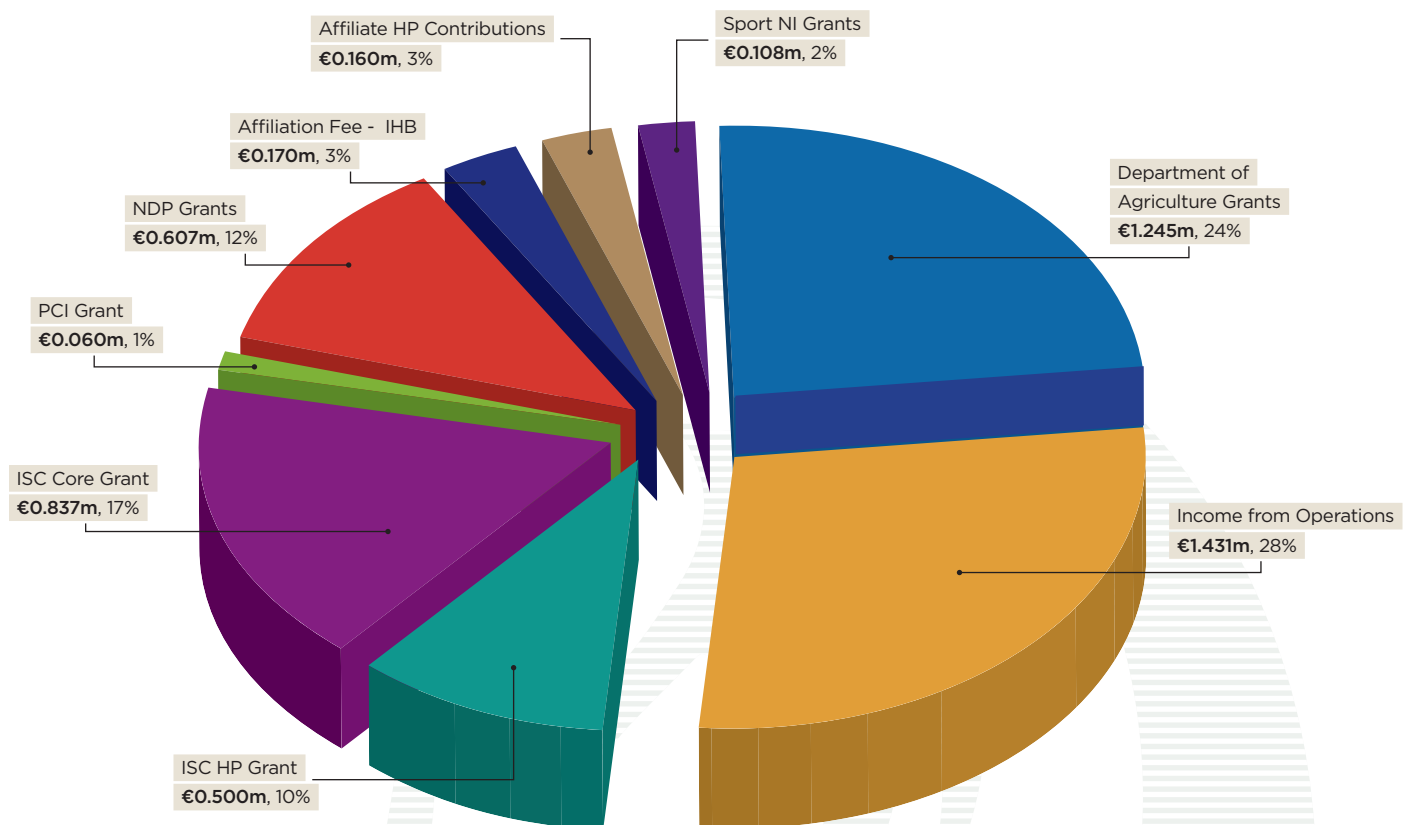
4. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee without having a share capital.

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Horse Sport Ireland – Sources of Income 2012

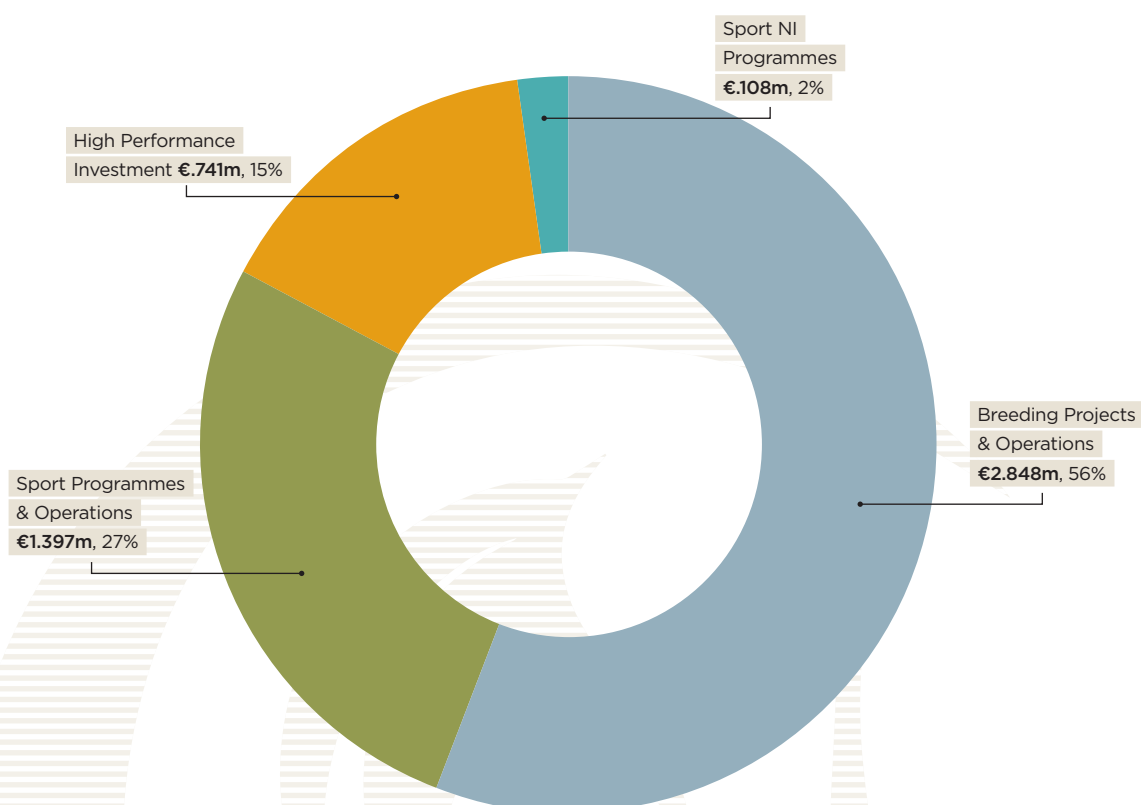
Total Income €5.118m

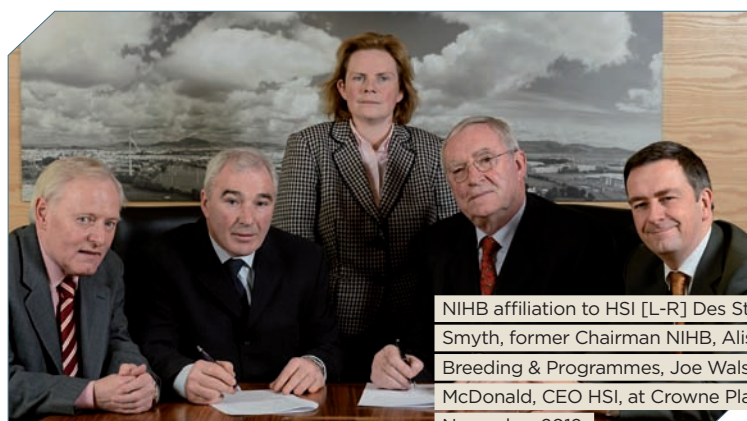




Horse Sport Ireland – Allocation of Funds 2012

Total €5.094m





NIHB affiliation to HSI [L-R] Des Stewart, Treasurer NIHB, Samuel J. Smyth, former Chairman NIHB, Alison Corbally, HSI Director of Breeding & Programmes, Joe Walsh, former Chairman HSI, Damian McDonald, CEO HSI, at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk on 30th November 2012.

Breeding Projects & Operations Expenditure – €2.848m

Items of Expenditure	€m
Employment Costs	0.931
Breeding Sub Board Financial Supports	0.249
DNA	0.209
IT Maintenance/Development/CapallOir	0.204
Recoupment Fee	0.133
Publications	0.128
Rent & Rates	0.102
Printing/Stationery/Office Consumables	0.096
Microchips	0.089
Advertising/PR/Information Notices	0.079
Post	0.076
Stallion Inspections	0.073
Cleaning/Telephones/Utilities/Sundries	0.069
Mare Inspections	0.064
Marketing & Exhibitions	0.052
Lanaken & Le Lion d'Angers	0.048
Equipment	0.041
Staff Expenses/Motor/Travel	0.034
Genetic Indexing	0.032
Board Meeting Expenses (Sub Board & Board)	0.031
Legal & Professional Fees	0.031
IHB Grant	0.030
Insurance	0.013
Storage	0.010
Bank Charges	0.008
Auditor's Fee	0.008
WBFSH	0.006
Breeder Forums	0.001
Total	€2.848



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Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine Simon Coveney with HSI staff Antonette Doran (left) and Martin Moloney (right) on the HSI Stand at the RDS in August.

Sport Programmes, HP, SNI & Operations Expenditure – €2.246m

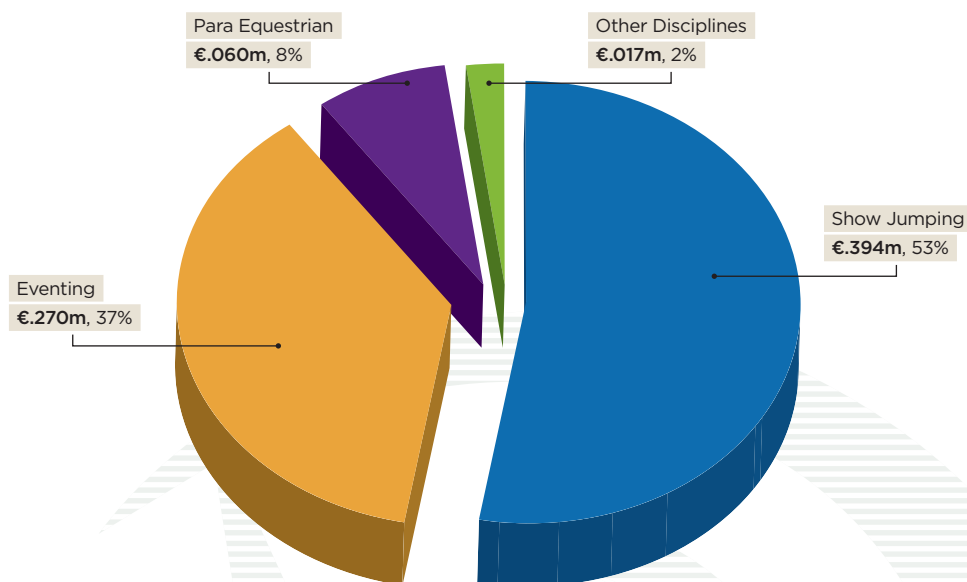
Items of Expenditure	€m
High Performance Investment	€0.741
Employment Costs	€0.488
Coaching Programmes	€0.179
International Hosting Grants	€0.110
Sport NI Programmes	€0.108
FEI & NF Costs	€0.083
National Anti-Doping Programme	€0.074
Affiliate Sports Grants	€0.072
Legal & Professional Fees	€0.067
Rent & Rates	€0.057
HSI Sections	€0.039
Communications	€0.027
Advertising/PR/Information Notices	€0.026
Team Ireland Promotion	€0.024
IT Maintenance	€0.022
Telephones	€0.021
Printing/Stationery/Office Consumables	€0.016
Staff Expenses/Motor/Travel	€0.014
Insurance	€0.013
Cleaning/Canteen/Subscriptions/Sundries	€0.013
Post	€0.010
Board Meeting Expenses	€0.010
Audit	€0.008
Honorarium	€0.006
Utilities	€0.006
Storage	€0.006
Schools' Programme	€0.004
Bank Charges	€0.002
Repairs/Premises	€0.001
Total	€2.246

HSI Finance Committee 2012

Joe Walsh, Chairman
 Professor Patrick Wall, Chairman
 (appointed 6th February 2013)
 James Beecher
 Lt Col Gerry O'Gorman (retired)
 Damian McDonald
 Mark Bolger
 James Kennedy
 (appointed 26th March 2013)

Horse Sport Ireland – 2012 High Performance Investment Allocations

Total Investment €0.741m





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