



**FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses Le Lion D'Angers (FRA) 15-18<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 2015**  
**Le Lion d'Angers Programme 2015**

**Objective**

The objective of this programme is to ensure the best possible representation for Ireland and the Irish Sport Horse (ISH) Studbook at the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses at Le Lion d'Angers 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and to develop potential team horses for the future from amongst Ireland's 6 and 7 year old event horses.

**Le Lion d'Angers Selection**

All 6 and 7 year old horses ridden by Irish riders are eligible for selection for Le Lion d'Angers regardless of where they are born. However, funding will only be provided for horses that are registered in the Irish Horse Register with the breed codes ISH, RID or ID.

For 2015, the ISH Studbook will allocate full funding (entry fees and a travel bursary) (subject to passing the first trot up) for three 6 year olds and five 7 year olds that are registered in the Irish Horse Register with the breed codes ISH, RID or ID as selected by the selection committee.

**Funding: 6 year olds**

The ISH Studbook will allocate full funding to three 6 year olds as selected by the Selection Committee. The maximum quota of 6 year old horses per National Federation is three. Therefore, where a 6 year is selected, that combination is eligible for full funding of a travel bursary of €500 in addition to having the entry fee of €450 and MCP charge paid. This funding is subject to passing the first trot up and upon submitting the declaration of attendance with vouching documentation.

**Funding: 7 year olds**

The ISH Studbook will allocate full funding to five 7 year olds as selected by the Selection Committee. The ISH Studbook may send additional combinations to fill the quota of 12 horses per National Federation in the 7 year old category. For the avoidance of doubt:

- Where a 7 year old meets the breed criteria above and is selected by the Selection Committee to be one of the five 7 year olds for full funding, they will receive a travel bursary of €500 in addition to having the entry fee of €450 and MCP charge paid, subject to passing the first trot up and upon submitting the declaration of attendance with vouching documentation.
- Where a 7 year old meets the breed criteria above and is selected by the Selection Committee to represent IRL at the FEI World Breeding Championships but is not one of the five selected for full funding, it will remain at the discretion of the Selection Committee and subject to available funding, whether that selected 7 year old will have the entry fee of €450 and MCP charge paid.

## Time line

In the week beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>, the selectors will meet and select the combinations and reserve combinations who will be listed and included on the nominated entries which are due on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

FEI Qualified Combinations, who wish to be considered for selection, should put their names forward to Avalon Everett, Email: [aeverett@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:aeverett@horsesportireland.ie) before 5.00pm **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.**

Drishane International Horse Trials in Millstreet will be the last opportunity to qualify in Ireland and will be viewed for selection purposes. While Drishane is a viewing event, it is not the only competition that will be taken into account. All performance during 2015 will be a factor.

A subsidised training day will be organised for selected combinations on Tuesday 6<sup>h</sup> October in Abbottstown. The charge for this day will be €50 per combination.

## Selectors

The selection panel will include Chef D'Equipe Janet Murray, Eventing Ireland Chairperson, Georgia Stubington, Director of Breeding and Programmes, Horse Sport Ireland, Alison Corbally and Stephanie Von Schilcher, HSI Nominee.

## Le Lion d'Angers Minimum Qualification

Under FEI rules combinations must achieve the following **Minimum Eligibility Requirements as per Art. 521:**

All qualifying events must be achieved as a combination.

The deadline for obtaining the minimum eligibility requirements is 4 weeks before the 1st Dressage day of the Championship (14 September 2015) and must be obtained in the calendar year in question or the preceding calendar year. **Minimum qualifying events to achieve:**

Young Horse Championship  
6 years old

**1 CIC1\* + 1 CNC1, both with zero obstacle penalties on XC and max 4 penalties on obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping test**

In addition, the selection committee would like 6 year old Irish combinations to achieve a minimum dressage score of 65% in international competition

Young Horse Championship  
7 years old

**1 CCI1\* + 1 CIC2\*, both with zero obstacle penalties on XC and max 4 penalties on**

### **obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping test**

In order to give the best chance of selection, 7 year old combinations in addition should achieve a minimum dressage score of 63% in international competition.

### **FEI Points**

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

The definite entry date is 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

FEI Points are awarded as Follows:

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

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

CCI\*: as for CIC\*\* above

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

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

### **Selection**

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

- The main factor will be the overall form of the combination with particular emphasis on their international results.
- Combinations wishing to be considered for selection must show proficiency in all three phases.
- The current form and well being of the combination as demonstrated in national or international competition.
- The experience and competence of the rider will be a factor in selection.
- Generally the committee would prefer if each rider rode only one horse at Le lion d'Angers but would look at this on a case by case basis.

- While the main goal of the programme is to have success at Le Lion d'Angers; if the panel considers that the combination is likely to have a long term future in the sport this may be a factor in the selection.
- Horse Sport Ireland may request that horses attend for veterinary assessment at any time.
- The experience and competence of the rider to deliver an optimum performance at Le Lion d'Angers.
- Combinations should note that definite entry is dependent on horse and rider demonstrating a good performance record between selection and the definite entry date of 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

**Lycetts British Eventing Young Horse Championships, Osberton, (GBR) CCI1\*, CCI2\*, CICYH1\*, CICYH2\*, 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

As a large number of applicants are expected for Le Lion d'Angers, please bear in mind the British Eventing Young Horse Championship at Osberton, Notts, from 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 are running a CICYH\* class for 6 year olds and a CICYH\*\* class for 7 year olds. This would be a very viable alternative target for young horses not selected for Le Lion d'Angers to gain experience in a Young Horse Championship.

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