

HSI Mare Show Jumping Championship
Information Note

The inaugural HSI Mare Show Jumping Championship will be held at **Wexford Equestrian Centre on Saturday 31st October 2015.**

The aim of this Championship is to identify, evaluate and reward owners of mares that are capable of performing at the highest level in International show jumping and are suitable for producing progeny that would be competitive at the highest level in International show jumping.

Qualification Criteria

- Mares must be 5 or 6 years of age and registered in a studbook that is a member of the WBFSH or registered with Weatherbys
- Mares must one of the following performance criteria:
 - Qualify for the final at least two legs of the ISH Show jumping Series
 - Qualify to jump in the 5 or 6 year old show jumping class at the RDS
 - Be selected to compete at the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken, Belgium
 - Qualify for the 5 year old or 6/7 year old finals at the Cavan Indoor Championships
 - Qualify for the final at the Irish Breeders Classic
- The Matron Scheme will apply allowing for 6 year old mares with a foal registered on the IHR to compete in the 5 year old section

Format of the Championship

- The qualifier and final class is for both 5 and 6 year old mares, with the 6 year olds being handicapped by 5 cm or 10cm (Article 282N). The handicap shall be at the discretion of the course designer.
- The qualifier class will be run as a two phase class with the second round against the clock (Article 274/5.3). The 5 year olds will jump their two phases first and the course will then be raised for the 6 year olds. The top 30 horses will qualify for the final.
- The final will be run as a jump-off class (Article 238/2.2, Table A with one jump-off).
- The 5 year olds will jump their first round and the course will then be raised for the 6 year olds to jump their first rounds. The 5 year olds who are clear in the first round will then jump-off over the 6 year old course height and the course will then be raised for the 6 year old jump-off.
- Course builders will be asked to set the courses at 350m/min.
- The height bands of 1m20 for the qualifier classes and 1m25 for the final will apply to 5 year old mares.
- The height bands of 1m30 for the qualifier classes and 1m35 for the final will apply to 6 year old mares.
- The height bands will be at the discretion of the course builder, in line with the handicapping system.

Prize Money

€15,000 prize fund is available for the Championship to be allocated as follows:

- €9,000 prize money for the final, divided in accordance with the SJI rules and the Article under which the class is run, €800 will be allocated for breeders prizes.
- Breeder's prizes: 1st €600, 2nd €400 and 3rd €200.
- €4,000 to be retained in a separate fund by HSI and provided to the owner of the 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th placed mares in this championship at the time they register with the ISH studbook the first progeny of these mares bred to an 5* stallion or an Approved/Recognised or Preliminary Approved Stallion with a breeding value of greater than 140. A time limit of five years will be placed on this fund.

Entries:

Entries for the Championships must be made online through the Showjumping Ireland website. All declarations require a €10 pre-booking fee and can only be accepted online. Riders must log into their own accounts to declare online. NO phone declarations will be accepted. Please ensure your entries are made before close of entries as outlined in the show schedule and the Showjumping Ireland bulletin.

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