



**FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses Le Lion D'Angers (FRA) 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016  
Le Lion d'Angers Programme 2016**

**Objective**

The objective of this programme is to ensure the best possible representation for Ireland at the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses at Le Lion d'Angers 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 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.

For 2016, Horse Sport Ireland 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 selected by the Chef D'Equipe.

**Funding: 6 year olds**

Horse Sport Ireland will allocate full funding to three 6 year olds as selected by the Chef D'Equipe. 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**

Horse Sport Ireland will allocate full funding to the top five 7 year olds as selected by the Chef D'Equipe. Horse Sport Ireland 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 is selected by the Chef D'Equipe to be one of the top 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 is selected by the Chef D'Equipe to represent IRL at the FEI World Breeding Championships but is not one of the top five selected for full funding, it will remain at the discretion of the Le Lion 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**

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2016**.

It is intended that the selected combinations will be announced in the week beginning September 19th.

**The Le Lion Committee**

The selection of combinations for the Championships will be the responsibility of the Chef d'Equipe. However, they will be required to present their proposed selection to the committee in advance of it being communicated to any other parties.

The Committee will include Chef d'Equipe, Janet Murray, Jessica Harrington, an Eventing Ireland Board Representative 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 (19 September 2016) 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\* 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 cutoff 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 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

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 will be selected based exclusively on FEI or EI points.

### **Selection**

The Chef D'Equipe will select the combinations that she believes will best represent Ireland at Le Lion d'Angers. Factors which will be taken into account include:

- The main factor will be the overall form of the combination with particular emphasis on their results in FEI competitions.
- Combinations wishing to be considered for selection must show proficiency in all three phases.
- The current form and wellbeing of the combination as demonstrated in FEI, EI or BE competitions.
- 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.
- Athlete must be in good standing with the FEI, HSI and EI and comply with the HSI Code of Conduct for Athletes.
- While the main goal of the programme is to have success at Le Lion d'Angers; if the Chef d'Equipe 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 and reserves the right to take veterinary advice into account as part of the selection process.
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

### **Training days**

EI will hold training days in the National Horse Sport Arena in Abbotstown on September 12th, September 26th and October 6th. HSI will hold a final training day on October 13th.

### **Lycetts British Eventing Young Horse Championships, Osberton, (GBR) CCI1\*, CCI2\*, CICYH1\*, CICYH2\*, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

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, 2016 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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