

**HSI Mare Show jumping Championship 2016**  
**Information Note**

**Aim of the HSI Mare Show jumping Championship**

The aim of this Championship is to identify, evaluate and reward owners of mares that are capable of performing at the highest level in show jumping and are suitable for producing progeny that would be competitive at the highest level in 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
- 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 and 7 year old mares with a foal registered on the IHR to compete in the 6 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 divided in accordance with the SJI rules and the Article under which the class is run and €800 will be allocated to prizes.
- Breeder's prizes: 1st €600, 2nd €400 and 3rd €200.
- €4,000 to be retained in a separate fund by HSI and €1,000 provided to the owner of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed mares in the 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 Show jumping Ireland website.

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