

HSI Sport Horse Foal Championship 2017 Information Note

Horse Sport Ireland is pleased to announce the details of the 2017 Sport Horse Foal Championship. The Championship has a prize fund of almost €30,000 and will aim to identify, evaluate and reward breeders who have bred a foal that has the potential to be competitive at the highest International level in the disciplines of showjumping or eventing.

There will be 6 regional qualifiers with separate sections for potential showjumping foals and potential eventing foals. The qualifiers will be held in August with €3,000 prize money on offer at each of the 6 regional qualifiers where 4 foals will be selected for the final; the best show jumping type colt and filly, and the best eventing type colt and filly.

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HSI is currently seeking applications from suitable venues/shows to host the qualifiers and final. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Monday 12th June 2017**.

Criteria for entry

- Foals must be registered in a studbook that is a member of the WBFSH or Weatherbys (pending DNA where this can be verified by the studbook is acceptable) and should be shown with their dams where possible.
- Foals are only permitted to enter one regional qualifier but **will not be** limited to competing in the region in which the owner resides.
- Foals must be entered in either the Showjumping Section **or** the Eventing Section. They **cannot** compete in both sections.
- The dam's passport should be available on the day for inspection.
- All foals must be a minimum of 6 weeks old to compete at the Final.
- All foals must be named in order to compete in the Final.

Classes

- All classes must run on a pre-entry basis. Entries will be taken by the show/venue and will be required 2 weeks prior to the event.
- All classes must be held a prominent arena at the show with a suitable surface to cope with adverse conditions and a suitable loose movement pen (20x40m) or an indoor arena which should be fenced off 20m by 40 m.
- Shows cannot schedule or hold other foal classes as part of the show;
- Entry fees should not exceed €40.

Please note foals need to be kept on their lead at the venues except when being shown loose in the arena.

Prize Money

Regional Qualifiers (€3,000 per venue)

	Show Jumping Colt	Show Jumping Filly	Eventing Colt	Eventing Filly
1st (Qualifies for Final)	€500	€500	€500	€500
2 nd	€250	€250	€250	€250

Final (€10,000)

	Show Jumping Colt	Show Jumping Filly	Eventing Colt	Eventing Filly
1 st	€1,500	€1,500	€1,500	€1,500
2 nd	€500	€500	€500	€500

In addition €1,000 will be awarded to the best traditionally-bred foal and €1,000 towards prizes in kind, sashes etc.

Evaluation

Foals will be presented to the judges accompanied by their dam where possible. All foals must be paraded as a group at the start of each class before the individual evaluation of each foal.

During the individual presentation the foal is positioned in front of the judges with a halter, in order to evaluate its posture and conformation. The mare will be kept at hand during the foals movement evaluation. The foal can then be judged freely on walk, trot and canter as indicated by the judges. When all the foals are evaluated, the judges will announce the Regional Champion and the Reserve. The judges will describe the positive attributes of the foals to the audience and provide an assessment as to whether they think the foal is Eventer type or Showjumper type.

Judging Criteria:

There will be two judges for each category of Show jumping and Eventing.

Foals will be judged according to the following criteria.

1. Functional conformation
2. Walk
3. Trot
4. Canter
5. Overall athleticism and balance

Scoring will be judged out of 100 and will be based on the following traits:

	Showjumping Section Qualifier/Final	Eventing Section Qualifier/Final
Functional conformation	20	25
Walk	15	15
Trot	15	20
Canter	25	15
Overall athleticism and balance	25	25

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