



DAFM Studbook Series 2025: Dressage

Horse Sport Ireland are delighted to announce the 2025 DAFM Dressage Studbook Series, this will include a selection of horse and pony classes. The DAFM Dressage Studbook series is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under National Breeding Services. This year, the DAFM Dressage Studbook Series will run as three legs in funding available across these dates with prizes for 4-, 5-, 6-, 7 & 8- Year-Old horses and ponies as well as breeders' prizes.

The dates and venues for the 2025 DAFM Dressage Studbook Series are as follows:

- **12th & 13th July: Castle Irvine**
- **2nd & 3rd August: Ballyrogan Stud**
- **29th-31st August: Ballindenisk**

Notes on 2025 Series:

It is the responsibility of riders and owners to familiarize themselves with all criteria in this document.

Entries:

- All DAFM Studbook Series classes must run on a pre-entry basis made through Dressage Ireland
- Entries must be made via an online portal. No other form of entry will be accepted
- Ponies can be ridden by adult or pony athletes
- For Dressage Ireland nonmembers, day tickets will not be accepted.
- Combinations can enter any date; this is not run as a league with a final.

Late entries will be charged double the class entry fee. Late entries can be made via the Dressage Ireland website. Entries will be no more than €30 (£25) per class.

Eligibility:

- Classes are restricted to horses/ponies registered in **a studbook with a valid, listed breed** contained within the studbook passport (UNK is not a breed).
 - Main and Supplementary section studbook animals are permitted.
 - Pedigree recording with an 'UNK' breed code is not a studbook passport and not eligible for entry/prizemoney.
 - **Owners and Breeder's prizes will only be paid to those residing on the Island of Ireland.**
 - The breeders prize will be allocated as far as third place, i.e. the horse in first or second place is bred by a breeder outside of the Island of Ireland.
 - **To check if your horse is eligible to compete, please email; grants@horsesportireland.ie**

Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to change or alter the terms and conditions of the DAFM Studbook Series at any time.



At the show:

The DAFM Dressage Studbook Series, delivered by Horse Sport Ireland, must be organised and run in full compliance and adherence of Dressage Ireland rules.

Combinations entered to compete in these classes are strictly limited to warming up in the designated practice arenas. Any athlete found in breach of this rule by the DI steward will be eliminated from the class. Riders who choose to compete in a leg(s) of the DAFM Dressage Studbook Series are consenting to their rounds being live-streamed and/or available for publication on platforms of Horse Sport Ireland's choosing.

Horse Tests

5-year-old - DI 5-year-old horse test

6 year old - DI 6 year old horse test

7 year old - DI 7 year old horse test

[Link to Dressage Ireland tests.](#)

Prize money:

Prize winners are required to submit their details for the prize fund at the end of each show through an online payment system. QR codes will be available at each show office to scan and complete the [online payment form](#) and submit to Horse Sport Ireland, please select the 'DAFM Studbook Series: Dressage' option.

Prize Money Breakdown (Horses)

	4 YO	5 YO	6 YO	7&8 YO
1st	€220.00	€300.00	€350.00	€400.00
2nd	€150.00	€200.00	€250.00	€300.00
3rd	€80.00	€100.00	€200.00	€200.00
Breeder	€100.00	€150.00	€150.00	€150.00

Prize Money Breakdown (Ponies*)

	4 YO	5 YO	6 YO	7&8 YO
Top Finishing Pony*	€100.00	€150.00	€250.00	€350.00
Breeder	€100.00	€100.00	€100.00	€100.00

*Ponies must have an official height measurement in the current year. Prize money will be given for highest scoring pony in the relevant age class. Ponies will compete in horse sections.

*Ponies must come in the top 10 to be eligible for the pony prize.



Please note:

- Prize money cannot be paid out to horses or ponies who are not **registered in the correct ownership** in the relevant approved studbook.
- Payment will not be issued to riders unless HSI has received **written permission** from the registered owner of the horse.
- Payment details must be submitted within **14** days via the [online form](#); if received beyond this window, payment **cannot** be processed.
- Breeders' prizes will only be issued to breeder residing on the Island of Ireland.
- As per the Equidae (Change of Ownership) Regulations 2016 subsection 5, equines must have their ownership details updated within 30 days of their purchase.

Please see below:

<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2016/si/201/made/en/print>

<https://animallaw.ie/2020/05/08/s-i-no-62-2016-european-union-identification-of-equidae-regulations-2015/>