



DAFM Studbook Series 2026

Show jumping venue application

Horse Sport Ireland are seeking applications for the DAFM Studbook Series 2026.

Online applications must be completed and digitally signed & returned to Horse Sport Ireland before **5pm Friday 28th November 2026**.

Please note hosting of the DAFM Show Jumping series is subject to funding and derogation approval by Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (DAFM).

Venue application terms, conditions, and eligibilities:

- All Show jumping Studbook Series classes must run on a pre-entry basis, late entries are not permitted.
- Only horses registered/classified in a relevant [DAFM approved studbook](#) are permitted to enter these classes.
 - This can include main or supplementary section studbook animals.
 - Animals without a recorded 'breed' /not registered or classified in a DAFM studbook are not permitted to enter or draw down any prize funding.
 - Should venues permit these entries the venue will be liable for any prize money.
- Entries must be made via the SJlive portal.
- All shows must be named on the entry portal as per the venue criteria which will be circulated after leg award.
- All SJ rounds must be held in the [main arena](#) and that arena should have a suitable surface to cope with adverse conditions (please specify details above).
 - All qualifying rounds (where applicable) must be held in the main and second-best arena with suitable surfaces. The second arena is only warranted where the number of entries requires a second arena to be used for the qualifiers.

HSI reserves the right to request that venues provide a back-up venue as part of their application. Specific conditions apply to situations of adverse weather and the criteria must be carefully read and agreed to in this regard (listed below under Appendix 1).
- HSI retains the rights to any/all livestreaming of any classes and the platform on which it is hosted.
- A Starter and Stipendiary Steward must be in place for all classes and the microchip of the horse must be verified against the horses passport studbook passport.
- Shows cannot schedule or hold other young horse classes for the same age categories (5-, 6-, and 7-year-olds) as part of the show subject to the application.
- The classes must run in sequence (i.e. one after the other) and, barring exceptional circumstances and in agreement with HSI, should not have other classes slotted in between them.
- A Senior National Judge and National Judge must form part of the Ground Jury for all classes held as part of the Series.
- Application details will be shared with the HSI panel and relevant affiliate for scoring.



- Criteria (rules of the classes) for the 2026 series are pending approval and will be circulated to all venues once they are available. Acceptance of those criteria, in addition to the terms and conditions above, will be necessary before venues are finalised.
- Must include positive promotion of the funding organisations (**Horse Sport Ireland and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**) in all digital and printed promotions and communications.
 - Venues are required to utilise HSI-DAFM branding/signage across the venue during the competition.
 - A representative from HSI may be in attendance, in such circumstances they will present all prizes.
- All press releases must include acknowledgement of delivery by Horse Sport Ireland and funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine.
 - Associated logos provided.
 - All associated press releases are to be provided to HSI **within 3 days of the show** to permit timely publication on HSI's website and social media platforms.
 - Please tag @horsesportireland in any associated social media coverage on the day of, and in the lead up to the competition.
- **No individual Studbook branding or fence is permitted to be used i.e. Irish Sport Horse Studbook Fence or arena hoarding – these should be returned to Horse Sport Ireland.**
- All prize money will be handled through HSI's online form, letters will be provided to venues to with the QR code attached – these **MUST** be printed by the show/venue and accessed in the show office on the day.
- Prize winner **MUST BE** provided with the attached letter at prizegiving, the show is required to detail the placing on the letter.
- Where there is 11-15 entries in a qualifer or one-day show, prize money will only be paid out from 1st to 3rd place inclusive.
 - Where there is 10 or less entries in a qualifer or one-day show, HSI reserves the right to cancel the class.
- Maintaining the appropriate insurance coverage required to host the class.
 - Public Liability (PL) to the minimum indemnity limit of €6.5 million. The PL coverage should permit use for hosting of public events – this should not be restricted to private activity with limited/private/occasional visitors.
- Successful venues will be required to sign up to and adhere to the full hosting terms and conditions which will be provided with the letter of offer.
- HSI reserve the right to update/amend these terms, conditions and eligibility criteria at any time.

Entry Fees

- Show jumping qualifying classes should not exceed €35 and for the finals should not exceed €45.
- For one-day shows, the fee should not exceed €35.



The factors listed below will be taken into consideration when selecting venues for the 2026 Series:

- International show/ Premier Grand Prix show/National Grand Prix show/ Spring Tour Grand Prix show.
- Level and quality of show and corresponding grand prix where relevant.
- Proximity to RDS qualifiers.
- Avoidance of clashes with other shows.
- Established shows with suitable facilities to cater for adverse conditions.
- Surface of arenas and warm-ups suitable to provide a high standard of young horse competition and to cater for adverse conditions.
- The show/venues adherence to HSI's criteria in previous years.
- On-site facilities for HSI staff, administration, participants and spectators.
- Geographical spread.
- **No individual Studbook branding or fence is permitted to be used.**
- Marketing capabilities.

Appendix 1.

- Where adverse weather conditions occur in the week leading up to any of the legs of the Series, a regional representative will be asked to make a final decision on ground conditions by 12 pm on the day before the DAFM Studbook Series class is due to commence.
- Should ground conditions be deemed to be unsuitable for jumping, the classes shall be moved to an all-weather surface or cancelled. Notification will be provided through the entry platform to the riders by 2pm on the day prior to the DAFM Studbook Series class commencing.
- In the case where the *Featured Class Of The Show* is called off due to weather conditions, all DAFM Studbook Show jumping classes must also be called off.
- Submission of a venue application for the DAFM Studbook Series acknowledges that the venue/applicant agree to the DAFM Studbook Series venue application terms, conditions, eligibilities, and entry fees.

Should there be non-compliance with the above by the applicant/venue at any stage, HSI reserve the right to withhold/restrict or withdraw funding and awarding of the respect class(es).



Appendix 2. Scoring

Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Series Scoring Criteria			
	Criteria	Points	Percentage
1	Horse Competition facilities and surfaces (fences, arenas, stabling, etc)	25	25%
2	Competitor and administration Facilities (parking, café, toilets, showers, seating areas, judges' box)	20	20%
3	Marketing Capacity (social/print/web media)	10	10%
3	Date and location	10	10%
4	Committee experience, level of Show (other classes, level of entry, etc)	10	10%
5	Insurance & adherence to previous competition criteria	15	15%
6	Overall suitability	10	10%
Total		100	100%

Applications will be deemed to be invalid if they are incomplete, late or do not contain the relevant information.

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