



## DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Show jumping Series 2026 Criteria

### Venues/Dates:

Classes for 5-year-old, and 6- & 7-Year-Old ponies in the 128cms, 138cms and 148cms height categories will be held at selected venues throughout Ireland listed below.

- Leg 1: Millstreet: 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- Leg 2: Barnadown 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Leg 3: Tubberbride: 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Leg 4: Emerald: 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### Notes on 2026 Series:

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

### Entries:

Entries for all classes are on a **pre-entry** basis and must be made SJI Live. No other form of entry will be accepted. Please ensure your entries are made before close of entries as outlined in the show schedules and the bulletin. Late entries will not be accepted. A reserve system will not operate for these classes.

- Entries will be €25.

No Temporary Tickets are allowed in these classes. In the case of ineligibility in terms of age and breeding, 'Hors Concours' entries will NOT be allowed.

### At the show:

The DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Show jumping Series, delivered by Horse Sport Ireland; the National Federation, must be organised and run in full compliance of relevant SJI articles and FEI code of conduct for the welfare of the horse.

Riders must enter the ring in the running order dictated by the start list. All riders must be ready to jump at their timeslot to keep within the show timetable. Failure to do so may result in elimination and will be decided by the judge at each show. Failure to comply with the rules, the ground jury, starter, or stipendiary steward may result in disqualification.

Pony/rider combinations entered to compete in these classes are strictly limited to warming up in the designated practice arenas. Any rider found in breach of this rule by the steward will be eliminated from the class.



### **Tack and horse boots:**

Boots and Martingales are allowed provided they are correctly fitted and align with SJI rules. If riders do not wish to use the boots as specified in the SJI Boot Rule, then no hind boots or bandages of any kind will be permitted.

Failure to comply with this rule will lead to elimination of horse and rider combination.

Stewards may attend each leg of the Pony Series to check and swab test boots.

### **Ground Conditions:**

Where adverse weather conditions occur in the week leading up to any of the legs of the DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Series, an SJI official/ SJI regional representative will be asked to make a final decision on the ground conditions by 12 noon the day before the class is due to commence. Should the 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 online platform to the riders by 2pm on the day prior to the qualifier. In the case where a Pony Premier Series Grand Prix is called off due to weather conditions, all Studbook/Development Series classes must be called off.

### **Prize money:**

Prize winners will be asked 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 'Studbook Series' option.

Please note:

- Prize money cannot be paid out to horses who are not **registered in the correct ownership** in the relevant DAFM 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.
- Where there are 10 or less eligible entries in class, HSI reserves the right to reduce the prize fund by 50%.

In the case where one leg of the series is cancelled the prize money for that leg will be redistributed in proportion over the remaining legs of the series. In the case where the last leg of the series is cancelled the prize money will be redistributed to the league winners. In the case of Breeder/Owner prizes, breeder/owner must be resident in Ireland.



## Prize money,

- Prize funds will be divided between all double clears.
- There will be €4,000 in prize money provided per venue, this is a combination of competition and breeders prize money.
- Where there are 10 or less eligible entries in a class, HSI reserves the right to reduce the prize fund by 50%.
- Rosettes will be provided by HSI.

DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Series Prize fund				
	128cm	138cm	148cm	Breeder
5YO	€400	€500	€600	€300 (€100 per breeder)
6/7YO	€500	€600	€800	€300 (€100 per breeder)

Prize funds are divided by eligible DCs in each height category, breeder’s prizes will be allocated at random by HSI to one breeder per height category.

## Eligibility:

Ponies must be registered in a studbook with a breed documented within their studbook passport. This can include main section studbook equines OR supplementary section studbook equines in order to be eligible to compete and receive prizemoney.

Horses and ponies with **Identity Documents** are **not eligible to compete or to receive prize money**.

Ponies with the breed code “UNK” are **NOT** eligible to compete.

To check if your horse is eligible to compete, please email [grants@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:grants@horsesportireland.ie)  
Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to change or alter the terms and conditions of the Studbook Series at any time.

## Photography

By entering this series, parents/legal guardians acknowledge that photographs may be taken during participation in the class. These photos may be used for results publications. Prior to publication, parents will be contacted for explicit consent. If a parent/legal guardian does not wish for their child to be photographed, they must notify [HSI] in writing before the event. Information on HSI Child Safeguarding, including our photography policy, can be found at <https://www.horsesportireland.ie/governance/child-welfare-safeguarding/>.



## **Class format**

### **5-Year-Old Ponies:**

128cms:

Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)

The maximum height of the class must not exceed 70cms.

138cms 5-Year-Old:

Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)

The maximum height of the class must not exceed 80cms.

148cms 5-Year-Old:

Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)

The maximum height of the class must not exceed 90cms.

### **6- & 7-Year-Old Ponies:**

128cms 6- & 7-Year-Olds:

Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)

The maximum height of the class must not exceed 80cms.

138cms 6- & 7-Year-Olds:

Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)

The maximum height of the class must not exceed 90cms.

148cms 6- & 7-Year-Olds:

Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)

The maximum height of the class must not exceed 1m in the 6-Year-Old division.

The maximum height of the class must not exceed 1.05m in the 7-Year-Old division

### **Points/League System:**

The Studbook Series will **not** be run as a league, instead each leg will be run as a standalone show.