



Three-Year-Old Loose Jumping Filly Competitions

Criteria and Scoring System

These competitions are for three-year-old fillies and aim to identify young performance fillies that may be suitable for the breeding herd. By entering you provide consent to have your filly linear profiled for research under National Breeding Services at these events. Filly loose jumping is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine under National Breeding Services and delivered by Horse Sport Ireland.

There will be three qualifiers for 3yo horses with separate categories for Eventing and Showjumping fillies. There will be a separate, stand-alone competition for 3 & 4 YO filly ponies. The qualifiers will be held in September. The **top two** highest scoring 3-Year-Old fillies from the eventing and showjumping **HORSE** categories will be selected for the final at each qualifier.

Loose Jumping 3YO Championship Qualifier Dates for 2026
PONY Loose Jumping Competition: Glenamaddy Equestrian Centre – Thursday 10th September 2026 Closing date- 8th September
HORSE Loose Jumping Qualifiers
Kernan's Equestrian Centre– (HORSES ONLY) Tuesday 15th September 2026 Closing date – 11th September
Tubberbride Stables – (HORSES ONLY) Monday 21st September 2026 Closing date – 17th September
Goresbridge Sales Complex – (HORSES ONLY) Thursday 24th September 2026 Closing date- 22nd September
<u>Loose Jumping Championship Final Thursday 15th October</u> Emerald Equestrian Centre (Qualified Horses ONLY)

The final will be held at Emerald EC on Thursday 15th October where 3YO Champions will be named in the Eventing and Showjumping categories. A prize fund of €7,500, including breeder prizes, will be on offer at the final for qualified entries.

- Entries must be made online and payment made directly to the venue. Payments are processed by the venue(s) separately to applications.
- There will be no entries on the day allowed for the **HORSE** competition. However, entries on the day for the **PONY** competition will be allowed. Late entries will not be included in the published start list.
 - HSI reserves the right to allow entries on the day for the HORSE competition where deemed necessary for the venue.



- A start list and start time will be allocated to each competitor by email. Competitors must be present for their allotted time to compete.

- The filly horse competitions are open to any three-year-old filly that is studbook registered with a breed recorded (this can include main or supplementary section studbook animals)
 - The top ranked Traditional Irish Horse (TIH) filly will be awarded a prize in the Eventing and Showjumping loose jumping sections.
 - The top two highest scoring fillies from the **HORSE** 3-year-old horse loose jumping will be selected for the final at each qualifier in the Eventing and Showjumping sections.
- **Passports must be available for inspection by HSI staff and judges at the competitions. Prize money will not be paid to fillies that do not meet the studbook registration requirements.**
- Breeder's prizes will only be paid to breeders residing on the Island of Ireland.
- To confirm eligibility please email grants@horsesportireland.ie
- Equine Anti-Doping: The Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication (EADCM) Rules apply, and entrants are subject to a Blood and/or Urine sample being taken for analysis. Details of the HSI EADCM programme including the applicable Rules, the prohibited substance list and the applicable FEI prohibited substance database can be found here: <https://www.horsesportireland.ie/equine-anti-doping/>.
- Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to change or alter the terms and conditions of the Loose Jumping Filly Championship at any time.

Criteria for entry

- The filly horse competitions are open to any **three -year-old** filly that is studbook registered with a breed recorded (this can include main or supplementary section studbook animals).
- The filly pony competition is open to any **three and four-year-old** pony that is studbook registered with a breed recorded (main or supplementary section).
- The loose jumping pony competition will have a height restriction based on the measurement of the height at the withers which **cannot exceed a maximum of 151.0cm with shoes** on the day of competition.
- Pony height will be measured by a veterinarian on the day. **The HSI appointed veterinarian's decision on the day is final.**
- 3--year-old horse fillies can enter up to a maximum of 2 qualifiers, where they have not come 1st /2nd place and qualified for final at any previous qualifier. This is to ensure fairness to all competitors.
- The filly's passport must be available on the day for inspection.
- Fillies should present to the vet at least 15 minutes prior to their allotted start time for the qualifier.
- Fillies must be led to and from the arena and only turned loose when requested to do so by the judges/ arena party.
- Where a qualified filly is unable to attend the final, the next highest scoring reserve from **any** **qualifier** will be offered the place in the final.

Scoring Notes:

- In eventing section horses will be allowed to display themselves once in canter around the enclosed arena. This "canter round" will be scored as per headings given below.



- 'Economy of Effort' in jumping will be rewarded.
- No points for unnatural or exaggerated performances.

- In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score from Phase Two will be the winner. (see scoring below)
- In showjumping section in the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score for 'Technique' will be the winner
- The judges' decision on the day is **final**.
- HSI reserves the right to amend the T&Cs at any time.

Welfare

- It is important for your filly to be well prepared for the classes in the interest of safety. It is advised that the **filly has been handled and familiarised with loose jumping/ loose movement**.
- Any evidence of fillies having been over or unnaturally produced which could be detrimental to their future development and general well-being may mean elimination from the competition.
- Please do not attend if your filly is unwell or unsound.
- Vets will assess each horse/ pony and assign a [Body Condition Score \(BCS\)](#). Should the vet deem the BCS to be too low, this may mean exclusion from the competition.
- Equine welfare is paramount for all activities; equines should not have their whiskers trimmed or be inappropriately produced for or handled during any of the events.
- Judges and Arena Party reserves the right to end the jumping portion of the competition, where a filly is deemed too green or may be a danger to herself and others.

Prize Money

- Prize money will be paid out directly to the competitor, by HSI, after the final.
- Details for prize payment processing must be provided with the application to ensure efficient processing after each event.
- Prize money will only be paid out where the filly has an eligible studbook passport and:
 - is in correct ownership with the Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) as per SI 201/2016
 - if imported: a movement notification has been completed with a DAFM Approved PIO, per CR 262/2015.
 - If an owner wishes to make payment to another individual, written permission from the registered owner (with the PIO, per SI201/2016) must be submitted to HSI.
- **Failure to adhere to the above terms and conditions may result in prize money being forfeited.**

Ponies: Loose Jumping: Scoring System

Ponies	Out of 100
Functional Conformation	20
Canter	20
Technique	20
Scope	20
Reflexes	10
Attitude	10



Horse Eventing: Loose Jumping: Scoring System

Horses	Out of 150	
Conformation	30	Looking for excellent all-round conformation
Walk	10	Freedom of pace, power, lightness, balance and athleticism
Trot	10	Freedom of pace, power, lightness, balance and athleticism
Canter*	30	Correct, elastic, regular through a swinging back, length of stride, balance, self-carriage and lightness
Jumping	30	Scope, athleticism, technique - use of head, neck and shoulders, suppleness of back, open/tight haunches
Reflexes	10	Quickness of reflexes
Presentation	10	Standard of Training & Presentation
Potential & Suitability	20	Quality, presence and temperament
Thoroughbred %	10	10%= 1 point, 50%= 5 points etc

**Canter: Horses will be allowed to display themselves once in canter around the enclosed arena. This "canter round" will be scored as per headings given above.*

'Economy of Effort' in jumping will be rewarded.

No points for unnatural or exaggerated performances.

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score from Phase Two will be the winner.

Horse Showjumping: Loose Jumping: Scoring System

Horses	Out of 110	
Conformation	20	Correctness, quality of legs, condition
Canter	30	Correct, elastic, regular through a swinging back, length of stride, balance, self-carriage and lightness
Technique	20	Use of head, neck and shoulders, suppleness of back, open/tight haunches
Scope	20	Ability of horse to jump with upward power and forward direction
Reflexes	10	Quickness of reflexes
Attitude	10	Brain, temperament, trainability

Economy of effort in jumping will be rewarded.

No points for unnatural and exaggerated performances.

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score for 'Technique' will be the winner



Filly Loose Jumping prize money

Horse Competition Prize Money €5,000 at each of the three venues			
3 YO Fillies EVENTING		3YO Fillies SHOWJUMPING	
Placing	Prize	Placing	Prize
1st	€700	1st	€700
2nd	€500	2nd	€500
3rd	€400	3rd	€400
4th	€300	4th	€300
5th	€200	5th	€200
6th	€100	6th	€100
Top TIH Filly	€300	Top TIH Filly	€300

Pony Competition Prize Money €2,280 at Glenamaddy ONLY			
3 YO Pony Fillies		4YO Pony Fillies	
Placing	Prize	Placing	Prize
1st	€500	1st	€500
2nd	€250	2nd	€250
3rd	€150	3rd	€150
4th	€100	4th	€100
5th	€80	5th	€80
6th	€60	6th	€60

Breeder Prizes			
3 YO Filly Eventing		3 YO Filly Showjumping	
Placing	Prize	Placing	Prize
1st	€400	1st	€400
2nd	€250	2nd	€250

Breeder Prizes			
3 YO Pony Fillies		4 YO Pony Fillies	
Placing	Prize	Placing	Prize
1st	€300	1st	€300
2nd	€150	2nd	€150



FINAL - Horse Competition Prize Money – Top 2 horses qualify for the final from 3 venues

3 YO Eventing Horse Fillies		3YO Showjumping Horse Fillies	
Placing	Prize	Placing	Prize
1st	€1,500	1st	€1,500
2nd	€800	2nd	€800
3rd	€600	3rd	€600

FINAL - Breeder Prizes

3 YO Eventing Horse Fillies		3 YO Showjumping Horse Fillies	
Placing	Prize	Placing	Prize
1st	€500	1st	€500
2nd	€350	2nd	€350