

Lanaken 2015 – Selection Criteria

Selection Criteria:

- A maximum of 15 horses shall be selected to represent the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken 2015;
- Breeding criteria: All horses registered in the Irish Horse Register with the breed codes ISH, RID or ID, and with sire and dam recorded on their passport, are eligible for selection;
- A maximum of 5 horses shall be selected in each of the following age categories:
 - 5 year olds;
 - 6 year olds;
 - 7 year olds;
- Chef d'Equipe for the Irish Sport Horse Studbook team travelling to Lanaken shall be Comdt. John Ledingham and he shall act as the sole selector for participation at the event. However, he will be required to present his proposed selection to the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses (Showjumping) Committee in advance of it being communicated to any other parties;
- The following criteria shall be used for selection in the 5 year old and 6 year old age categories:
 - Top three horses in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series Leagues;
 - Top horse from the RDS Dublin 5 year old class and 6 year old class, providing they finish in the top 4 placings;
 - One other horse to be selected by the Chef d'Equipe;
 - Two reserves shall also be selected by the Chef d'Equipe in addition to the 5 horses selected in each age category, should one of those 5 horses be unable to travel.
- The following criteria shall be used for selection in the 7 year old age category:
 - Top two horses in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series League;
 - Top two horses from the RDS Dublin 7 & 8 year old class placed 1st to 10th, providing they jump clear in the first round of the final. If two horses placed 1st to 10th from RDS Dublin do not meet this criteria, i.e. have not jumped clear in the first round of the final, the selection of these places will be made by the Chef d'Equipe;
 - One other horse to be selected by the Chef d'Equipe.
- Substitution is at the discretion of the Chef d'Equipe exclusively.
- The selector will select the combinations that he believes will best represent the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at Lanaken. Factors that will be taken into account include:
 - Suitability of the combination to cope with the specific conditions of the competition at Lanaken;
 - While the main goal will be to achieve success at Lanaken, if the selector considers a combination likely to have a long term future in the sport;
 - Overall form of the combinations under similar conditions (e.g. similar time allowed, water fences, light fence material, width of oxers) to those that will be met at Lanaken;
 - Experience/competence of the rider to deliver optimum performance at Lanaken.
- Subject to the availability of funding, each horse representing the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at Lanaken shall receive a travel bursary and will have their entries paid.
- Riders are obliged to wear a green jacket while competing at the World Championships at Lanaken. Failure to comply will forfeit funding.

Entries Criteria:

- Definite entries for Lanaken close on Wednesday 26th August 2015. The final leg of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series takes place on Sunday 23rd August at which point the final League standings will be available.
- Selection will be finalised on the morning of Monday 24th August and riders and owners will be notified by phone immediately. Riders/owners will have until 4pm on that same day to confirm/decline that they will be travelling. Owners will at this stage also be asked to nominate the main point of contact for all matters relating to Lanaken – rider or owner.
- At 4pm on Monday 24th August, all travelling combinations will have been confirmed and riders/owners will need to organise FEI registration immediately so that entries can be made through the FEI system. All horses and riders must be registered by close of business on that same day.
- On Wednesday 26th August, all riders, owners and breeders, connected to both travelling and non-travelling (declined and reserves) horses are contacted by post to confirm their selection in writing.
- Rider substitutions will not be allowed except on medical or veterinary grounds, but all substitution decisions will be at the discretion of the Chef d'Equipe. In the case of a bona fide sale, where a rider substitution is requested, the Chef d'Equipe reserves the right to approve that substitution.

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