

European Show Jumping Championship 2015 - Aachen,
Germany 19-23 August (Final qualification for Rio Olympics)
Irish Chef d'Equipe: Robert Splaine

THE TEAM COMPETITION: The team competition at the European Championships will be decided over three rounds.

- **Day 1 - Wednesday 19th August:** Round One takes place at 1pm, and is a speed class with four seconds added to a rider's time for each fence knocked. After this class each rider will be ranked and the rider with the fastest time will be allocated zero penalties. Every other rider will be allocated penalties equal to half the time difference between them and the leader. The scores of the three riders with the lowest penalties on each team will be added to calculate the team penalties after this round. These penalties are carried forward to the second team round on Thursday.
- **Day 2 - Thursday 20th August:** Round Two takes place at 12.45pm. Each of the four riders jumps a standard Nations' Cup round with the three best scores being added to the team score from the first day. After this round the top ten teams go forward to the team final on Friday, carrying their score from the first two rounds.
- **Day 3 - Friday 21st August:** Round Three takes place at 4pm and is the team final. The result will be decided by 6.40pm. Each of the four team riders jumps a further Nations' Cup round. The three best scores from this are added to the team total from the first two days to decide the final team placing. To gain Olympic qualification Ireland must finish in the top three, excluding the results of those European countries already qualified for Rio, namely the Netherlands, France, Germany, Sweden and the Ukraine.

Other information: The individual final will be held on Sunday 23rd August. Each rider carries their penalties from the three team rounds/individual qualifiers into the final, which is over two rounds. Twenty-nine countries will be represented at the European Championships in Aachen, with 23 of those countries fielding teams.

THE INVESTEC SHOW JUMPING TEAM

- **Bertram Allen** (20) from Wexford with **Molly Malone V** (owned by Ballywalter Farms)
- **Greg Broderick** (29) from Tipperary with **MHS Going Global (ISH)** (owned by Caledonia Stables)
- **Denis Lynch** (39) from Tipperary with **All Star 5** (owned by Thomas Straumann)
- **Cian O'Connor** (36) from Meath with **Good Luck** (owned by Adena Springs)

Live TV coverage Team Finals Friday 21st August 4:45pm on **TG4**
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