

HSI Sport Horse/Pony Foal Championship 2022 Information Note

Horse Sport Ireland is pleased to announce the details of the 2022 Sport Horse/Pony Foal Championship. The Championship for horses and ponies has a prize fund of almost **€30,000**. The aim is to identify, evaluate and reward breeders who have bred a foal that has the potential to be competitive at the highest International level in the disciplines of showjumping or eventing.

There will be 6 regional qualifiers with separate categories and sections for horses and ponies for potential showjumping foals and potential eventing foals. The qualifiers will be held in August, September & October where 5 foals will be selected for the final at each regional qualifier. The best show jumping type foal, and the best eventing type foal from both the horse and pony categories as well as the best traditional in the horse categories.

Dates for 2022;
Monday 29 th August – The Meadows Equestrian Centre, NI
Tuesday 6 th September – Maryville Stables, Cork
Wednesday 14 th September – Wexford Equestrian Centre
Monday 19 th September – Creagh Equestrian Centre, Galway
Tuesday 27 th September - Coilog Equestrian Centre, Kildare
Monday 3 rd October – Tubberbride Equestrian, Sligo (New Date)
Wednesday 19 th October – FINAL – Cavan Equestrian Centre

The final will be held on the 19th October in Cavan Equestrian Centre where Champions will be named in both horse and pony sections a pot of €10,000 for horses and €1,500 for ponies will be on offer. There will be a Champion Show Jumping Foal and Champion Eventing Foal for horse and pony sections at the Final and also a Champion traditionally-bred foal in the horse sections.

- Entries to be made online and payment directly to 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.
- Prize money will be transferred via electronic banking. If bank details are not provided within 30 days of the competition the prize money will be forfeited.

Criteria for entry

- For the horse section, foals must be registered in a studbook that is a member of the WBFSH or DAFM approved (pending DNA where this can be verified by the studbook is acceptable) and should be shown with their dams where possible.
- For the pony section, foals must be registered originally in a EU approved studbook and should be shown with their dams where possible.
- For the pony section foals are permitted to enter more than one regional qualifier but once qualified for the final cannot compete again.
- Foals in the horse section are only permitted to enter **one regional qualifier** but **will not be** limited to competing in the region in which the competitor resides.
- Foals must be entered in either the Show jumping Section **or** the Eventing Section. They **cannot** compete in both sections.
- The dam's passport should be available on the day for inspection. For the pony section the dam may be measured.
- All foals must be a minimum of 6 weeks old and have a Studbook passport to compete at the Final.
- All foals must be named in order to compete in the Final.

- **Foals must be registered & microchipped for the qualifiers** and must provide their passport for the final. The process of receiving a Studbook passport for a foal can take 4 – 6 weeks once DNA is submitted and everything is in correct order.
- A covering certificate is required to be submitted by the stallion owner to complete the foal registration in advance of the final.

Classes

- All classes must run on a pre-entry basis. Entries will be taken online will be **required 3 working days** before the event.
- All classes must be held in a prominent arena at the show with a suitable surface to cope with adverse conditions and a suitable loose movement pen (20x40m) or an indoor arena which should be fenced off 20m by 40 m.
- Shows cannot schedule or hold other foal classes as part of the show;
- Entry fees should not exceed €40.

Please note foals need to be kept on their lead at the venues except when being shown loose in the arena.

Competitors

- Foals must be lead to and from the arena, and only turned loose when requested to do so by the judges.
- The judge's decision for the qualifiers and Championship is final, the only exception is where the pedigree of the foal is not subsequently confirmed by DNA.
- Foals must be registered & microchipped for the qualifiers and must provide their passport for the final. Prize money will only be provided after pedigree confirmed by DNA and passport details are verified.

Prize Money for HORSE SECTIONS

Regional Qualifiers (€2,000 per venue)

	Show Jumping Foal	Eventing Foal	Traditional Foal
1st (Qualifies for Final)	€500	€500	€350
2nd	€250	€250	€150

Final (€10,000)

	Show Jumping Foal	Eventing Foal	Traditional Foal
1st	€2,000	€2,000	€2,000
2nd	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000

In addition €1,500 will be awarded towards prizes in kind, sashes etc.

Prize Money for PONY SECTIONS

Regional Qualifiers (€700 per venue)

	Show Jumping Foal	Eventing Foal
1st (Qualifies for Final)	€250	€250
2nd	€100	€100

Final (€1,500)

	Show Jumping Foal	Eventing Foal
1st	€500	€500
2nd	€250	€250

*In addition €800 towards prizes in kind, sashes etc.

Preparation

It is important for the foals to be well prepared for the classes. To practice for the championship it is wise that the foal has been familiarised with the headcollar and leading at a young age. During the events the foals may not have lost all of their foal hairs. The judges will only examine the quality of the foal and does not pay attention to colour or coat. During the classes a foal's health is more important than show condition coat. Completely shaving the foals is not recommended, because shaved foals are more likely to get a cold when they are outside in bad weather.

These classes are not traditional show foal classes, they are for potential performance animals. Any evidence of foals having been over-fed or pushed to grow and develop unnaturally, which could be detrimental for their future bone development and general wellbeing will be penalised.

Evaluation

Foals will be presented to the judges accompanied by their dam where possible. During the individual presentation the foal is positioned in front of the judges with a halter, in order to evaluate its posture and conformation. The mare will be kept at hand during the foals movement evaluation. The foal can then be judged freely on walk, trot and canter as indicated by the judges. When all the foals are evaluated, the results for Regional Champion and Reserve will be announced as soon as possible on the Horse Sport Ireland website. The judges sheet will describe the positive attributes of the foals and provide an assessment as to whether they think the foal is Eventer type or Showjumper type.

Judging Criteria:

There will be two judges for each category of Show jumping and Eventing.

Foals will be judged according to the following criteria.

1. Functional conformation
2. Walk
3. Trot
4. Canter
5. Overall athleticism and balance

Scoring will be judged out of 100 for eventing horses and showjumping horses and will be based on the following traits:

	Showjumping Section Qualifier/Final	Eventing Section Qualifier/Final
Functional conformation	20	25
Walk	10	15
Trot	15	25
Canter	25	15
Overall athleticism and balance	30	20

Scoring will be judged out of 100 for ponies and will be based on the following traits:

	Showjumping Section Qualifier/Final	Eventing Section Qualifier/Final
Functional conformation	20	25
Walk	10	15
Trot	15	25
Canter	25	15
Overall athleticism and balance	30	20

APPENDIX 1. DETAILS INCLUDING PAYMENT TO VENUES

Regional Championship	Venue	Date	Closing Date
Region 1 Wicklow, Louth, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath, Dublin	Coilog Equestrian Centre, Co Dublin	Tuesday 27 th September 2022	CLOSING DATE Thursday 22nd September Entries made online only. Payments made online. 045-860842 or Email info@coilog.com https://buy.stripe.com/5kAfZ1fEd2MwfHG8ww
Region 2 Tipperary, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny	Wexford Equestrian, Tomhaggard, Co. Wexford	Wednesday 14 th September 2022	CLOSING DATE Friday 9th September. Entries made online only. Payments made online Any problems call 0863902309 https://mysplink.com/wexfordequestrian
Region 3 Waterford, Kerry, Limerick, Cork	Maryville Co. Cork	Tuesday 6 th September 2022	CLOSING DATE Thursday 1st September. Entries made online only. 087 771 0970 https://www.maryvillestables.ie/training/hsifoal2022/
Region 4 Mayo, Galway, Clare	Creagh Equestrian Centre, Ballinasloe, Galway	Tuesday 20 th September 2022	CLOSING DATE Thursday 15th September. Entries made online only. Please pay at the venue directly creaghequestriancentre@googlemail.com or call 087 2254227
Region 5 Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Roscommon	Tubberbride Stables, Sligo	Monday 3 rd October 2022	CLOSING DATE Wednesday 28th September. Entries made online only. Please pay at the venue directly noeleenkerins14@gmail.com or call 087 6712200
Northern Ireland	The Meadows Equestrian Centre	Monday 29 th August 2022	CLOSING DATE Wednesday 24th August. Entries made online only. 028 38322417 Please pay the entry fee at https://themec.co.uk/home/events/

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