



DAFM Studbook Show Jumping Series 2025 - Criteria Delivered by Horse Sport Ireland

Venues/Dates:

Classes for 5-year-old, 6-year-old and 7-year-old horses will be held at selected venues throughout Ireland listed below.

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| • Leg 1: Tipperary Equestrian Centre | March 29 th |
| • Leg 2: Mullingar Equestrian Centre | April 12 th & 13 th |
| • Leg 3: The Meadows | April 27 th |
| • Leg 4: Galway Equestrian Centre | May 5 th |
| • Leg 5: Barnadown Showjumping | May 10 th & 11 th |
| • Leg 6: Maryville | July 5 th & 6 th |
| • FINAL: National Balmoral | July 19 th & 20 th |

Classes in the Republic of Ireland are subject to receipt of DAFM derogation approval.

Notes on 2025 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 through the online application platform www.sjilive.ie. 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(www.sjilive.ie). Entries will open at 10am on the preceding Monday and close at 4pm on Thursday. Late entries will not be accepted. A reserve system will not operate for these classes.

- Entries will be €35 (£25) per qualifier and €45 (£40) per final per two-day show.
- One day show entries are €35.

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. Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions at any time, relevant parties notified of same should this occur.

At the show:

At each two-day leg of the Series, there will be a qualifier class leading to a final (to be held on the second day of the show). Declarations for the finals at each leg must be made within one hour of the conclusion of the qualifier class through the SJilive platform. The DAFM Studbook Series must be organised and run in full compliance of relevant [SJI articles](#) and FEI code of conduct for the welfare of the horse.

Important note on horse and rider combinations – horses must be jumped by the same rider in both the qualifiers and the finals at each two-day show. Any rider found in breach of this rule will forfeit any prize money/points earned in the respective final.

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. A reserve list for the final **will not operate** for these classes. Failure to comply with the rules, the ground jury, starter, or stipendiary steward may result in disqualification.

Horse/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 SJI steward will be eliminated from the class.

Riders who choose to compete in a leg(s) of the Studbook Show Jumping Series are consenting to their rounds being live-streamed and/or available for publication on platforms of Horse Sport Ireland's choosing.

Tack and horse boots:

Martingales are allowed but must be correctly fitted.

Only non-performance enhancing hind boots may be worn in these classes. 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.

SJI stewards will attend each leg of the Studbook Series to check boots and passports.

Judges and Stewards:

A Senior National Judge (or above) and National Judge, or above, must form part of the Ground Jury for all classes held as part of the Studbook Series.

A Senior National Course Builder (or above) must be in place for all classes held as part of the Studbook Series.

An SJI steward should be present in the practice arenas for the duration of the Studbook classes.

All rounds of all classes in the Studbook Series must be timed.

Ground Conditions:

Where adverse weather conditions occur in the week leading up to any of the legs of the Studbook 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 first qualifier 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 by SJI to the riders by 2pm on the day prior to the qualifier. In the case where the National Grand Prix or Premier Series is called off due to weather conditions, all Studbook 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 11-15 entries in a qualifier or one-day show, prize money will only be paid out from 1st to 3rd place inclusive.
- Where there are 10 or less entries in a qualifier or one-day show, HSI reserves the right to cancel the class.

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 winners (horse-rider) must take part in the prize giving ceremony (Article 248/5).

Groom Prize

The groom prize fund is designated to recognize and reward grooms who are active in the industry and provide essential health and welfare support to competing young horses.

- Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to withhold the grooms prize where the groom is not considered a bona fide groom.
- If the winning combination does not have a bona fide groom, the prize will be referred to within the top 3 only (to 2nd place and if not 2nd, 3rd place).
- Combinations cannot appoint casual groom or fellow competitors to groom on the day/weekend of competition for the purposes of receipt of the groom's prize.

Prize money, 1-day classes

At each 1-day leg (legs 1,3,4), there will be €8,080 in prize money on offer, broken down between the three age classes as follows:

Table 1. Prize fund: 1-day Show				
Age Class	Class fund	Top Breeder Prize*	Groom Prize*	Total
5-Year-Old Horses	€1,800	€300	€100	€2,200
6-Year-Old Horses	€2,000	€300	€100	€2,400
7-Year-Old Horses^	€2,880	€500	€100	€3,480
*Breeder and groom prizes are awarded at random in the 5- & 6-year-old classes. Prizes for breeders and groom's resident in Ireland only. Grooms must be bona fide grooms as identified by the rider on the day of the show or thereafter. ^7-year-olds 1- 10 th place				

Prize money, 2-day classes

At each 2-day leg (legs 2,5,6), **excluding Balmoral Final**, there will be €12,940 in prize money on offer, broken down between the three age classes as follows:

**Table 2. Prize fund: 2-day Show**

Age Class	Qualifier Round	Final Round	Top Breeder Prize (Finals only)*	Groom Prize (finals only) *	Total
5-Year-Old Horses	€1,000	€2,500	€300	€100	€3,900
6-Year-Old Horses	€1,000	€2,500	€300	€100	€3,900
7-Year-Old Horses [^]	€1,140	€3,400	€500	€100	€5,140

*Breeder and groom prizes are awarded at random in the 5- & 6-year-old classes. Prizes for breeders and grooms resident in Ireland only. Grooms must be bona fide grooms as identified by their rider on the day of the show or thereafter.

[^]7-year-olds are paid 1-6 in the qualifier and 1- 10 in the final

Age category prize funds

5 YEAR OLDS LEGS 1-6: For the 5-year-old qualifier classes in legs 1 to 6, prize money will be divided between the top 25 OR all clears. Prize money for the 5-year-old final classes in legs 1-6 will be divided between all double clears in both 1- and 2-day classes (table 1 and 2).

6 YEAR OLDS LEGS 1-6: For the 6-year-old qualifier classes in legs 1-5 (inclusive), prize money will be divided between the top 25 OR all double clears in both 1- and 2-day classes (table 1 and 2).

For the 6-year-old classes in **leg 6**, qualifier classes will be divided between the top 25. Prize money for the 6-year-old final classes will be as per the table below (€2,500):

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place	10 th Place
€800	€600	€400	€250	€150	€100	€50	€50	€50	€50

7 YEAR OLDS LEGS 1-6:

Prize money for the 7-year-old classes in **legs 1,3,4** will be €2,880 as per the below table:

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place	10 th Place
€900	€750	€500	€250	€150	€100	€80	€50	€50	€50

For the 7-year-old qualifier classes in **legs 2, 5, 6** prize money will be €1,140 as per the below table:

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
€500	€250	€150	€80	€80	€80

Prize money for the 7-year-old final classes in **legs 2,5,6** will be €3,400 as per the below table:

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place	10 th Place
€1000	€800	€600	€400	€200	€150	€100	€50	€50	€50



Eligibility:

Horses measuring above 148 cm that are registered **OR** classified in a Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM) Approved Studbook. Horses that are bred in Ireland as documented by their studbook passport/correspondence confirming same from the original passport issuing authority are also eligible to participate. If the equine is bred in Ireland but not registered in a DAFM approved studbook, submission of proof of place of birth must be sent and received by HIS prior to class entry.

Horses without a recorded 'breed'/not registered or classified in a DAFM studbook are not permitted to enter or draw down any prize funding.

Classification rule:

Stallions bred outside of Ireland that have been inspected and classified as:

'Preliminary Approved' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook

OR have been Approved or passed Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland Stallion Inspection System

OR inspected and classified in any other DAFM Approved studbook are eligible to compete.

In addition, mares bred outside of Ireland that have been inspected and classified as:

'Select' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook

OR an 'Approved Mare' in the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland

OR inspected and classified in any other DAFM Approved studbook are eligible to compete.

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

Class format

- Four legs of the Studbook Series (legs 2, 5, 6 and the final), there will be a qualifier class leading to a final. The final shall in every instance be held on the second day of the show.
- Legs 1, 3, and 4 will run as a one-day show.
- **Water Jump** – The provision of an open water jump with poles over it (not a Liverpool) must be made available at each leg from Leg 2 onwards.
 - (i) The 'Water Jump' fence will not be included in 5-year-old classes.
 - (ii) For legs 2 & 3 in 6- and 7-year-old classes, the water jump will be an optional fence within the course.
 - (iii) From leg 3 onwards (6- and 7-year-old classes), the water jump is a compulsory course fence. It will remain excluded for 5-year-olds.
- Ground lines for 5-year-olds will be compulsory in legs 1-3.

5-Year-Old Horses:

At legs 2, 5 and 6 of the series, the qualifier will run as a two-phase competition (Article 274.8.5.1). The top 25 **OR** all double clears will qualify for the final. Time will only be used to decide the combinations that have qualified for the finals, where there are more than 25 double clears. A reserve list, for the final, will not operate for these classes.



- At legs 1, 3 and 4 of the series, the class will run as a two-phase competition. (Article 274.8.5.1) on one day with no second day final. Time will only be used for the provision of time faults. All double clear rounds will divide the prize money.

At the final, the qualifier classes will be run as a two-phase class with the second phase against the clock (Article 274.5.3). The top 25 horses will qualify for the final.

Class requirements:

At all legs of the series, except Balmoral, the final class will run as a two-phase competition (Article 274.8.5.1) not against the clock. Prizemoney will be divided by the total number of double clears.

Course Details and Obstacle Heights

Course builders will be asked to set the courses at 350m/min. For legs 1 - 4, it is recommended that the maximum heights of the class do **not** exceed 1m10 in the course. For legs 5 and 6, the suggested heights will be 1m10 - 1m15 for the qualifier and not higher than 1m15 - 1m20 for the final classes. For the final in Balmoral, the heights will not exceed 1m20 for the qualifier and with a maximum height of 1m25 for the back pole of oxers in the final.

6-Year-Old Horses:

At legs 2 and 5 of the series, the qualifier class will run as a two-phase competition (Article 274.8.5.1). The top 25 OR all double clears will qualify for the final. Time will only be used to decide the combinations that have qualified for the finals, where there are less than 25 double clears. A reserve list, for the final, will not operate for these classes.

- At legs 1, 3 and 4 of the series, the class will run as a two-phase competition (Article 274.8.5.1) on one day with no second day final. Time will only be used for the provision of time faults. All clear rounds will divide the prizemoney.
- At **Leg 6** of the series, the qualifier class will be run as a two-phase class with the second phase against the clock (Article 274.1.5.3). The top 25 horses will qualify for the final.
 - The final on Day 2 of **Leg 6** will be run as a jump off class with the second round against the clock (Article 238.2.2).

Final Class:

At the final in Balmoral, the final classes will be run as a jump-off class (Article 238.2.2, Table A with one jump-off). A reserve list, for the final, will not operate for these classes.

Course Details and Obstacle Heights

Course builders will be asked to set the courses at 350m/min. For legs 1 - 4, it is recommended that the maximum heights of the class do **not** exceed 1m20 in the course. For legs 5 and 6, the suggested heights will be 1m15 - 1m20 for the qualifier and not higher than 1m20 - 1m25 for the final classes. At the final in Balmoral, the heights will not exceed 1m25 for the qualifier and with a maximum height of 1m30 for the back pole of oxers in the final.



7-Year-Old Horses:

At legs 2, 5 and 6 of the series, the qualifier class will be run as a two-phase class with the second round against the clock (Article 274.5.3). The top 25 horses will qualify for the final.

At legs 1, 3 and 4 of the series, the 7-Year-Old class will run as a two-phase class with the second round against the clock (Article 274.5.3) on one day with no second day final.

Final Class:

The final class will be run as a jump-off class (Article 238.2.2, Table A with one jump-off). A reserve list, for the final, will not operate for these classes.

Course Details and Obstacle Heights:

Course builders will be asked to set the courses at 350 m/min. For leg 1, the height is recommended to not exceed 1m25. For legs 2, 3 and 4, the recommended height band of 1m30 applies. For legs 5 and 6, the recommended height band of 1m30 will apply to the qualifier classes and 1m35 to the final class. For final in Balmoral, height bands of 1m35 will apply to the qualifier class and 1m40 to the final.

Points/League System:

The Studbook Series will be run as a league determined by points awarded at each leg of the series on both the qualifying day and the final day. The final leg of the Studbook Series in Balmoral will be open to all eligible horses and will not be restricted to combinations who have gained points throughout the series.

League points will strictly apply to horse/rider combinations only. No transfer of points will be allowed.

Where a show permits a competitor to jump a second round/phase having had faults in the first round/phase league points will not be earned.

- Horses must jump clear in the FIRST round/phase to be eligible for points

In the event of equality of points in the leagues, the final placings will be determined by places achieved at the final in Balmoral.

League points for 5-Year-Old Horses:

	Round 1: Clear Round	Round 2*: Clear Round
Qualifier/ 1-day classes	2 points	1 point
Final Class	3 points	2 points

* Qualifier class round 2 points for 5- & 6-year-old classes will only be applicable for leg 6 and the Balmoral final

League points for 6-Year-Old Horses:

	Round 1: Clear Round	Round 2*: Clear Round
Qualifier/ 1-day classes	2 points	1 point
Final Class	3 points	2 points

* Qualifier class round 2 points for 5- & 6-year-old classes will only be applicable for leg 6 and the Balmoral final

League points for 7-Year-Old Horses:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
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Place	Place	Place	Place	Place	Place	Place	Place	Place	Place
10 pts	8 pts	6 pts	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pts	1 pts	1 pts	1 pts
Applicable to the 1-day shows & final classes of 2-day shows									

Grand Final - Balmoral

The Grand Final of the Studbook Series 2025 will be held in Balmoral on the 19th & 20th July. Entry to the final is not restricted to those who have participated in the series up to that date. New combinations can enter to participate for the qualifiers and finals in National Balmoral. All other entry and eligibility rules apply.

5-Year-Old Horses

Balmoral Final Format:

At the final in Balmoral, the qualifier class will be run as a two-phase class with the second round against the clock (Article 274.5.3) The top 25 horses will qualify for the final. At the final in Balmoral, the final class will be run as a jump-off class (Article 238.2.2, Table A with one jump-off).

Course Details and Obstacle Heights:

Course builders will be asked to set the courses at 350m/min.

For the final in Balmoral, the heights will not exceed 1m20 for the qualifier and with a maximum height of 1m25 for the back pole of oxers in the final (Article 238.2.2, Table A with one jump-off). A reserve list, for the final, will not operate for these classes.

6-Year-Old Horses:

Balmoral Final Format:

At the final in Balmoral, the final classes will be run as a jump-off class (Article 238.2.2, Table A with one jump-off). A reserve list, for the final, will not operate for these classes.

Course Details and Obstacle Heights:

Course builders will be asked to set courses at 350 m/min.

At the final in Balmoral, the heights will not exceed 1m25 for the qualifier and a maximum height of 1m30 in the final. An open water jump with poles over it (not a Liverpool), will be a compulsory course fence for the 6- & 7-year-olds at the Balmoral final. Please familiarise your horse to jump such an obstacle.

7-Year-Old Horses:

Balmoral Final Format:

The final class will be run as a jump-off class (Article 238.2.2, Table A with one jump-off). A reserve list, for the final, will not operate for these classes.

Course Details and Obstacle Heights:

Course builders will be asked to set the courses at 350 m/min.

The height bands of 1m35 will apply to the qualifier classes and 1m40 to the final classes for the final in Balmoral.

An open water jump with poles over it (not a Liverpool), will be a compulsory course fence for the 6- & 7-year-olds at the Balmoral final. Please familiarise your horse to jump such an obstacle.



Prize money for Balmoral Final (ONLY)

At the final of the Studbook Series in Balmoral, there will be a total of €26,240 on offer, breakdown between the three age classes as follows:

Please note the below prize breakdowns are in relation to the Balmoral Grand Final ONLY.

	Qualifier Round	Final Round	Breeder Prize	Groom Prize	Total
5-Year-Old Horses	€800	€3,130	€1,000	€200	€5,130
6-Year-Old Horses	€800	€3,580	€1,000	€200	€5,580
7-Year-Old Horses	€800	€4,530	€1,000	€200	€6,530

Balmoral League Final prize money breakdown:

5-Year-Old Prize Money Breakdown (Qualifier Classes):

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
€300	€180	€120	€100	€50	€50

5-Year-Old Prize Money Breakdown (Final Classes):

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place	10 th Place
€1000	€700	€500	€350	€200	€150	€80	€50	€50	€50

6-Year-Old Prize Money Breakdown (Qualifier Classes):

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
€300	€180	€120	€100	€50	€50

6-Year-Old Prize Money Breakdown (Final Classes):

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place	10 th Place
€1200	€800	€600	€400	€200	€150	€80	€50	€50	€50

7-Year-Old Prize Money Breakdown (Qualifier Classes):

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
€300	€180	€120	€100	€50	€50

7-Year-Old Prize Money Breakdown (Final Classes):

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place	10 th Place
€1500	€1000	€700	€450	€350	€250	€100	€80	€50	€50

Studbook Series League Winner prizes:

In the event of equality of points in the leagues, the final placings will be determined by places achieved at the final in Balmoral.



	5-YEAR-OLD	6-YEAR-OLD	7-YEAR-OLD
Top Breeder	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000
Top Young Rider	€400	€500	€600
Top Rider	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000
Groom League winner	€500	€500	€500

FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken 2025:

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championship selection criteria will be published separately on the Horse Sport Ireland website (www.horsesportireland.ie) following ISH and WSI consultation.

The selection criteria may include that horses must have competed in a number of legs of the seven Studbook Series competitions to be eligible for selection for the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championship.