



DAFM Studbook Eventing League 2026 Eligibility, Terms and Conditions

Venues/Dates:

The DAFM Studbook Eventing League Classes for 5-year-old, 6-year-old and 7-year-old horses and 5-year-old and 6&7-year-old ponies will be run at Eventing Ireland events from 4th April (Tyrella) until the 19th September (Punchestown) inclusive. The DAFM Eventing Studbook Series will be incorporated into the existing age and height appropriate national classes – these will not be standalone classes.

The overall winners of the league will be notified after the final results have been calculated following Punchestown (19th September). The League results will be calculated by EquiRatings on the 'Eventing Ireland Stats Centre' and will be available shortly after each event.

Notes on 2026 Series:

It is the responsibility of athletes (or guardians where applicable) and owners to familiarize themselves with all criteria in this document to ensure eligibility for participation and for league points and prizes.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All horses/ponies AND athletes must be fully paid up and registered with Eventing Ireland with the naming page of the studbook passport sent to Head Office prior to the entry being made.
- The horse/pony must be named in their studbook of origin.
- If the horse/pony does not meet the eligibility requirements, the combination will not be qualified for the League.
- Combinations can compete as many times as they wish in the relevant classes/season; however, only the top 5 results will count in the League standings. Points are awarded to the horse/pony/rider combination, i.e. where a horse/pony is ridden by a different rider, this combination will be awarded points as a new combination.
- The 5-year-old, 6-year-old and 7-year-old DAFM Studbook Series classes are restricted to studbook registered horses measuring above 148cm.
- The 5-year-old and 6/7-year-old DAFM Studbook Series pony classes are restricted to studbook registered ponies measuring under 148cm and Eventing Ireland registered pony athletes.
- DAFM Studbook Series league is restricted to equines registered in any studbook with a breed recorded (main or supplementary section).



- Animals with pedigree recorded and a breed listed as 'UNK' are not eligible for League prizes.
- Animals must be in the correct ownership in compliance with SI 201/2016.
- To check if your animal is eligible for the league, please email; grants@horsesportireland.ie
- Eventing Ireland manage the eligibility for the entry to the specific event(s).

Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to change or alter the terms and conditions of the Studbook League at any time.

Entry to the League:

If you wish to take part in the DAFM Eventing Studbook Series in 2026 you must complete a once off online **League Application with Horse Sport Ireland** before the Tuesday (COB) prior to the combination's first 'counting' event, there is no fee for league entry. Once you have registered and been accepted, your entry to the event will automatically be included into the League for the animals age category from that weekend's event onwards.

Please note that the league application is separate to individual event entry, as completed with Evening Ireland.

Failure to complete the horse/pony-rider combination entry before COB on the Tuesday prior to your first league 'counting' event will result in your points not being counted towards the league from that date onwards.

- **Competitors are only required to submit one league entry for each specific horse/pony/rider combination to be eligible for the league.**
- If a horse/pony is to be ridden by a different rider, then a new expression of interest must be completed for the new combination to gain points.
- Please note that competitors must enter the specific events through the Eventing Ireland Website as normal. This form is designed only for entry into the league.
- Submission of an application for league entry does not guarantee league participation, HSI and EI will need to validate the application to ensure they have achieved the relevant MER for the event entered and meet the above specified breeding criteria.

Competition Entries:

Entries for all Eventing classes must be made through the [Eventing Ireland](#) website: **No other form of entry will be accepted.**

Please ensure your entries are made before close of entries as outlined in the event details page on the EI website. Entries will open on Monday at 9am two weeks before the event and close at 12 noon on the Monday prior to the event that weekend.

'Hors Concours' entries will not be eligible for League prizes.



Age/Height category required for league points:

- 7yr old: EI115
- 6yr old: EI110
- 5yr old: EI100
- 6/7yr old PONY: EI100P
- 5yr old PONY: EI90P

At the Event:

- All horses/ponies must be ridden by the same rider in all phases of the event. Any rider found in breach of this rule will forfeit any prize money/ points earned.
 - Should this be repeated on one or more occasions they will be removed from the league.
- The same horse/pony/rider combination must compete together to achieve points. Should another rider compete with the horse/pony, these points will be allocated under that 'new' combination and not the original combination where a new application is submitted in advance of the event as detailed in the 'Entry to the league section'.
- Horse/pony points are not transferable to other horses/ponies or riders.

Failure to comply with Eventing Ireland rules Horse Sport Ireland terms, or instructions by the EI official, may result in disqualification.

Riders who choose to compete in a leg(s) of the DAFM Studbook Eventing Series are consenting to their rounds being live-streamed and/or available for publication on platforms of Horse Sport Ireland's choosing should the stream become available. The applicant is also consenting to the animal being Linear Profiled at any event and this linear profile being shared with the relevant studbook and or National Breeding Services for research purposes.

Tack and horse boots:

Martingales are allowed but must be correctly fitted. Only non-performance enhancing hind boots may be worn in these classes as per Eventing Ireland rules.

Ground Conditions:

Where adverse weather conditions occur in the week leading up to any legs of the Studbook Series, an EI official/ EI regional representative will be asked to make a final decision on the ground conditions by 12 noon the Friday before the event is due to commence. Eventing Ireland Rules re cancellation of an event will apply

Prize money:

Prize money for each leg will be as per the Eventing Ireland Rule Book and paid by the event organiser.

League prizes as detailed in the table below will be awarded after the final leg of the series. Prize monies will only be paid out to the owner of the horse/pony as per their studbook passport unless the prize specifies a different person(s) i.e. groom, breeder prize, etc



Applicants must provide their IBAN during the application to ensure timely processing of funds. Where the individual does not provide the IBAN HSI cannot be held responsible for non-processing of funds where the correct IBAN/payment details have not been provided.

'Other' prize winners who do not complete the EOI/application, grooms, breeders, etc. will be asked to submit to HSI their details for their prize fund. Funds must be claimed within 7 days of the award. QR codes will be available at the Secretary's office to scan and complete the [online payment form](#) and submit to Horse Sport Ireland, please select the 'Studbook Series' option.

There is a specific prize for combinations who compete at Restricted level, i.e. to EI100 only on 5-year-old horses only. This is to reward amateur producers in their production of these young studbook horses.

Please note:

- Prize money cannot be paid out to animals who are not **registered in the correct ownership** in the relevant studbook.
 - In submitting a prize form entry, you confirm that you understand we may share relevant animal and person details with the relevant studbook to confirm that the animal is in the correct ownership.
- Prize money will only be paid out for studbook registered animals.
- Payment will not be issued to athletes unless HSI has received **written permission** from the registered owner of the horse/pony, where the prize is not a designated rider prize.
- Payment details must be submitted within **7** days of the final via the [online form](#), if received beyond this window payment **cannot** be processed.
- Horse Sport Ireland accept no responsibility for prizes not paid due to incorrect and ineligible prize letters provided by third parties.

In the case of Breeder/Owner prizes, the breeder/owner must be resident in Ireland.

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.



League Prizes

2026 DAFM STUDBOOK LEAGUE WINNERS PRIZE FUND BREAKDOWN (HORSES)				
Placing	7 Year Old	6 Year Old	5 Year Old	Total
Prize				
1 st	€2,000	€1,500	€1,000	€4,500
2 nd	€1,500	€1,000	€750	€3,250
3 rd	€1,000	€750	€500	€2,250
4 th	€750	€500	€300	€1,550
5 th	€500	€400	€280	€1,180
6 th	€300	€250	€200	€750
Groom League Winner	€300	€300	€300	€900
Top Breeder				
1 st	€2,000	€2,000	€2,000	€6,000
2 nd	€1,500	€1,500	€1,500	€4,500
3 rd	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€3,000
Top YR (U25)				
1 st	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€3,000
2 nd	€500	€500	€500	€1,500
3 rd	€300	€300	€300	€900
Top Mare (Owner)				
1 st	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€3,000
Top TIH (Breeder)				
1 st	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€3,000
Top Restricted Athlete				
1 st			€500	€500
2 nd			€300	€300
3 rd			€200	€200
TOTAL	€14,650	€13,000	€12,630	€40,280

2026 CCIYH2*-S Prize Money *		
	Millstreet 19 th -24 th May	Lisgarvan 20 th -24 th August
Top 7yr old CCIYH2*-S (Rider)	€500	€500
Top 6yr old CCIYH2*-S (Rider)	€500	€500
TOTAL	€1,000	€1,000

*See Appendix 1 below for information



2026 DAFM STUDBOOK LEAGUE WINNERS PRIZE FUND BREAKDOWN (PONIES)			
Placing	6/7 Year Old	5 Year Old	Total
Prize			
1st	€500	€450	€950
2nd	€400	€350	€750
3rd	€300	€200	€500
4th	€100	€100	€200
5th	€100	€100	€200
6th	€100	€100	€200
Top 6yr old	€100		€100
Top Breeder			
1st	€100	€100	€200
2nd	€100	€100	€200
3rd	€100	€100	€200
TOTAL	€1,900	€1,600	€3,500

Points

The Leader board will be published on the Eventing Ireland Stats centre and available on the HSI website following the event at the weekend. The top five results across the League will be counted for league prizes. See Entries above for rules.

Placing	League Points
1st	15
2nd	10
3rd	8
4th	6
5th	4
6th	2
MER	2



DAFM Studbook Eventing Series Final

- The final leg of this league will conclude Punchestown on the 19th September.
- The Overall League Winners will be announced after the results from the final leg have been confirmed and verified.
- The top five results for each entered combination across the series will be counted for the league prizes.
- In the event of a tie, the Equality of Marks Rule 19.5 (Eventing Ireland) will be applied.

FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Event Horses, Le Lion 2026:

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championship selection criteria will be published separately on the Horse Sport Ireland website (www.horsesportireland.ie) however participation in the League will be reviewed by the selectors

Appendix 1:

Horse sport Ireland will be offering prize money to the value of €2,000 to the highest place six and seven-year-old horse in the CCIYH2*-S at both Millstreet International and Lisgarvan International in 2026. More information regarding eligibility breakdown of the prize money is detailed below.

Venues and Dates:

- Millstreet International Horse Trials (Green Glens Arena, Millstreet, Co. Cork) on the 19th - 24th May 2026
- Lisgarvan House International (Ballon, Co. Carlow) on the 20th – 23rd August 2026

Eligibility:

Horses must compete in the CCIYH2*-S class at the event and complete with zero obstacle penalties on XC and max 4 penalties on obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping test. All horses must be registered in a Studbook and possess a unique equine life number (UELN) issued by an Irish studbook that is a Full Member of the WBFSH. Only the Studbook in which the horse in question is first registered is acceptable. For the avoidance of doubt, the Irish WBFSH Studbooks are the Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH) and the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland (WSI). The horse/rider combination must be eligible for Lion d'Angers Irish team selection (i.e. Irish bred horse (see above) and Irish rider). Please note that winning these prizes does not guarantee team selection for the WBFSH Young Event Horse Championships.

Prize money:

Prize money will be paid to the RIDER of the highest placed six-year-old AND seven-year-old in the CCIYH2*-S at Millstreet International (May) and Lisgarvan International (August).

Prize money cannot be paid out to horses who are not **registered in the correct ownership** in the relevant studbook, as per SI 201/2016.