

# PERFORMANCE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP



## CLASSES:

### FOUR AND FIVE YEAR OLD PERFORMANCE HORSE

### SIX YEAR OLD AND OVER PERFORMANCE HORSE

Championship finals will take place at Balmoral Show on Friday 24 September in the Main Arena. The Championship is restricted to those who have pre-qualified.

#### Eligibility

Restricted to Irish Bred horses only. Only animals with named passports identifying sire, dam, dam sire, microchip and breeder may compete.

Horses must be 15.0h (153cm) or over.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year.

#### Competition Format

Competitors will jump a course of show jumps immediately followed by cross country type fences with the last fence being an optional joker fence. Should the competitor choose to jump the softer option instead of the joker fence they will incur penalties.

There will be no more than 18 jumping efforts in total with height of fences being 90cm for 4/5 year olds (show jumps may be up to 1m) and 1m for the 6 year old and over class (1.05m for show jumps).

The optimum time will be based on a speed of 450m per minute for 4/5 year olds and 475m per minute for 6 year old and over. Time allowed is twice the optimum time.

Penalties will be awarded as follows:	<u>Showjumping</u>	<u>Cross Country</u>
First disobedience	4 Penalties	20 Penalties
Second disobedience at same fence	8 Penalties	40 Penalties
Third disobedience	Elimination	Elimination
Knock down of obstacle	4 Penalties	4 Penalties
Jumping soft option of Joker fence	N/A	6 penalties
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination	Elimination
Every commenced second in excess of the optimum time	0.4 Penalties	0.4 Penalties
Every commenced second in excess of 5 seconds under the optimum time	0.4 Penalties	0.4 Penalties
Exceeding time limit	Elimination	Elimination
Error of course	Elimination	Elimination
Retaking of obstacle already taken	Elimination	Elimination

Riders will conclude their round with a gallop.

A judge will assess each horses gallop and way of going. Marks will be awarded out of 25 based on the fluency and consistency of the performance throughout the show jumping and cross country rounds.

The combined score and closest to the optimum time will determine the final placings. Should this still produce an equality of marks, the highest mark attained as judged in the way of going will be the deciding factor.

## **Qualifiers**

Gransha Equestrian	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Lusk Equestrian	TBC
Meadows Equestrian Centre	TBC
Wexford Equestrian Centre	TBC

Qualifier Entry Fee: £25 / €30

Entries for qualifiers can be made directly with the hosting venue.

4 horse/rider combinations in each class will qualify at each qualifying venue. If any of the top 4 horses have already qualified, placings may go down the line.

**RIDERS CAN RIDE TWO HORSES PER CLASS IN THE FINAL**

## **Rules**

- Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark Mark standards and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. Please note that (BS) EN1384 hats will not be permitted unless the hat is dual stamped with another standard such as Snell or PAS 015.
- A body protector must be worn by all riders.
- Eventing colours and attire must be worn along with the required dress code of beige, fawn or cream breeches, long black/brown boots and gloves.
- No stop watches will be permitted to be worn.
- Neckstraps and/or breastplates are permitted.
- Standing martingales are not permitted.
- Numnahs (if used) must conform neatly with saddle contours. Saddle cloths or visible logos are not permitted.
- Hind leg boots or bandages are not allowed. Overreach boots are permitted.
- Only blunt metal spurs, or ones with rubber rowels <2.5cms facing downwards are permitted.
- No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.