

Rules

Irish Horse Gateway Irish Draught Performance Championship Saturday 2nd September 2017, Punchestown, County Kildare.

The prerequisite for this class is jumping ability and technique, good conformation, good movement and the temperament to excel in a number of disciplines.

Horses must be pure-bred Irish Draughts. Horses must be 4 years old and over.

Horses will be judged on their flatwork, jumping, ride, way of going and confirmation. Horses will be ridden by the judges.

Horses will be required to jump a course of fences (not more than 12 fences) including a double. The maximum height of fences in the championship in Punchestown will be 100cm with a spread of 100cm.

Horses graded 'A' by Show Jumping Ireland or horses that have competed at Advanced level in Eventing ie CIC**, CCI**, CNC** or above are not allowed to compete.

In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score in the jumping phase will be the winner. If there is still a tie, the horse with the highest ride marks will be the winner.

Entries to the final are limited to horses who have qualified at a qualifying show.

A change of rider is not permitted unless you have the express consent from the 2017 show committee in writing. Riders must be at least 16 years old on or before the 2nd September 2017.

Passports & microchips will be inspected on the day of the final in Punchestown.

Riders attire and tack rules for the final

- Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended kitemark standard - PAS 015, F1163 or Snell and fitted with an adjustable harness is recommended for all riders. (Please note that (BS) EN 1384 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 during the jumping phase.
- All competitors for all phases must compete in snaffle bridles.
- Martingales are *not* permitted.
- Neckstraps and/or breastplates are permitted.
- Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowels $\leq 2 \frac{1}{2}$ cms (1") facing downwards are permitted.
- Front boots of a plain colour may be worn during the jumping phase.
- No hind boots or bandages permitted.
- The same tack must be used in each phase. No tack etc. may be worn that conceals the conformation of the horse.

All stallions entered in the Performance championship must wear stallion identification tags and a blue "hazard" tail ribbon in both the warm up and competition arenas.

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Rules & Guidelines for Qualifying Shows:

Each show holding a qualifier for the National ID Performance class may run the qualifier in conjunction with a Working Hunter class or an Irish Draught performance / working hunter class, provided fences are at least 90cm in height.

Horses must be 4 years old and over.

Horses must be ridden in snaffle bridles. Martingales are NOT allowed. Breastplates and neck-straps are permitted.

Horses must not be grade A showjumpers or have competed at advanced level in Eventing.

We request that the top three placed pure bred Irish Draughts be awarded qualification. Each qualifying horse will be required to have it's passport available at the qualifier for inspection.

An IDHBA representative will be available on the day of the qualifying show to present 3 rosettes and 3 entry forms to the qualifiers for the championship in Punchestown and to collect the entry fee of (€15 // £10) from each qualifier.

The Irish Horse Gateway Performance Championship will take place at the Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association National Show in Punchestown, County Kildare on Saturday 2nd September 2017.