

Irish Draught Performance Working Hunter Championship Rules for Saturday 27th August 2016, 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 fields with appropriate training.

Horses must be 4 years old and over. Horses must be pure-bred Irish Draughts. Passports will be inspected upon qualification.

Horses graded 'A' by Show Jumping Ireland in the current season or horses that have competed at CIC**, CCI**, CNC** or above are not allowed to compete in the final at the IDHBA National Show in Punchestown on 27th August 2016.

Horses will be judged on jumping style, manners, conformation, temperament and movement. Horses will be ridden by the judges.

Horses will be required to jump a course of fences (between 8 & 13 fences) including a double. The maximum height of fences in the championship in Punchestown will be 100cm with a spread of 100cm.

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.

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 Working Hunter championship must wear stallion identification tags and a blue "hazard" tail ribbon in both the warm up and competition arenas.

The entries for the Working Hunter Championship are limited horses who have qualified at a qualifying show.

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Guidelines for Qualifying Shows:

Each show holding a qualifier for the National ID Performance Working Hunter class may run the qualifier in conjunction with their Open Working Hunter Class or an Irish Draught performance / working hunter class, provided fences are of 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 its 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 National Working Hunter Championship will take place at the Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association National Show in Punchestown, County Kildare on Saturday 27th August, 2016.