

Irish Draught Horse Breeders  
Association

# National Breed Show Schedule

*Saturday*  
*11<sup>th</sup> July 2026*

Punchestown Racecourse  
Co Kildare, W91 VCX4

**Entries Close**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**@ 12 midday**

Please see overleaf for entry details



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# **Entries open Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

## **Entry Fees per class:**

**€25** for IDHBA members **€35** for day-members

## **Late Entries**

**€35** for IDHBA members **€45** for day-members

## **No Refunds**

**Classes may be amalgamated if less than 4 entries per class**

## **Online at:**

**<https://itsplainsailing.com/org/idhba>**

**or**

**Scan the QR Code**



## **By post** using entry form to:

**Bernie Walshe, IDHBA National Secretary,  
'Belair View', Hall, Moate, Co. Westmeath**

**Enquiries to Brian 086 1958267 or Joanne 087 9933600  
[idhbaooffice@gmail.com](mailto:idhbaooffice@gmail.com)**

# Ring 1 – Mares & Foals

**All Foals must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam**

**Class 1: Irish Draught Filly foal**, progeny of a mare in classes 5, 6 & 7.  
Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

**Class 2: Irish Draught Colt foal**, progeny of mares in classes 5, 6 & 7.  
Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP 1: National Irish Draught Foal Championship**



*Sponsored by FBD*

Champion - €300 Reserve - €200

Open to 1st & 2nd Prize-winners in classes 1 & 2. **Trophy:** The Tara Memorial Cup

**All Mares must be either Class 1 or Class 2**

## **Class 3: The FBD, National Breed Show Premier Mare & Foal.**

To showcase the premier Irish Draught broodmares and foals as a unit.  
Judged 40/60 mare and foal. Mares must have been entered in classes 5,6 or 7. Foals must be entered in class 1 or 2.

Prize Money: 1st: - €800; 2nd - €600; 3rd - €500; 4th - €400, 5th - €300, 6th - €200, 7th - €100 & 8th - €100

## **Class 4: Barren or Stinted Mare 3 year old and over (no foal at foot)**

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100 **Trophy:** The Damien Kenny Memorial Cup

## **Class 5: Small Mares 4 years old & over, measuring 15.3hh (160cms) or under, with or without foal at foot.**

Mares will be measured on the day.  
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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100 **Trophy:** The Jimmy Kavanagh Memorial Cup

## **Class 6: Young Mare - Mares, 4 to 9 years of age, with foal at foot.**

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100 Trophy: The Michael Ryan Memorial Cup

## **Class 7: Mature Mare - 10 years old & over, with foal at foot.**

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100 Trophy: The Windgap Stud Perpetual Cup



## **CHAMPIONSHIP 2: National Irish Draught Mare Championship**

Champion - €100 Reserve - €50

Open to 1st & 2nd Prize winners in Classes 4, 5, 6 & 7.

Champion receives: Sash & Trophy: The Billy Cotter Perpetual Cup.

Reserve receives: Sash

## **Ring 2 - Youngstock**

Please see rules 7 & 18

## **Class 8: Irish Draught Geldings 4yo & over.**

Open to all Irish Draught Geldings (must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

## **Class 9: TIH Mares 3 year old & over, by approved stallions as defined by HSI. With or without foal at foot. (Please see rule 23).**

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

Winner receives TIH Rug & Rosette for 1st-6th place

## **Class 10: TIH Foal, by approved stallion as defined by HSI.**

Colt or Filly Foal to be the progeny of mares in Class 9. (Please see rule 23).

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

TIH Rosette for 1st-6th place

**Class 11: Yearling Irish Draught colt or gelding.**(must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

**Class 12: Yearling Irish Draught filly.**(must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100 Trophy: The Flanagan & Co Accountants Perpetual Cup

**Class 13: 2-year-old Irish Draught colt or gelding.** (must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

**Class 14: 2-year-old Irish Draught filly**(must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100 Trophy: The Delahunty & Melbourne Perpetual Trophy

**Class 15: 3-year-old Irish Draught Colt or Gelding.**(must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

**Class 16: 3-year-old Irish Draught filly.**(must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100



### **CHAMPIONSHIP 3: National Youngstock Championship**

Champion - €100 Reserve - €50

Open to 1st & 2nd Prize-winners in Classes 11 to 16.

Champion receives: Sash & Trophy: Milestone Perpetual Trophy.

Reserve receives: Sash

**Class 17: Mare of the Future Championship, 3 & 4 year old Irish Draught Mares. With or without foal at foot.**(must be either Class 1 or Class 2)

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Trophy: The Liam Lynskey Perpetual Cup

**Class 18: Young Handler, aged between 16 to 21 years old,**  
Open to all breeds. Animals will not be judged & no foals or colts/stallions allowed.

Entry: €5 for members, €10 for day-members

Prize fund €300. Trophy: The Ellen Walton Perpetual Trophy



**SUPREME 1: Supreme In-Hand Champion of the Show**

Open to Champions & Reserves from Championships 1, 2 & 3  
Supreme In Hand Show Champion receives: Sash & Trophy: The Susan Lannigan-O'Keeffe Tray.

Reserve Supreme In Hand Show Champion receives: Sash & Trophy: The Bannvalley Perpetual Cup.

## **Ring 3 – Ridden Horse**

All riders please note Rules 21 & 22 in the 2026 Show Rules & Regulations.

**Class 19: Traditional Irish Horse 4 years old & over.**

Open to TIH by approved stallions as defined by HSI. (Please see rule 23). Winner receives TIH Rug & Rosette for 1st-6th place

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

**Class 20: Irish Draught 4 & 5 year olds.**(must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam) Open to stallions, geldings and mares.

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100

**Class 21: Irish Draught Mares 4yo & over.** (must be either Class 1 or Class 2)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

**Class 22: Irish Draught 6yo & over.** (must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam) Open to stallions, mares & geldings.

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Prize money: 1st - €250, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €175, 4th - €125, 5th - €100, 6th - €50. Breeder of 1<sup>st</sup> placed - €100

**Class 23: Amateur Class.**

Open to Irish Draught & Part Bred Irish Draught, must have Irish Draught Breeding on either Sire or Dam side. (Please see rules 24)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.



**CHAMPIONSHIP 4: National Ridden Irish Draught Championship**

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Open 1st & 2nd Prize-winners in classes 20, 21 & 22.

Champion receives: Sash.

Reserve receives: Sash.

## Ring 4 -Working Hunter

All riders please note Rules 21 & 22 in the 2026 Show Rules & Regulations.

**Class 24: Traditional Irish Horse Working Hunter max 85cm.**

Open to TIH, by approved stallions as defined by HSI. (Please see rule 23).

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

Trophy: The Kirwan Family Perpetual Cup.

Winner receives TIH Rug & Rosette for 1st-6th place

## **Class 25: Irish Draught Novice Working Hunter 85 - 95cm**

Open to Irish Draughts 4 yr & over (must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

## **Class 26: Irish Draught 4 & 5 year old Working Hunter 95cm – 1m**

Open to pure-bred Irish Draught 4 & 5-years olds only(must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.

## **Class 27: Irish Draught 6 year old & Over Working Hunter 1m– 110cm**

Open to pure-bred Irish Draughts 6yr old and over only.(must have either Class 1 or Class 2 Sire & Dam)

Prize money: 1st - €100, 2nd - €50, 3rd - €35, 4th - €25, 5th - €20, 6th - €20.



## **CHAMPIONSHIP 5: National Working Hunter Championship**

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Open 1st & 2nd Prize-winners in classes 25, 26 & 27.

Champion receives: Sash.

Reserve receives: Sash.



## **SUPREME 2: Supreme Ridden Champion of the Show**

Open to Champions & reserves from championship 4 & 5.

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Supreme Ridden Show Champion receives: Sash & Trophy: The Grange Bouncer Trophy.

Reserve Supreme Ridden Show Champion receives: Sash & Trophy: The Dermot O'Brien Trophy.

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# Dog Show

**Start Time: 1pm sharp**



**Many Classes to choose from!  
Entries on the day.**

1. Best Small Dog
2. Best Medium Sized Dog
3. Best Large Dog
4. Best Male/Female Puppy (Under 1 Year)
5. Best Terrier
6. Best Gun Dog
7. Dog Handled by a Child (Under 12 Yrs)
8. Dog Handled by an Adult
9. Dog with the Waggiest Tail
10. Best Veteran (Over 8 Yrs Old)
11. Best Local Dog (Confined to 10 Miles Radius)



**Champion & Reserve Champion of the Show.**

## Important notice to animal owners involved in showing animals.

### **2026 Show Rules & Regulations**

1. All exhibits are shown at the owners' risk and must be attended to by the owner or his/her agent at all times during the show. If an animal is deemed to be a risk to public safety, the owner or agent may be asked to remove the same from show and shall forfeit their entry fee.
2. Stewards and safety officers are acting as agents of the association, and their instructions must be obeyed at all times.
3. Exhibitors are asked to have their own public liability insurance in place for themselves and their animals.
4. The Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association shall accept no responsibility for any accident, injury, or loss of an animal arising from the negligence of the owner/exhibitor.
5. The Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association Show Committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone the show, to amalgamate or amend classes if there are insufficient entries, to change rings or order of classes it deems necessary.
6. The show committee, acting through its officers, reserves the right to refuse an entry.
7. Unless otherwise stated all in-hand classes are deemed to be for the progeny of Class 1 or Class 2 stallions and Class 1, Class 2 or Grade up mares in the Irish Draught Studbook. All mares 4yo+ must be Class 1, Class 2 or Grade Up.
8. All Irish Draught ridden and performance classes to be open to horses who are full Irish Draught, on both the sire and the dam side. All Stallions must be Class 1 or Class 2.
9. To be eligible for a Supreme Championship animals must be the progeny of Class 1 or Class 2 stallions and Class 1 or Class 2 mares
10. All entries must be registered on the Irish Horse Register. I.H.R. number and R.I.D. number (where applicable) must be supplied with entry.
11. Passports for all entries (except foals) must be available for inspection on show day.
12. Foals must be led at all times.
13. All mares with foals at foot must be accompanied by their foal in the ring.
14. All results the Judges' decision is final. Any attempt at undue influence directed toward a Judge, could lead to the exhibit in question being asked to leave the class.
15. Any objections must be lodged in writing with the show secretary within half an hour of the incident, accompanied by a deposit of €100. This deposit shall be forfeited if the objection is not upheld or is considered frivolous.
16. All disputes shall be referred to the show committee whose decision shall be final.
17. Persons entering an animal/animals and failing to send the same for exhibition shall forfeit the entry fee. No substitutions accepted.
18. A filly is a filly until she foals or turns 4 years old; then she is in the mare class. A colt remains a colt up to 3 years unless inspected/graded and thereafter is classed as a stallion & not eligible in the youngstock class.
19. All colts and stallions entered in any class at the National Show, must wear stallion identification tags and a blue "hazard" tail ribbon.
20. Neat and appropriate attire is required in the judging rings by both exhibitors and grooms.
21. Protective headgear conforming to the recommended Kitemark standard - PAS 015, F1163 or Snell, and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders in all ridden classes.

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### **2026 Show Rules & Regulations**

22. Body protectors are compulsory for all riders while jumping in both the competition and the practice arena.
23. (1) Mares of Traditional Irish breeding in foal or with a foal at foot, that have been inspected by Horse Sport Ireland and have achieved select status or above. Mare and foals must be by approved stallions as follows:
- (a) by Approved Irish Sport Horse Stallions provided that such stallions are of Thoroughbred/I.D. Cross.
  - (b) NA 1 ISH Stallions or similar classification. Animals must be approved and registered with a Society that maintains a breed for the Irish Sport Horse Breed, the Irish Draught Breed, and the Connemara Breed.
  - (c) Class 1 Connemara or Class 2 Connemara Pony Stallions
  - (d) Class 1 Irish Draught Stallions or Class 2 Irish Draught Stallions registered and approved by a Society that maintains those as mentioned above.
- (2) Irish Draught Mares who have been registered in a Stud Book that maintains the Irish Draught Breed and achieved Class 1,2 or RID Status, aged 3 years old and over, provided that they are in foal or have a foal at foot by (a) Approved Thoroughbred Stallions listed in the IHR that have reached minimum status (b) Approved Irish Sport Horse Stallions provided that such Sport Horse Stallions are of Thoroughbred/I.D./Connemara cross.
24. Amateur class:
- a. It is expected that exhibitors will compete in the true spirit and fair play of these rules.
  - b. Anyone who has operated as a professional showing producer or show rider will always be deemed to be a professional rider. Definition of amateur Class/riders - To be defined as an amateur and eligible for participation in these classes, a person must not:
    - i. Have engaged in livery, buying, selling, dealing, or hiring horses as a means of deriving a MAIN source of income for the past five years.
    - ii. Have accepted remuneration as a main source of income whether it be monetary or goods in kind for employment in connection with horses in a racing, show jumping, showing, livery stable or riding school in the past five years
    - iii. The horse entered in the class should be the regular mount of the rider stated on the Entry form and must not have been competed by a professional in the past year.
    - iv. It is the responsibility of each owner to satisfy the IDHBA that the owner and rider are true bona fide amateurs.
    - v. It is the responsibility of each owner to ensure that the owner and rider meet the eligibility requirement. If an owner is found in breach of this rule, then they will not be permitted

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***We look forward to seeing you in Punchestown!***



## The Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association

are delighted to announce their 1<sup>st</sup>

# R.I.D. HORSE SALES



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026



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**More Details to Follow!**



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