

Bluegrass Horse Feeds Schools Team Show Jumping Open Championship

Saturday 13 May 2017

Balmoral Show, Balmoral Park, Lisburn

Main Arena, 10.00am sharp

Class	Max height of fences
Open Team	95cm – 1m



Qualifiers

Six schools teams from Northern Ireland and six schools teams from the Republic of Ireland will be eligible to compete at Balmoral Show on Saturday 13 May 2017. The top six schools in the Equestrian Interschools Ireland TRI League will qualify from ROI. For schools in Northern Ireland the top School team in the Open Class at each of the shows listed below will qualify.

Once a school has qualified, they are unable to take a further qualifying place, but may compete at other venues for venue prizes / placings. Final athlete/rider combinations taking part do not have to be declared until completion of final entry form and returned before 25th April 2017.

	Organiser	Venue	Date	Contact Details
1	North Down Pony Club	Balmoral Park, Lisburn	1 st October 2016	E roger.fynn@btopenworld.com T 07718 080244
2	Gransha Equestrian Centre	Gransha Equestrian Centre, Bangor	6 th November 2016	E granshariding@btconnect.com T 07855 462614
3	RDA Coleraine	RDA Causeway Coast Arena, Coleraine	11 th January 2017	E rdacoleraine@hotmail.com T 028 7032 0147
4	Lusks Equestrian Centre	Lusks Equestrian Centre, Lisburn	4 th March 2017	E info@luskhorsesireland.com T 07831 661428
5	Meadows Equestrian Centre	Meadows Equestrian Centre, Lurgan	17 th March 2017	E info@themec.co.uk T 028 3832 2417
6	Drumragh Int College	Ecclesville Equestrian Centre	3 rd April 2017	E joaniepotts@hotmail.co.uk T 028 8225 2440

Entries / Fees / Admission Passes

Qualifiers for Northern Ireland Schools – as per qualifying venue entry requirements.

Open Championship, Balmoral Show

At each of the Northern Ireland qualifiers, the successful school will complete a 'confirmation of attendance' confirming their attendance at Balmoral Show. This must be completed by the school and must be completed fully by the representative present on the day. Entry fee of £100 must be paid to RUAS within 14 days of qualifying to secure the School's place in the Championship. Cost includes maximum 4 stables for team animals for Friday night if required; parking for a maximum of 4 horse boxes; and 10 wristbands; (1 for each athlete, 1 for a parent/guardian of each athlete, and for 2 school representatives)

Republic of Ireland Schools must complete confirmation of attendance form on day of qualifying and return final entry form confirming their attendance & definite entries (team participants – athletes/animals with intended running order and entry £100 (€115) entry fee by Tuesday 25th April 2017.

As it is the intention to have a full complement of schools at the Championships, failure to return the required documentation and fee on time will result in the next eligible school being invited to attend.

Closing dates Entry form with definite entries (team participants – athletes/animals) with intended running orders, must be received from both Northern Ireland qualified schools and Republic of Ireland successful schools by Tuesday 25 April 2017. ROI Schools must also attach their team entry fee at this time. The name, contact number etc., of the team Chef d'équipe must be identified on the entry form.

Additional entry wristbands/parking

Additional wrist bands will be available to purchase from RUAS in advance of the Show. An order form will be available on website www.balmoralshow.co.uk. All entry passes and parking passes required will be posted in advance of the event.

Substitutions.

No substitutions from the definite entries are allowed, except In the case of a proven injury where the substitution of an athlete / animals from the definite entry list may be allowed up to 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th May, 2017. After this date/time, no substitution will be considered. In this regard, the Organising Committee / Showjumping Sub-Committee's decision is final.

Arrival Times

Teams may arrive on Friday night 6pm – 9pm and Saturday morning 6am – 8am only. Entry to Balmoral Park may be refused outside of these arrival times.

All schools must indicate on their entry forms whether or not they intend to arrive to Balmoral Show on Friday evening, or Saturday morning – it is not necessary for all team members to arrive together, but it is imperative, for veterinary reasons, that the expected day / approximate time of arrival is notified.

Declarations

Chef's d'équipe must declare all team athletes/animals at the declarations unit beside the practice arena between before 9am on Saturday 13 May 2017.

Stable Reservations

All stables must be confirmed in advance. If you require a stable on Friday night, 12 May, please confirm details on the final entry form. All stables are 3m x 3m approx. Limited shavings are provided. Additional shavings available on site.

Rules & General Information

Qualifying competitions may run under different rules to the Championship rules below – providing those rules have been approved by the Showjumping Sub Committee of the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society. Otherwise it will be expected that the following is used.

1. Teams must have a minimum of 3, athletes and a maximum of 4.
2. All team members must be currently in FULL TIME secondary education at the school they represent.
3. A horse or pony may only be ridden by one athlete. Animals may not be schooled by anyone other than the athlete competing on the animal taking part in the competition.
4. The Championship competition will be run in 2 adjacent arenas within the Main Arena.
 - a) The competition will run over two rounds, over two different courses.
 - b) A 45 second countdown will operate in both arenas.
 - c) Arena 1 – first round will be judged under Table A, with a time allowed.
 - d) Following completion of the first round and the announcement of the score - the athlete will move to the adjacent Arena 2 (except where the athlete has been eliminated for a fall of athlete/animal or both).
 - e) Arena 2 – the second round will be judged under Table A, against the clock, with a time allowed. To commence the second round, the athlete will again be given 45 seconds from the time the bell is rung, to commence the round.
 - f) 1 time penalty will be awarded for each commenced 4 seconds over the time allowed. Penalties in both rounds will be as under current SJAI rules. Article 236 Table A. – see below.
 - g) The first team member in each team will compete first, followed by the 2nd team member etc. Should a team only have 3 athletes, the last athlete may choose to go in the 4th slot rather than the 3rd one, but if so doing the Chef d'equipe must inform the Ground Jury before the commencement of the competition.
5. The best three scores in the first round, together with the best three scores and time in the second round will establish the teams total score.
6. Should there be equality of penalties and time for first place – a jump off will take place in Arena 2, over a shortened course, by one athlete selected by the chef d'equipe, of each team. Should there be further equalities for either 2nd or 3rd place – a jump off will also take place, as above, to ensure there are three clear winning teams for 1st 2nd and 3rd places.
7. The Chef d'equipe should identify themselves to the starter prior to the start of the Championship, and is the only person eligible to liaise with the starter/Ground Jury regarding any difficulties during the competition, e.g. an animal losing a shoe etc.
8. The Ground Jury's decision is final.
9. Any rider or school representative showing unsporting behaviour will automatically be disqualified from their team, or have their team disqualified.

10. Table of Faults

- Knockdown 4 Faults
- First disobedience 4 faults
- Second disobedience 8 faults
- Third disobedience Elimination
- Fall of horse/pony or rider Elimination
- Exceeding the time allowed in the 1st and 2nd round – 1 penalty point for every four seconds commenced.
- Exceeding the time allowed in the jump off – 1 penalty point for each second commenced or fraction of a second.

11. Course: The course in the Championship for both rounds will consist of 10 to 12 fences.

- a) In the first round, there must be 2, two stride double combinations.
- b) In the second round there must be at least 1, two stride double combination.
- c) Speed will be 350 mpm.
- d) The first fence in round 1 must not exceed 0.95 cms.
- e) There must be two vertical obstacles in each round at maximum height. – 1.0m.
- f) Maximum spread 1.20m. Triple Bar 1.30m.
- g) A jump off, if required will have a maximum of 7 fences which will include a double combination.
- h) Course Walk – The arena will be declared open following inspection by the Ground Jury and Course Designer. Course walk will be on foot. All athletes will be expected to be properly dressed, with jackets / jodhpurs / boots / hat etc and all coaches/support staff to be tidily dressed.

12. Order of Starting. The order of Teams starting at the Championship will be drawn by the Organising Committee on the day following close of entries, and all Schools will be notified accordingly. Schools are required to make their definite entries in the order they wish their athletes to compete.

13. Entry to jumping pocket – Only those with the correct wristbands will be permitted in the jumping pocket / warm-up arena.

14. Prizes

- At all qualifying competitions in Northern Ireland, the team qualifying on the day will receive qualifying rosettes. All 6 ROI teams will receive a qualified rosette.
- At the Championship - 1st – 3rd teams will be awarded prizes in kind.
- The Bluegrass Horse Feeds Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning school.
- The winning school will be invited by the Sponsor to visit their premises to have an educational guided tour.
- Rosettes will be awarded to all competing teams.
- A Tack & Turnout prize will be awarded to the most appropriately turned out team at the Championship.

15. Dress

- a) All pony/horse athlete combinations should be correctly presented in their school uniforms/colours.
- b) All athletes must wear protective headgear to BHS standard with chin strap properly fastened. Although back protectors are not compulsory they are advisable.

16. Health Declarations & Vaccinations (Balmoral Show)

- a) Upon entry to Balmoral Park all horse/ponies must have been vaccinated for equine influenza in accordance with the regulations below.
- b) Passports with certification confirming proper vaccination must be available for inspection on arrival or at any time during the Balmoral Show.

VACCINATION	PROTOCOL	ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER VENUE
Primary Course	1 st Vaccination: day 0 2 nd Vaccination: day 21-92	May compete 7 days after the 2 nd Vaccination
First Booster	Within 7 months of the 2 nd vaccination of the Primary Course	May compete for 6 months +21 days after the 2 nd vaccination of the Primary Course Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination
Boosters	MINIMUM: within one year of previous booster vaccination IF COMPETING: must be competing in the 6 months +21 days of the previous booster vaccination	Must have been vaccinated within 6 months +21 days before arriving at the Event Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination

17. For Northern Ireland Schools, qualified teams will be updated on the Balmoral Show website after each team has confirmed their intention to compete and paid their entry fee. Start lists for the Championship will be available online www.balmoralshow.co.uk immediately after the Schools have been notified of the drawn order.
18. All competitors are also bound by the general regulations and instructions for the Society's Annual Show as contained in the main prize schedule - available online.
19. Should a qualified school fail to participate at the Championships without acceptable evidence for their non-appearance, this school will not be eligible to compete for a qualifying place in 2018.