Balmoral Show 2027
Eventing Star of the Future Qualifier

Aim

To identify high-class Irish-bred horses with the potential for top-level eventing, showcase quality young stock, and encourage the production and presentation of horses suited to the demands of the sport.

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 153cms or over.

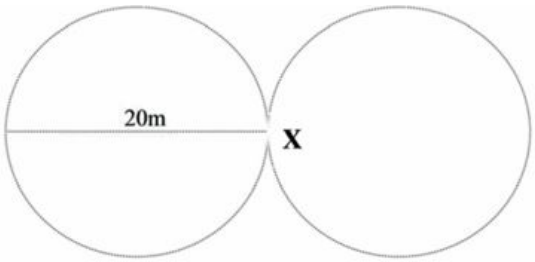
To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year.

Competition Format

Phase 1 – Flatwork & Conformation
Arena Size 20x40

On entering the arena competitors will present to the judge for conformation assessment (horses will not be stripped) Riders will then complete the ridden test, marks for this are as follows:

- Conformation - 20
- Walk – 10
- Trot – 10
- Canter – 10



Marker	Movement
At E	Enter in Working Trot At X half circle to C
Between C & H	Medium Walk H to F Medium Walk
Between F & A	Working Trot At A half circle 20m to X
Between X & M	Working Canter 20m circle
through X	2-3 Trot strides Canter half 20m circle
Between A&K	Working Trot
At X	Halt and Salute

Phase 2 – Jumping

The jumping phase will comprise of a course of five show jumps including a double immediately followed by nine cross country fences.

Height of fences:

- 4 years 85cm – 90cm
- 5 & 6 years 95cm – 1m

At the end of the jumping phase, the competitor will demonstrate an extension of canter, marks will be deducted for excessive gallop.

Judges' marks out of 100 to be awarded as follows:

- Way of Going 20 marks
- Jumping - Scope & Technique 30 marks
- Ride 20 marks
- Extension 10 marks
- Potential & Star Quality 20 marks

Jumping Penalties (where relevant) to be deduced from judges marks as follows:

Knock down of obstacle	5 Penalties
First refusal	15 Penalties
Second refusal	Elimination
Fall of rider	Elimination
Error of course	Elimination

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of judging, the horse the horse with the highest mark for the jumping phase shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, the horse with the highest potential mark will be the winner. If this still does not produce a winner, the Judges' decision will be final.

Rules

- Correctly secured protective headgear conforming to the current safety standards is compulsory for all riders and must be worn at all times when mounted.
- A body protector conforming current safety standards must be worn by all riders. If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector, it must be worn over a recommended body protector.
- 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.
- Any suitable snaffle bridle may be worn. Bits must be used in their manufactured condition without any addition or modification to, or on, any part and conform to the requirements of the class. The bit must never be used to reprimand the

horse. Judges will take into consideration the effectiveness and severity of the bit and bridle and their decision is final.

- Martingales, 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.
- Only blunt metal spurs, or ones with rubber rowels <2.5cms facing downwards are permitted.
- Whips not to exceed 75cms.
- No change of tack is allowed during the competition.
- No item of tack excluded from competition is allowed in the practice arena.
- If for any reason a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

Classes

- 4 year old Eventing Star of the Future
- 5 & 6 year old Eventing Star of the Future

The top 4 horse/rider combinations in each class will qualify. If any of the top 4 horses have already qualified, placings may go down the line providing a minimum mark of 75 has been obtained.

Riders may qualify a maximum of three horses over the two classes, with no more than two horses in either class. The places will be awarded to the first three horses qualified.

Riders must complete a minimum of two qualifiers before their entry to the final will be accepted.

A change of rider will not be permitted under any circumstances.

In the event that a qualified horse/rider combination withdraws, the next highest-placed eligible horse/rider combination shall be invited to compete. Any horse withdrawn from a class after 14th April will not be replaced.

Qualified entries must be made online at www.balmoralshow.co.uk by 31st March 2027.