



# Bluegrass Horse Feeds Schools Team Show Jumping Open Championship

**Saturday 18 May 2019**

**Balmoral Show, Balmoral Park, Lisburn**

**Main Arena, 8.30am**

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

## Qualifiers

5 schools teams from Ulster Region (includes Cavan, Monaghan & Donegal) and 5 schools teams from the rest of the Republic of Ireland will be eligible to compete at Balmoral Show on Saturday 18 May 2019. The top 5 schools in the Equestrian Interschools Ireland League will qualify from ROI. For schools in the Ulster Region the top School team in the Open Class at each of the qualifying shows will qualify for the final at Balmoral.

Once a school has qualified, they are unable to take a further qualifying place, but may compete at other venues for prizes / placings. Final team athlete/animal combinations taking part do not have to be declared until completion of final entry form to be received by Friday 26 April 2019.

	Organiser	Venue	Date	Contact Details
1	Gransha Equestrian Centre	10A Kerrs Road Bangor BT19 7QD	Saturday 12 January 2019	granshariding@yahoo.com 07855 462614
2	RDA Coleraine	Causeway Coast Arena 184 Castleroe Road Coleraine BT51 3RW	Saturday 9 March 2019	rdacoleraine@hotmail.com 07912 027770
3	Meadows Equestrian Centre	Embankment Road Lurgan BT66 6FD	Saturday 16 March 2019	info@themec.co.uk 028 38322417
4	Lusk Equestrian Centre	48 Knockany Road Lisburn BT27 6YB	Sunday 24 March 2019	info@luskhorsesireland.com 028 92638407 / 07831 661428
5	Drumragh Integrated College	Ecclesville Equestrian Centre 11 Ecclesville Road Fintona BT78 2EF	Monday 1 April 2019	joaniepotts@hotmail.com 028 82252440 / 07796 897905



## Entries / Fees / Admission Passes

**Qualifiers for Northern Ireland Schools** - A qualifying school team must consist of 3 or 4 athletes, all currently in full time education at the same school. An athlete/animal may only jump once per team. It is the school that qualifies, not the members of the team at any qualifying venue, so it is therefore the responsibility of the Chef d'équipe to choose the athletes/animals to represent the school prior to entering the team for the Championship.

**Championship, Balmoral Show** - At each of the Northern Ireland qualifiers, the successful school will complete a Confirmation of Attendance Form confirming their attendance at Balmoral Show. This must be completed fully by the school representative present on the day. The 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 1 car and 10 wristbands (1 for each athlete, 1 for a parent/guardian of each athlete, and 2 for 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 fee £100 (€115)). 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 Ulster Region qualified schools and Republic of Ireland successful schools by Friday 26 April 2019. 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** will be available to purchase from RUAS in advance of the Show. 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/animal from the definite entry list may be allowed up to 4.00pm on Tuesday 14 May 2019. After this date/time, no substitution will be considered. In this regard, the Organising Committee/Show jumping Sub-Committee's decision is final.

**Arrival Times** - Teams may arrive on Friday night 6pm – 9pm and Saturday morning from 6am 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 before 9am on Saturday 18 May 2019.

**Stable Reservations** - All stables must be confirmed in advance. If you require a stable on Friday night 17 May, please confirm details on the final entry form. All stables are 3m x 3m approx. Limited shavings are provided. Additional shavings available to purchase 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 Show Jumping 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. Athletes may only compete on one animal.
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 at the competition venue by anyone other than the athlete competing on the animal taking part in the competition.
4. At the Championship the competition will be run in 2 adjacent arenas within the Main Arena, but at Qualifying venues the competition may be run as either a 2 round competition or a 2 phase competition in the one arena, providing the scoring/course/judging etc., is as in items 5-11 below:
  - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> team member etc. Should a team only have 3 athletes, the last athlete may choose to go in the 4<sup>th</sup> slot rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> one, but if so doing the Chef d'equipe must inform the Ground Jury before the commencement of the competition, otherwise it will be deemed that the athlete goes in 3<sup>rd</sup> place slot.
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. These will not necessarily be the same athletes.
6. Should there be equality of penalties and time for first place, a jump off will take place over a shortened course, by one athlete of each team, selected by the Chef d'equipe. At the Championships, should there be further equalities for either 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, a jump off will also take place, as above, to ensure there are three clear winning teams in the Championship for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
7. The Chef d'equipe should identify themselves at the declarations unit 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 for qualifying competitions & Championships must have at least one judge at Senior National Level or above, and one judge of National level or above, plus a scorer per arena. The decision of the Ground Jury is final.



9. Any rider or school representative showing unsporting behaviour will automatically be disqualified from their team, and/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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round – 1 penalty point for every 4 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 designer at the Qualifying rounds must be Regional level or above. The course Designer in the Championships must be Senior National level or above. Both rounds will consist of 7 to 9 fences. (If running under Art. 274.5.6 – fence numbers should comply with this article).

- 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 350mpm
- d) The first fence in round 1 must not exceed 0.95cms
- 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 Ulster Region, the team qualifying on the day will receive qualifying rosettes. All 5 ROI teams will receive a qualified rosette.
- At the Championship 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Team Turnout prize will be awarded to the most appropriately turned out team at the Championship. Inspection for this will be done in the holding area, prior to participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.



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:
    - A Primary Course of two injections not less than 21 days or more than 92 days apart. It is most common to give the second vaccination 3 - 6 weeks after the first.
    - A First Booster must be given 5 - 7 months (not less than 150 days and not more than 215 days) after the second injection of the Primary Course. Thereafter, Annual Boosters are to be given not more than 12 months apart.
    - If at any time an injection is given later than is required under these rules, the whole sequence must be started from the beginning, including the 5 - 7 month booster.
  - b) Passports with certification confirming proper vaccination must be available for inspection on arrival or at any time during the Balmoral Show.
17. For Ulster Region 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](http://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 which is 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 2020.
20. It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these Rules. If there is no rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the literal interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in obvious injustice, reference may be made to the SJAI / FEI rules. Ultimately the RUAS Show Jumping Sub-Committee will make a decision based on common sense and fair play, thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of these rules.