

## **NORTHERN IRELAND HORSE BOARD FOAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Co- Sponsored by Northern Ireland Horse Board and Horse Sport Ireland*

### **MEADOWS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

#### **\*\*NOTE\*\***

##### ***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR FOAL ENTRIES***

Due to the timing of the Championship, we acknowledge that the majority of foals will be weaned, therefore Foals will be judged on their own merit. Mares may attend if required, but only the foal will be judged on this occasion.

The Northern Ireland Horse Board are pleased to announce the details of the 2020 Northern Ireland Foal Championship, sponsored by Northern Ireland Horse Board and Horse Sport Ireland. The Championship has a prize fund of almost £2000 and will aim to identify, evaluate and reward breeders who have bred a foal that has the potential to be competitive at the highest International level in the disciplines of show jumping or eventing.

#### **Criteria for entry**

- Foals must be registered in a studbook that is a member of the WBFSH or Weatherbys (pending DNA where this can be verified by the studbook is acceptable) and should be shown with their dams where possible.
- Foals must be entered in either the Show jumping Section, the Eventing Section, or the Irish Draught Section.
- The dam's passport should be available on the day for inspection.
- All foals must be a minimum of 6 weeks old to compete at the Final.

#### **Classes**

- All classes must run on a pre-entry basis. Entries will be taken by the Northern Ireland Horse Board and will be required 2 weeks prior to the event.

Please note foals need to be kept on their lead at the venues except when being shown loose in the arena.

#### **Format of the Class**

Foal to be shown in-hand. Each section will parade as a group. All foals must be paraded as a group at the start of each class before the individual evaluation of each foal. During the individual presentation the foal is positioned in front of the judges with a halter, in order to evaluate its posture and conformation. The foal can then be judged freely on walk, trot and canter as indicated by the judges. When all the foals are evaluated, the judges will announce the class placings, 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> place. Rosettes will be presented to all entrants. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placings be required for Championship class at the end. The judges will describe the positive attributes of the foals to the audience.

#### **Competitors**

- Foals must be led to and from the arena, and only turned loose when requested to do so by the judges.
- The judge's decision as announced is final.
- Foals must be registered, microchipped and must provide their passport on the day of the Championship. Prize money will only be provided after pedigree confirmed by DNA and passport details are verified.

### Prize Money

Category	Prize Fund	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>
Showjumping Colt & Filly	625	200	150	100	75	50	50
Eventing Colt & Filly	625	200	150	100	75	50	50
Irish Draught Colt & Filly	625	200	150	100	75	50	50

### Preparation

It is important for the foals to be well prepared for the classes. To practice for the championship, it is wise that the foal has been familiarised with the headcollar and leading at a young age. During the events the foals may not have lost all of their foal hairs. The judges will only examine the quality of the foal and does not pay attention to colour or coat.

During the classes a foal's health is more important than show condition coat. Completely shaving the foals is not recommended, because shaved foals are more likely to get a cold when they are outside in bad weather.

These classes are not traditional show foal classes, they are for potential performance animals. Any evidence of foals having been over-fed or pushed to grow and develop unnaturally, which could be detrimental for their future bone development and general wellbeing will be penalised.

### Judging Criteria:

There will be two judges for each category.

Foals will be judged according to the following criteria.

1. Functional conformation
2. Walk
3. Trot
4. Canter
5. Overall athleticism and balance

The judges will be provided with pedigree and performance information for each of the foals that the owner has submitted with the application.

Scoring will be judged out of 100 and will be based on the following traits:

	<b>Showjumping Section</b>	<b>Eventing Section</b>	<b>Irish Draught Section</b>
<b>Functional conformation</b>	20	30	30
<b>Walk</b>	10	10	10
<b>Trot</b>	10	20	10
<b>Canter</b>	30	20	20
<b>Overall athleticism and balance</b>	30	20	20



**Northern Ireland  
Horse Board**

**Entry Form for NI Horse Board  
Foal Championships**

**Meadows Equestrian Centre- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Entry Fee: £25- Entries Close 1pm Friday 25th September 2020**

Entries to [nihb.office@gmail.com](mailto:nihb.office@gmail.com) or drop entry form into the office.

PLEASE SELECT WHICH CLASS YOU WISH TO ENTER	
	Showjumping Foal Championship
	Eventing Foal Championship
	Irish Draught Foal Championship

<b>Horse Name</b>					
<b>Passport Issuing Authority</b>					
<b>Reg Number/ UELN</b>					
<b>Colour</b>		<b>Gender</b>		<b>DOB</b>	
<b>Pedigree</b>	<i>SIRE</i>	<i>DAM</i>		<i>DAM SIRE</i>	
<b>Breeder</b>					

<b>Owner Details</b>	
<b>Owner Address</b>	
<b>Contact No</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	

**Payment:**

<b>Cheque</b> (made payable to NIHB)	<b>Credit/ Debit Card</b> (Details below)
<b>Card Number</b>	
<b>Card Holder Name</b>	
<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>CVC</b>

**Completed application forms and payments should be emailed or delivered to**

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