

# **NORTHERN IRELAND HORSE BOARD FOAL CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 MEADOWS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**



The Northern Ireland Horse Board are pleased to announce the details of the 2021 Northern Ireland Foal Championship. The Championship will aim to identify, evaluate, and reward breeders who have bred a foal that has the potential to be competitive at the highest 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, to facilitate the production of an exhibitors leaflet all entries must be lodged with the NIHB office by 12 Noon 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021.
- Where there are insufficient entries, classes may be amalgamated by the organisers.

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, 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. Rosettes will be presented to all entrants.

## **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 in the process of being registered and microchipped. Prize money will only be provided after pedigree confirmed by DNA and passport details are verified.

## Prize Money

Prize money will be presented on a 1 prize for every 3 entries, i.e. if there are 9 entries in a class prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> placings. A percentage of each entry will be used to make up the class prize fund.

## 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 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:

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



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

**Entry Fee: £25 for NIHB Members/ £35 for Non Members- Entries Close 12 Noon 21<sup>st</sup> July  
2021**

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	
	Show jumping Colt Foal Championship
	Show jumping Filly Foal Championship
	Eventing Colt Foal Championship
	Eventing Filly Foal Championship
	Irish Draught Colt Foal Championship
	Irish Draught Filly Foal Championship

<b>Horse Name</b>					
<b>Passport Issuing Authority</b>					
<b>Microchip 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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