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PERFORMANCE HORSE AND PONY SERIES 2022 sponsored by EQUINE AWARDS NI with a total prize fund of £4000

Overview of the Series In 2022.

Open to four, five and six-year-old Irish Breed Horses, Irish Draughts with Connemara Ponies up to 15 years old. The Series aims to create a medium for breeders and producers to display their quality young stock showing jumping ability, good conformation, excellent movement and the temperament to excel in their chosen field. Experienced judges will be recruited from across all disciplines in pursuit of an athletic, loose moving horse with a promising attitude and jumping technique. The winner will be the combination that has achieved the highest overall marks from the following sections.



ALL CLASSES WILL FOLLOWING THE SAME FORMAT AS BELOW:

RIDDEN FLAT WORK PHASE

Each horse starts by performing a simple dressage test to show their paces and demonstrate obedience, suppleness and three correct, elastic and regular gaits. Unlike regular dressage competitions, marks are NOT awarded for individual movements. Instead, an overall mark is given out of 40.

JUMPING PHASE

The jumping phase follows immediately after the dressage. The judges are looking for a bold athletic horse that shows a good basic technique. An overall mark is awarded out of 90.

CONFIRMATION AND QUALITY

Horses are assessed in hand during the third phase. Their overall build, type and stature should enable them to withstand the demands of the sport, and lay the fundamentals for soundness, and stamina. An overall mark is awarded out of 30.

SUITABILITY AND POTENTIAL – this phase will only be applicable at the Series Finale

Only the top ten highest scoring horses from phases I - III are invited to come forward to be judged in this final section. The judge will assess each horse for their potential to excel in their particular. The horses are brought into a line in the order that the judge sees their potential.

Ten marks will be awarded to the horse that the judge brought in first, nine to the second, eight to the third, etc down to one mark to the tenth horse. These marks are added to those awarded in the previous three sections to establish the winner.

Schedule for the qualifying series rounds will be available on the Gransha Equestrian Centre website. ALL ENTRIES TO BE MADE VIA THE GRANSHA EQUESTRIAN APP. Please note combinations must compete in a minimum of 3No. Qualifying Rounds to be eligible for the finale. Entries will close Thursday evening at midnight prior to each qualifier.

- Leg 1 – Gransha Equestrian Centre, Sunday 20th February 2022
- Leg 2 – Gransha Equestrian Centre, Sunday 13th March 2022
- Leg 3 – Gransha Equestrian Centre, Sunday 3rd April 2022
- Leg 4 – Gransha Equestrian Centre, Tuesday 12th April 2022
- Leg 5 – Gransha Equestrian Centre, Tuesday 19th April 2022
- Series Finale – Gransha Equestrian Centre, Sunday 1st May 2022





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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Passports

All horses MUST have a valid passport, microchips will be examined at each qualifier and must corroborate with the passport bar code.

Riders

A horse must be competed by the named rider during all phases of the competition. Riders can ride 3 qualified horses per class in the final. A change of rider will not be permitted.

Tack

Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended Kitemark standard - PAS 015, F1163 or Snell, and fitted with an adjustable harness, is compulsory for all riders. (Please note that (BS) EN1384 hats will not be permitted unless the hat is dual stamped with another standard such as Snell or PAS 015). A body protector must be worn by all riders. Only blunt metal spurs or ones with rubber rowles $\leq 2.5\text{cms}$ (1") facing downwards are permitted. Whips are permitted but may not exceed 75cms.

The same tack must be used in each phase. Only snaffle bridles with any one of the following nosebands: cavesson, drop, flash or grackle are permitted (to apply to all phases). Standing martingales not permitted. Front boots of a plain colour may be worn during the jumping phase of the class. No hind boots or bandages permitted. Only saddle contoured numnahs are permitted.

If for any reason, a competitor goes through the start with incorrect tack, the Judge will have no option but to eliminate that competitor.

All competition criteria (tack, whip & fence size) apply equally to the practice / warm-up arena.

Marking System

Maximum total 160 points, broken down as follows:

Phase One – Ridden Flat Work Phase

An overall mark is given out of 40.

Phase Two - Jumping

An overall mark is awarded out of 90.

Fault system: For each fence knocked down – 10 penalties

1st refusal, run out, disobedience – 15 penalties

2nd refusal, run out, disobedience – 20 penalties

3rd refusal, run out, disobedience – Elimination

Fall of horse or rider – Elimination

Phase Three – Confirmation and Quality

An overall mark is awarded out of 30.

In the event of an equality of points, placing will be determined by the highest total score in the Jumping Phase.





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CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 20th February 2022 starting prompt @ 10am

Class 1 – This class is open only to 4 year old mares, geldings + stallions over 153cms Bred in Ireland

Fences

Max Height 85cm

Max Spread 90cm (no water jump)

Entry Fee

Entry fee for Class 1 will be £35 with a percentage of the entry fee being returned to the prize fund in relation to the number of animals catalogued. The top 3 combinations will qualify for the finale.

Prizes

1st - £50 / 2nd - £40 / 3rd - £35 / 4th - £20 (over 15 Starters)

RING FAMILIARISATION for Class 1 only - Competitors in the 4 Year old class will be allowed to familiarise their horses with the competition ring on the morning of the class. All horses must be mounted and wearing their competition number and may only be ridden by the rider as recorded in the start list. Only the horse and rider may enter the arena; horses are permitted to walk and trot only.

Class 2 – This class is open only to 5 + 6 year old mares, geldings + stallions over 153cms Bred in Ireland

Fences

Max Height 1m

Max Spread 1.05cm

Entry Fee

Entry fee for Class 2 will be £35 with a percentage of the entry fee being returned to the prize fund in relation to the number of animals catalogued.

Prizes

1st - £50 / 2nd - £40 / 3rd - £35 / 4th - £20 (over 15 Starters)

Class 3 – This class is open only to 4 year old Registered Irish Draught mares, geldings + stallions over 155cms, to be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th Birthday on 01/01/2022

Fences

Max Height 80cm

Max Spread 85cm

Entry Fee

Entry fee for Class 3 will be £35 with a percentage of the entry fee being returned to the prize fund in relation to the number of animals catalogued. The top 3 combinations will qualify for the finale.

Prizes

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CLASS SCHEDULE cont'd

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Class 4 – This class is open only to 5 + 6 year old Registered Irish Draught mares, geldings + stallions over 155cms, to be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th Birthday on 01/01/2022

Fences

Max Height 90cm
Max Spread 95cm

Entry Fee

Entry fee for Class 4 will be £35 with a percentage of the entry fee being returned to the prize fund in relation to the number of animals catalogued. The top 3 combinations will qualify for the finale.

Prizes

1st - £50 / 2nd - £40 / 3rd - £35 / 4th - £20 (over 15 Starters)

Class 5 – This class is open only to 5 + 7 year old (inclusive) Registered Connemara mares, geldings + stallions any height to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th Birthday on 01/01/2022

Fences

Max Height 90cm
Max Spread 95cm

Entry Fee

Entry fee for Class 5 will be £35 with a percentage of the entry fee being returned to the prize fund in relation to the number of animals catalogued. The top 3 combinations will qualify for the finale.

Prizes

1st - £50 / 2nd - £40 / 3rd - £35 / 4th - £20 (over 15 Starters)

Class 6 – This class is open only to 8 + 15 year old (inclusive) Registered Connemara mares, geldings + stallions any height, to be ridden by riders who have attained their 14th Birthday on 01/01/2022

Fences

Max Height 1m
Max Spread 1.05m

Entry Fee

Entry fee for Class 6 will be £35 with a percentage of the entry fee being returned to the prize fund in relation to the number of animals catalogued. The top 3 combinations will qualify for the finale.

Prizes

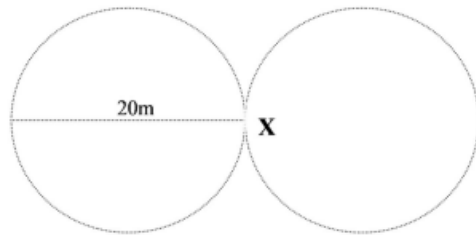
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RIDDEN FLAT WORK PHASE criteria for all classes



Marker	Movement	Requirements
at X	Approach the Judge in Medium Walk. At X Halt	4-time rhythm, showing a degree of over-tracking Straight, square, immobile on the bit – maintain for 3 seconds
from X	Working Trot 20m Circle Left	2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement
from X	Working Trot 20m Circle Right	2-time rhythm in correct bend, showing active hind leg engagement
at X	Working Canter 20m Circle Left	Smooth transition and correct strike off on left lead. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance
through X	2-3 Trot Strides Canter ½ 20m Circle Right	Smooth transition and correct strike off on right leg. 3-time rhythm with correct bend and balance
2 nd ½ 20m Circle	Progressive downward transitions through trot & walk	Well defined trot & walk, maintained contact and balance
At X	Halt	Straight, square, immobile – for 3 seconds
General impression of harmony in horsemanship		
Proceed directly to the first fence on the jumping track		