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**Horse Sport Ireland**  
**Terms and Conditions of**  
**DAFM Pony Studbook/Development**  
**Show jumping Series Venue Host 2026**

Funded by National Breeding Services



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Horse Sport Ireland are the National Equestrian federation in Ireland and contracted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for the delivery of National Breeding Services to the sport horse industry in Ireland.

## 1. Introduction

Horse Sport Ireland has its principal offices at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Beech House, Millennium Park, Naas Co. Kildare W91TK7N.

This document sets out the Terms and Conditions of hosting a leg of the DAFM Pony Studbook Series (Show jumping) and must be considered in conjunction with the additional conditions of hosting detailed in the Letter of Offer.

## 2. General Venue Information

Leg 1:	Millstreet: 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (SS)
Leg 2:	Barnandown: 18 <sup>th</sup> July (SS)
Leg 3:	Tubberbride: 6 <sup>th</sup> September (DS)
Leg 4:	Emerald: 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> October (DS)
SS - Studbook Series	
DS – Development Series	

- 2.1 The terms and conditions outlined below have been established by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) under National Breeding Services funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (DAFM). If the organisation fails to comply with any, or all, of these terms and conditions of grant investment Horse Sport Ireland may:
- (i) claim repayment of any or all monies previously advanced by Horse Sport Ireland to the organisation, and/or
  - (ii) suspend or withhold grant investment from the organisation, and/or
  - (iii) refuse to provide any further assistance to the organisation (financial or otherwise).
  - (iv) suspend an organisations’ standing or affiliation (where affiliated) with Horse Sport Ireland for a defined period, and/or
  - (v) disaffiliate the event/organisation from Horse Sport Ireland
- 2.2 To approve a grant and maintain grant investment to your organisation Horse Sport Ireland must be satisfied that:
- (i) appropriate arrangements are in place for the overall governance and management (including financial management) of the organisation and remain in place for the duration of the grant cycle
  - (ii) where the organisation has received financial assistance under a previous Grant Process, the organisation has complied with the criteria and/or terms and conditions of the previous Grant Process.
- 2.3 Shows who are awarded a leg of the 2026 DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Series must be authorised by Horse Sport Ireland, and hold the relevant insurance, and abide by grant rules, terms, and conditions.
- 2.3.1 Public Liability (PL) to the minimum indemnity limit of €6.5 million. The PL coverage should permit use for hosting of public events – this should not be restricted to private activity with limited/private/occasional visitors.

- 2.3.2 All pony classes must affiliate to Showjumping Ireland.
- 2.4 Show jumping shows must be run as specified on your letter of offer.
- 2.5 All DAFM Pony Studbook classes must run on a pre-entry basis. For 2026, show jumping (SJ) class entries must be taken through an the SJllive portal.
- (i) No Temporary Tickets are allowed in these classes. In the case of ineligibility in terms of age and breeding, 'Hors Concours' entries will NOT be allowed.
- (ii) A reserve system will not operate for these classes.
- 2.6 All shows must be named in on the SJllive platform and across all hard/soft publications as follows for the Studbook Series dates:
- DAFM Pony Studbook Series Show jumping 128cms; 5-Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Studbook Series Show jumping 128cms; 6 & 7 -Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Studbook Series Show jumping 138cms; 5-Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Studbook Series Show jumping 138cms; 6 & 7 -Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Studbook Series Show jumping 148cms; 5-Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Studbook Series Show jumping 148cms; 6 & 7 -Year-Old
- and for the Development Series dates:
- DAFM Pony Development Series Show jumping 128cms; 5-Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Development Series Show jumping 128cms; 6 & 7 -Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Development Series Show jumping 138cms; 5-Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Development Series Show jumping 138cms; 6 & 7 -Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Development Series Show jumping 148cms; 5-Year-Old
  - DAFM Pony Development Series Show jumping 148cms; 6 & 7 -Year-Old
- 2.7 A point of contact for the venue must be nominated and be fully contactable available to HSI pre- and post-show.

### 3. Show Day regulations.

3.1 All rounds must be held in the **main arena** and that arena should have a suitable surface to cope with adverse conditions (please specify details above). All qualifying rounds must be held in the main and second-best arena (with suitable surfaces). Second arena are only warranted where the number of entries requires a second arena to be used.

3.1.1 Venues must confirm in advance that the arena surface is suitable for these classes in advance of hosting same.

3.2 The DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Series must be organised and run in full compliance of relevant [SJI articles](#), FEI code of conduct for the welfare of the horse and in line with the details contained within this document.

3.2.1 This includes that ponies must be ridden by children of the relevant age in each pony height category (see below from Chapter XV [of SJI rules](#)).

**2.1 .1 128** - A category defined as 128cms, for ponies not exceeding 128cms in height, to be ridden by children up to the end of the year in which they reach the age of 12 years.

**2.2 138** - A category defined as 138cms, for ponies exceeding 128cms but not exceeding 138cms in height, to be ridden by children up to the end of the year in which they reach the age of 14 years.

**2.3. 148** - A category defined as 148cms, for ponies exceeding 138cms but not exceeding 148cms to be ridden by children up to the end of the year in which they reach 16 years.

3.3 HSI reserves the right to request that venues provide a back-up venue as part of their application. Specific conditions apply to situations of adverse weather and the criteria must be carefully read and agreed to in this regard (listed below under Note 1).

3.4 Shows cannot schedule or hold other studbook pony classes for the same age categories (5-, 6-, and 7-year-olds) as part of the show subject to the application.

3.5 The classes must run in sequence (i.e. one after the other) and, barring exceptional circumstances and in agreement with HSI, should not have other classes slotted in between them.

3.6 No change to show date can occur without HSI approval.

3.7 Prize winner letters will be provided to each venue for winners to claim their prize money. Venues must ensure that letters are available to prize winners on the day.

3.8 The venue must sanitise and prepare at least two clean stables to facilitate anti-doping testing over the duration of the show.

3.9 HSI reserves the right to request that venues provide a back-up venue as part of their application. Specific conditions apply to situations of adverse weather and the

criteria must be carefully read and agreed to in this regard (listed below under Note 1).

- 3.10 No individual studbook should be promoted during the classes via signage or fence usage i.e. 'The Irish Sport Horse Studbook' fence or signage is not permitted for use.

## 4. Necessary Personnel

- 4.1 A Starter and Stipendiary Steward must be in place for all classes and the microchip of the pony must be verified against the pony's passport.
- 4.2 Coursebuilder must be made known to HSI in advance of show.
- 4.3 A representative from HSI/the wider board may be in attendance and for prize giving.
- 4.4 The venue must provide a paramedic, who is available and onsite throughout all funded classes.

## 5. Eligibility

- 5.1 All funded class(es) should be confined to ponies that are registered in a studbook. Further details will be found on the Pony Studbook Series Eligibility Criteria 2026 document.
- 5.1.1 This includes main or supplementary section studbook ponies.
- 5.1.2 Ponies without a recorded 'breed', for example 'UNK', AND not registered or classified in a DAFM studbook are not permitted to enter or draw down any prize funding.
- 5.1.3 Should venues permit these entries the venue will be liable for any prize money directly to the entrant.
- 5.1.4 Breeder's prizes will only be awarded to breeders' resident in Ireland.

## 6. Entry Fees

Entries will be €25 per class.

## 7. Class Format

### **Please note:**

- **It is the responsibility of the venue to ensure their full compliance with class format/ course set up with regards to the leg of the series they are hosting.**
- **Each leg is a standalone competition, and no league table will be maintained.**

**Course Details and Obstacle Heights**

**128cms 5-Year-Old:**

- Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)
- The maximum height of the class must not exceed 70cms.

**138cms 5-Year-Old:**

- Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)
- The maximum height of the class must not exceed 80cms.

**148cms 5-Year-Old:**

- Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)
- The maximum height of the class must not exceed 90cms.

**128cms 6- & 7-Year-Olds:**

- Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)
- The maximum height of the class must not exceed 80cms.

**138cms 6- & 7-Year-Olds:**

- Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)
- The maximum height of the class must not exceed 90cms.

**148cms 6- & 7-Year-Olds:**

- Class must be jumped under SJI Article (274.8N.1)
- The maximum height of the class must not exceed 1m.

**8. Prize funds**

- 8.1 Prize funds will be divided between all double clears.
- 8.2 There will be €4,000 in prize money provided per venue, this is a combination of competition and breeders prize money.
- 8.3 Where there is 10 or less eligible entries in a class, HSI reserves the right to reduce the prize fund by 50%.
- 8.4 Rosettes will be provided by HSI.

DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Series Prize fund				
	128cm	138cm	148cm	Breeder
5YO	€400	€500	€600	€300 (€100 per breeder)
6/7YO	€500	€600	€800	€300 (€100 per breeder)
Prize funds divided by eligible DCs in each height category, breeder's prizes will be allocated at random by HSI to one breeder per height category.				

## 9. Recognition of Investment

- 9.1 Your organisation must give appropriate public recognition to Horse Sport Ireland for the delivery of this initiative and to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for funding this initiative. See appropriate recognition below:

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- 9.2 Your organisation must update all relevant Horse Sport Ireland and Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine logos on its website to the version of the logos as provided by Horse Sport Ireland from time to time. The organisation acknowledges that the Horse Sport Ireland logo is the sole property of Horse Sport Ireland, and that Horse Sport Ireland may withdraw or revoke at any time any consents or licenses necessary for the organisation to lawfully use the logos upon written notice to it.
- 9.3 If the venue does not have sufficient signage, they must contact [grants@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:grants@horsesportireland.ie) no later than 7 working days before they are due to host the series classes.
- 9.3.1 This includes signage with the correct Horse Sport Ireland and DAFM logo for ringside exposure, and recognition of HSI and the DAFM in all online and print media via text and inclusion of correct logos. Should the organisation require a specific graphic, please contact HSI.
- 9.3.2 All Horse Sport Ireland/ Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine media, including banners, must be returned to Horse Sport Ireland immediately post show. This is at the cost of the venue.

## 10. Disclosure of Information

- 10.1 The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is in force. Horse Sport Ireland only processes data where there is a clear legal basis for the processing and in line with the principles enshrined in the legislation. Horse Sport Ireland staff are aware of their obligations under GDPR, and the organisation has appropriate technical and physical safeguards in place to fulfil these obligations.
- 10.2 When Horse Sport Ireland considers it appropriate to disclose personal data, we will only disclose the amount of personal data that is necessary. Third parties that receive personal data from us must satisfy us as to the measures taken to protect and keep it secure.

- 10.3 Hosting organisations must have planned and resourced their response to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Horse Sport Ireland may review an organisation's Data Protection practices as part of an audit, inspection and/or investigation as per Clause 5 Right to Audit, Inspect and Investigate.

## 11. Data Sharing

- 11.1 Horse Sport Ireland recognise that personal data flows between various departments of Horse Sport Ireland and other organisations in the sport horse industry. Data sharing can bring large benefits in the efficient delivery of services, but it must be done in a way that respects the rights of individuals to have their personal data treated with care and not accessed or used without good reason.

- 11.2 Data sharing should always be necessary, proportionate and have a clear purpose.

- 11.3 Horse Sport Ireland have identified the following areas where the sharing of Personal Data takes place with funded bodies and is necessary to support the purposes of both parties:

- i) Breeding and Production
- ii) Sport

It is recognised that not every item above will be relevant to every organisation.

- 11.4 Obligations of both parties

- i) Each party must ensure compliance with applicable national data protection laws.
- ii) Where either Party becomes aware of inaccuracies in Shared Personal Data, they will notify the other Party.

iii) Shared personal data should be disposed of in a secure manner.

iv) Both Parties undertake to inform Data Subjects of the purposes for which it will process their Personal Data and provide all of the information that it must provide in accordance with applicable laws with a particular cognisance of the need to provide this information in manner that is easily accessible and easy to understand. This will ensure that the Data Subjects understand how their Personal Data will be processed.

v) Make appropriate arrangements in organisations policies, procedures to facilitate compliant data sharing.

## 12. Prevention of Fraud

Horse Sport Ireland is committed to protecting the public funds with which it has been entrusted and ensuring these funds are used for their intended purposes. Horse Sport Ireland is cognisant of the importance of upholding the standards of honesty, transparency, probity, and accountability so as to protect its reputation from fraudulent activity. Your organisation must:

- i. have an established system that enables you, your partners and staff to report inappropriate behaviour.
- ii. ensure a segregation of duties within the organisation to safeguard the organisations finances.
- iii. use your best endeavours to safeguard Horse Sport Ireland's Grant Investment against fraud generally.
- iv. pay the utmost regard to safeguarding public funds against misleading claims for payment and shall notify Horse Sport Ireland's immediately in writing if your organisation has reason to suspect that any serious irregularity or fraud has occurred or is occurring, irrespective of the financial sum.

### 13. Cessation and Repayment of Grant Investment

13.1 Without limiting the generality of Clause 2.1 above Horse Sport Ireland may enforce any of the remedies available to it pursuant to Clause 2.1 in the event that:

- i. Horse Sport Ireland is dissatisfied that there are appropriate arrangements in place for the overall governance and management of the organisation.
- ii. your organisation fails to demonstrate that it is fully committed to the adoption and implementation of a strategic approach to the development of its sport.
- iii. your organisation fails to demonstrate that it has the necessary infrastructure and size to deliver on the event.
- iv. your organisation, where applicable, is not fully compliant with and committed to Horse Sport Ireland's various national programmes including those in relation to coaching development, anti-doping and safeguarding.
- v. Horse Sport Ireland is dissatisfied with the progress being made by the organisation in the achievement of its objectives as set out in the Approved Grant
- vi. Your organisation fails to expend grant investment in accordance with the Approved Grant pursuant as outlined above.
- vii. Your organisation fails to provide Horse Sport Ireland with appropriate information as outlined above.
- viii. Your organisation ceases to satisfy the criteria for Horse Sport Ireland recognition and/or assistance which are applicable to the grant investment made available to it.
- ix. Your organisation obtains duplicate investment from a third party.
- x. Your organisation provides Horse Sport Ireland with materially misleading or inaccurate information.
- xi. Horse Sport Ireland is of the reasonable opinion that the organisation is spending the grant funds in a negligent or inappropriate manner, or
- xii. In the event that any clause or criteria outlined within these Terms and Conditions are not being met.

13.2 For the avoidance of doubt, in any of the circumstances described in Clause 12.1, Horse Sport Ireland and/or Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine shall be entitled to exercise any or all of the remedies available to it pursuant to Clause 2.1 above, as it may determine at its sole discretion, and such remedies shall be without prejudice to any other remedies available to it in law, equity or otherwise.

Please note that should future series be open for venue applications, past adherence to guidelines and T&C's will be taken into consideration.

HSI reserve the right to update/amend these terms, conditions and eligibility criteria.

The Terms & Conditions of Venue hosting must be signed by **one member** of your organising committee/organisation.

We declare that the information given in the application for hosting the Studbook/ Development Show jumping Series is true and accurate. We have read and understood the terms and conditions of a DAFM Studbook Series Venue. On behalf of our organisation, we accept the terms and conditions of assistance and agree to be bound by those terms and conditions.

**We hereby accept the DAFM Studbook/Development Pony Show jumping Series 2026 Terms and Conditions.**

Signed by:  **Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 23/6/2026 | 2:45 PM BST  
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### Note 1

- Where adverse weather conditions occur in the week leading up to any of the legs of the Series, a SJI regional representative will be asked to make a final decision on ground conditions by 12 pm on the day before the first qualifier/event is due to commence.
- Should ground conditions be deemed to be unsuitable for jumping, the classes shall be moved to an all-weather surface or cancelled. Notification will be provided by SJI to the riders by 2pm on the day prior to the qualifier.
- In the case where the National Grand Prix or Premier Series Grand Prix is called off due to weather conditions, all Studbook Show jumping classes must also be called off.
- Submission of a venue application for the DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Series acknowledges that the venue/applicant agree to the DAFM Pony Studbook/Development Series venue application terms, conditions, eligibilities, and entry fees.
  - Should there be non-compliance with the above by the applicant/venue at any stage, HSI reserve the right to withhold/restrict or withdraw funding and awarding of the respect class(es)

**ENDS.**