



National Amateur Committee
ShowjumpingIreland
Newsletter
July 2025 Edition

Dear Amateurs,
Welcome to the Showjumping Ireland amateur newsletter! We are excited to share the latest updates, upcoming events and important announcements with you.

Upcoming Events

- Dublin Horse Show – August 6th – 10th – Royal Dublin Society
- Cavan August Amateur Show – August 30th – 31st – Cavan Equestrian Centre
- Sports Member All Ireland Final – September 6th – Mullingar Autumn Championships

! Final opportunities to qualify:

- 👉 Emerald – 30th July
- 👉 Connell Hill – August 2nd
- 👉 Iverk – 23rd August

 [Rules & Qualifying Criteria](#)

 [Qualified combinations](#)

Please find Farmer's Journal 'A' Qualifier and Orchard/NAPS National Amateur League dates on the [SJI Amateurs page](#).

Refer to the [SJI Calendar](#) for additional upcoming events.

Competition Highlights

- Cavan July Amateur Show – Cavan Equestrian Centre

June 28th

-  90cm Sport Member – Debbie Larkin (Bonna Moore)
-  Welcome Stakes
 - A Section – Sophie McKeen (Pineroft Kamiro)
 - AA Section – Kevin O'Reilly (Cranny West)
-  Power & Speed
 - A Section – Sophie McKeen (Pineroft Kamiro)
 - AA Section – Nicole Fox (Bluestones Ludo)
-  Mini Grand Prix
 - A Section – Aoife Henry (First Spender TS)
 - AA Section – Karen Broderick (Earl Greys Last Cruise)
-  Six Bar – Gwyn Yemm (Doonini Z)

June 29th

-  90cm Sports Member – Laura Haughey (Claggan Eclipso Clover)
-  Power & Speed
 - A Section – Megan Browne (Thorton Chester)
 - AA Section – Gwyn Yemm (Doonini Z)
-  Grand Prix
 - A Section – Tomás Seoighe (Heritage Mystique)
 - AA Section – Egle Zakaraite (Talbot Siss)

Congratulations to all!

RDS Qualifier Recap

This year's SJI Amateur RDS Qualifiers saw an impressive turnout of 198 riders and 227 horses competing across the four qualifiers in May and June.

Kernan's Equestrian Centre hosted the first and busiest qualifier of 2025, drawing an impressive 147 entries on the day; however, all four venues buzzed with competitive energy as amateur riders from across Ireland vied for the coveted 32 spots at the prestigious Dublin Horse Show.

As far as breeding goes, OBOS Quality 004 emerged as the most popular sire of amateur horses, with 10 offspring competing across the qualifiers. He was followed by Womanizer with 5 representatives, while Chippison, Pacino, and Sligo Candy Boy each had 4. On the dam side, the legendary Cruising stood out as the most well-represented dam sire at the qualifiers, followed by Coevers Diamond Boy.

The age profile of the horses competing across the qualifiers ranged widely from 5 to 23 years old, with the average age being 12. At 23, J Silky is the oldest amateur horse heading to Dublin, while 6-year-old LKS Florence will be the youngest amateur horse to step into the Simmons court in 2025.

Just over half of the qualified amateur riders will be making repeat appearances at the RDS this year, with 17 of the 32 having competed at the Dublin Horse Show previously and 9 of these having qualified most recently in 2024. Notable among them are Caitlin Duffy, Sarah Connolly, and Roisin Donnelly, who will each be competing in the amateur section for the fifth time, while Joseph Moore is set for an impressive sixth amateur appearance at the Dublin Horse Show.

15 of the 32 horses qualified this year are also veterans of the RDS Dublin Horse Show. Among them are Seaforde Rebel, Tyreda Chip, and Ad Fundum D'Ersr Z each on their third visit to the RDS, while Jockeyhall Midas Touch will be making a remarkable sixth appearance at the prestigious venue.

Regionally, Leinster will send the largest contingent of amateurs in 2025, taking 12 of the 32 qualifying positions (38%). Munster has 10 riders qualified (31%), Connaught has 6 (19%), and Ulster will be sending 4 (12%).

The rider category split was nicely balanced this year between AA and A amateurs, with 17 AA riders and 15 A riders qualified for the Dublin Horse Show.

A massive congratulations to all competitors on fantastic performances throughout the qualifiers! We look forward to an exciting showcase of amateur talent at the Dublin Horse Show 🥳

📌 Save the Date

◆ Amateur & Sports Member National Championships – September 20th – 21st – Mullingar Equestrian Centre

Incorporating:

- Farmer's Journal 'A' Championship – [Rules & Qualifying Criteria](#)
- Orchard/NAPS National Amateur League final leg and presentation – [Rules & Qualifying Criteria](#)
- **NEW for 2025** Plusvital Amateur Interprovincial Team Challenge – [Rules & Qualifying Criteria](#)

◆ SJI Autumn Series Final – November 8th – Cavan Equestrian Centre – [Rules & Qualifying Criteria](#)

📌 Committee Announcements

- ◆ Attention Thoroughbred owners! Treo Eile has partnered with SJI for the 2025 season to celebrate the growing presence and success of ex-racehorses in affiliated show jumping. With nearly €6,000 in prize value, this nationwide initiative rewards the performance of thoroughbreds across four key competition opportunities—aimed at promoting their second careers and encouraging wider participation. [🔗 Press Release](#)
- ◆ There are still a few classes available for sponsorship at the National Championships – contact anna.smith@sjai.ie ASAP to join our growing army of sponsors!

🤝 Get Involved

We welcome all members to contribute to our amateur community! Send your ideas, feedback, and Amateur Spotlight nominations to us via anna.smith@sjai.ie.

We look forward to seeing you out jumping!

Best of luck,

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