



National Amateur Committee  
**ShowjumpingIreland**  
**Newsletter**  
**March 2026 Edition**

Dear Amateurs,  
Welcome back to the Showjumping Ireland amateur newsletter for 2026! We are excited to share the latest updates, upcoming events and important announcements with you.

 **2026 National Amateur Committee**

- Chairperson – Máire Cosgrove
- Connaught Representative – Karen Boylan
- Leinster Representative – TBC
- Munster Representative – Gary Flynn
- Ulster Representative – Paddy Ward

We're here to help! Please [reach out to us](#) with any questions or concerns throughout the year.

 **Upcoming Events**

- RUAS Balmoral Amateur Qualifier – March 14<sup>th</sup> – Cavan Equestrian Centre
- RUAS Balmoral Amateur Qualifier – March 21<sup>st</sup> – Kernan's Equestrian Centre
- RUAS Balmoral Amateur Qualifier – March 28<sup>th</sup> – Meadows Equestrian Centre

- Emerald Amateur Show – March 29<sup>th</sup> – Emerald Equestrian Centre
- RUAS Balmoral Amateur Qualifier – April 11<sup>th</sup> – Mullingar Equestrian Centre
- Ingrid Kane Amateur Memorial – April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Barnadown Equestrian Centre
- JAG Amateur Show – April 25<sup>th</sup> – JAG Equestrian Centre
- Connaught Amateur Spring Show – April 26<sup>th</sup> – Duffy’s Equestrian Centre

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

**Farmer’s Journal ‘A’ Qualifier, Circulo/NAPS National Amateur League and SM All-Ireland Qualifier dates are currently being selected and will soon be available on the [SJI Amateurs page](#).**

### **Competition Highlights**

- Balmoral Qualified Riders – Portmore – Caitlin Duffy (Jockeyhall Midas Touch), Breda Perrin (LKS Bianca), Gwyn Yemm (Doonini Z), Alexandra Bailey (Calli LVS Z), Bernard Conlon (Cove Bullet)

**Congratulations to all!**

### **National League Spotlight**

#### **Circulo/NAPS National Amateur League, supported by O’Briens Saddlery**

The National Amateur Committee is delighted to announce that Circulo has partnered with Newmarket Architectural & Planning Services Ltd (NAPS) to sponsor the 2026 National Amateur League, with the valued support of O’Briens Saddlery.

This exciting partnership reflects the continued commitment of Irish businesses to supporting amateur showjumping nationwide. Following the success of previous years, the 2026 National League will run throughout the summer season, offering amateur riders from across the country the chance to compete for league points and the opportunity to win exceptional final prizes.

Please join us on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> for the opening leg and official launch of the Circulo/NAPS National Amateur League at the Emerald Amateur Show to mark the start of what promises to be another competitive and exciting year for the National Amateur League.

## Sponsorship Partners

Newmarket Architectural & Planning Services Ltd (NAPS) is an architectural firm based in Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare, working throughout Clare and surrounding areas. The company is led by Directors Derrick Burke and Sean Boyce.

NAPS offers planning consultancy and advice while providing architectural designs and concepts for both residential and commercial projects. The firm has designed a wide range of individually tailored homes that respond to each client's needs, site characteristics and surrounding environment, ranging from traditional to contemporary styles.

In addition to private residential projects, NAPS has designed and worked on multiple housing and apartment developments, many of which are currently under construction while others remain in the planning and design stages. The firm is also involved in commercial and industrial projects, having designed and secured planning permission for a variety of commercial and industrial buildings.

Committed to quality design across all projects, NAPS provides a full architectural service from initial concept through to the submission of planning applications, ensuring each project is carefully guided through the planning process.



Circulo is a boutique tax advisory firm led by Amanda-Jayne Comyn and Mark Doyle providing full-circle corporate advice underpinned by deep tax expertise. The firm works with leaders in family businesses, professional services firms, Irish SMEs, and investors.

With extensive top-tier advisory experience, Circulo's team consists of highly qualified professionals who deliver practical, client-centred advice. Their nimble approach focuses on developing tailored solutions by working closely with clients to explore objectives, obstacles and preferred outcomes before implementing bespoke strategies.

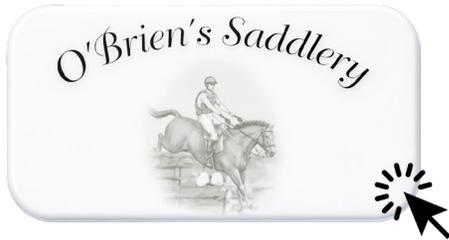
Circulo provides support from the initial development of a solution through to its successful implementation. Their services include:

- Corporate transactions and planning
- Shareholder exit planning
- Business succession planning
- Private client and succession planning
- Inbound and outbound investment
- Revenue engagements, audits and appeals



## Supporting Partner

The league is also supported by O'Briens Saddlery, Cork, a well-known supplier of equestrian equipment and apparel to riders across Ireland. O'Briens Saddlery has generously contributed additional funding to the overall prize fund, further enhancing the rewards available to the top league competitors.



## League Format and Prizes

The National Amateur League will continue to run in the same format as previous years, with a goal of eight legs to be hosted in each region. Points accumulated at these legs will determine the overall league standings at the end of the season, with prizes to be awarded to the top ten combinations at the conclusion of the league. Special league rosettes will be awarded to the top six placed riders at each leg of the league.

The top ten league winners will be presented with vouchers that will allow them to purchase quality equestrian equipment and supplies from O'Brien's Saddlery, with the overall winner receiving a rug, sash and €1,000 voucher for O'Brien's Saddlery.

 **Please join us in thanking NAPS, Circulo and O'Briens Saddlery for their generous support! Thanks to their dedication to amateur showjumping, we can look forward to another exciting and competitive National Amateur League season.**

## Save the Date

◆ Amateur & Sports Member National Championships – September 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Mullingar Equestrian Centre

**We are delighted to be able to host the Amateur & Sports Member National Championships in Mullingar again this year, based on the success of the 2025 Championships. Stay tuned for schedule and sponsorship announcements in future editions!**

## Committee Announcements

◆ Did you know? – The Circulo/NAPS National Amateur League table is live! To view the up-to-date league rankings on **SJI Live** throughout the season, **click the trophy icon**, find the **Circulo/NAPS League 2026** in the **Series Rankings** list, and **click 'Combination'**.

- ◆ 2026 RDS Qualifiers – Please ensure you have met the six-class quota per Rule 254N.C.1.3.1 **before entering each RDS qualifier**. Any rider failing to meet the quota will be ineligible for RDS Dublin Horse Show qualification, regardless of qualifier placing.
- ◆ Exemption Deadline – Applications for exemption from the six-class quota per Rule 254N.C.1.3.2 will close **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- ◆ Reminder – Height classes incorporating amateurs are **not** considered amateur classes; therefore, height classes incorporating amateurs competed in after **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025** may not be counted toward the six-class quota, per Rule 254N.C.1.3.2.

### **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](mailto:anna.smith@sjai.ie).

We look forward to seeing you out jumping!

**Best of luck,**

 **The National Amateur Committee**  
**Showjumping Ireland**