

‘BALMORAL STAR OF THE FUTURE’ PERFORMANCE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLASSES: FIVE YEAR OLD
SIX to EIGHT YEAR OLD

Championship finals will take place at Balmoral Show on Friday 13 May in the Main Arena. The Championship is restricted to those who have pre-qualified.

Aim

To identify high class horses bred in Ireland with the potential to become top class performance horses whether that be in show jumping or eventing, to create a medium for breeders and producers to display their quality young stock and encourage breeders and trainers to produce and present the correct type of horse likely to make it at the top level.

Eligibility

Restricted to Irish Bred horses only. Only animals with named passports identifying sire, dam, dam sire, microchip and breeder may compete.

Horses must be 15.0h (153cm) or over.

To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday by 1st January in the current year. Entries must be the same combination qualified, i.e. horse and rider.

Competition Format

On entering the arena, each competitor will present to the judge where conformation will be assessed whilst mounted before riding away to demonstrate the horses walk and trot paces on the flat.

Competitors will then proceed straight to the jumping phase which will comprise of a course of show jumps immediately followed by natural cross country fences.

There will be no more than 16 jumping efforts in total with height of fences being 1m for 5 year olds and 1.05m for the 6-8 year old class.

Penalties will be awarded as follows:

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| First disobedience | 4 Penalties |
| Second disobedience | 8 Penalties |
| Third disobedience | Elimination |
| Knock down of obstacle | 4 Penalties |
| Fall of horse or rider | Elimination |
| Error of course | Elimination |
| Retaking of obstacle already taken | Elimination |

At the end of the jumping phase, the competitor will demonstrate the ability of their horse to gallop.

A judge will assess each horses performance and marks will be awarded based on conformation, paces, way of going throughout the jumping phase, suitability and potential. In the event of equality of marks, the jumping mark will take precedence.