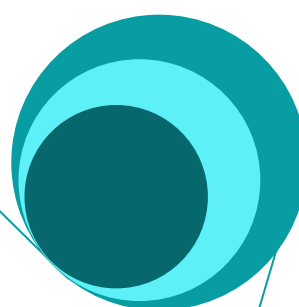
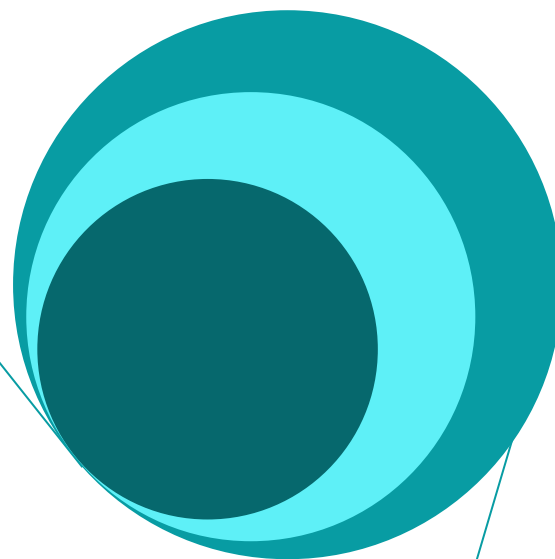


# Young Event-Horse Series

## Guidelines and Rules

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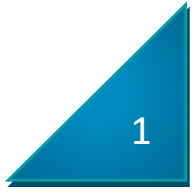
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# Welcome to the Young Event-Horse Series or YES!

## 2024 SCHEDULE

### 1 Mission Statement

The talents and performance record of the Irish horse are already established beyond dispute at the highest level in international eventing. The overall mission of the Young Event-Horse Series (YES!) is to further develop the natural talents and skills of both Irish horses and riders, through a series of training competitions specifically designed towards education, preparation and testing in a constructive and progressive manner by;

- establishing a basic standard of training and a systematic programme of assessment to promote the education for our horses and riders in the skills required for success in national and international horse trials.
- contributing to our national breeding programme through the introduction of a specific form of performance testing which will demonstrate to the breeders in Ireland the modern-day requirements of a potential international competition horse.
- developing a system whereby our future event horses are presented to potential buyers from home and abroad to the highest standard and in the most professional manner.

### 2 Ethical Training and Animal Welfare

1. YES! is fully committed to compliance with the letter and the spirit of:
  - The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and
  - The Protection of Animals Acts 1911, 1965, 1994, the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 and all the regulations stemming from these acts.
2. YES! accepts the FEI Code of Conduct and expects all those involved in equestrian sport to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitors' or commercial pressures.
  - At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands; this implies the highest standards in horse management, training methods, farriery, tack use and transportation.
  - It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to ensure that horses receive proper attention during their participation at YES! qualifiers. This embraces skilful equitation, effective equine husbandry, proper veterinary intervention, and adequate care at all times.

In deference to this Code of Conduct, all equestrian performance at YES! aspires to reflect best practice in the ethical training of all horses which compete at its venues. It is necessary that the horse exhibits a quality of posture and performance that accurately reflects a systematic programme of training, appropriate to its age and peer standard in order that it may ultimately demonstrate its genetic potential. The criteria by which classical training is measured:

- Rhythm
- Relaxation (Suppleness)
- Contact
- Impulsion
- Straightness
- Collection (Engagement)

Within these parameters, harmony in horsemanship and excellence in equestrian sport is best achieved.

### 3 Introduction – Young Event Horse Series

The Objectives of the *Young Event-Horse Series* remain unchanged from those defined by the Future Event Horse League in 1999. If a synopsis were required, it might be defined as the “pursuit of excellence” in the identification, production and promotion of the best Irish-bred horses which might, in the future, continue to contribute to the pre-eminence of the *Irish Sport Horse* on the world stage in the sport of eventing.

YES! is made up of three distinctive phases

- Ridden Display of Basic Flatwork (RD)
  - Jumping (J)
  - Suitability & Potential (S&P)
- YES! continues to present a Series for 4-year old and 5-year old Irish-bred horses. We are the Kindergarten for potential international event horses and a defining link in the long chain from the breeding of a horse to its appearance in a CCI5\*-L.
  - Horses aged 6 and upwards continue to be catered for by way of a Speed Derby.
  - YES! has Qualifiers throughout the country.
  - The criteria for horses’ eligibility to compete in YES! are explicit and specific. No exceptions can be accommodated. The rules for qualification for the YES! Award continues to insist on Minimum Accepted Standard (MAS) in each phase of adjudication, irrespective of total (or gross) scores in the overall competition.
  - Because of the unique nature of YES! courses, we have developed specific Jumping Rules to adjudicate the challenges presented. Riders should familiarise themselves with these in advance of competition.
  - Some YES! Organisers are themselves breeders, owners and producers of young horses. All their eligible horses compete without favour or prejudice and are subject to the same criteria of adjudication.

## 4 General Rules

### 4.1 Entries (Young Event Horse and Junior Young Rider)

- Qualifiers Entry Fee - €70.
- Pre-entry is required using the online payment system. Online entry for the qualifiers is available <https://youngeventhorseseries.ie/entries-start-lists-results/>.
- The closing date for entries for each Qualifier is 5 working days before the event at 10pm. Entries by phone, email, fax or post are not accepted. The closing date and time will be strictly applied.
- *It is the responsibility of every rider to familiarise themselves and comply with all the printed Rules in this schedule. Non-compliance will result in elimination.*
- **Insurance** It is recommended that all riders have Personal Accident Insurance cover.
- **Contact details:** Website: <https://youngeventhorseseries.ie/>  
Email: [youngeventhorseseries@gmail.com](mailto:youngeventhorseseries@gmail.com)  
Phone: +353 (0) 86 8632236
- **Starting Times** For the Qualifiers, times will be available two days before the respective date via our website and Equipe

## 4.2 Withdrawals, Transfers and Refund of Entry Fees

- Due to the logistics and costs associated with running Qualifiers, the following will apply:
  - A 100% refund will be allowed if a withdrawal is received **before** the closing entry. A vet cert must be sent by email to YES! secretary before 10pm on the date of close of entries.
  - A transfer of an entry will be accommodated to ONE specified venue up to 10pm on the date of close of entries. Request must be made via email only.
  - **Declarations** Making an entry for a qualifier will be considered a declaration to start. Athletes who withdraw must notify YES! secretary in writing via email according to the procedure above. Failure to notify withdrawal will result in their entry fee[s] being forfeited.

## 4.3 Queries and Appeals

- The onus is on the rider to ensure that their results have been accurately recorded on the official score sheet.
- Only the rider is entitled to raise queries or lodge appeals.
- Queries must be made as soon as is reasonably possible after the incident which gave rise to them.
- It is essential that queries on preliminary results be made as soon as possible, but within 30 minutes. This is to allow the Scoring Team and Chief Steward the necessary time to investigate the matter.
- Queries lodged outside the above timeframe will not be considered.
- Preliminary results become absolute and final 30 minutes after they are posted on competition day.
- Any rider is free to appeal the result on the basis that:
  - The stated rules were not applied, or
  - The stated rules were improperly applied.
- Appeals must be made in writing. An appeal must be:
 

Lodged with the YES! Secretary in writing within thirty minutes of the results being posted accompanied by a €50 deposit (refunded – if sustained).
- The Chief Steward shall give the decision in the first instance. If this is not accepted, the Jury of Appeal shall give their decision after investigation.
- The Jury of Appeals will consist of:
  - YES! Chief Steward
  - Venue host
  - Suitability Judge – Jumping Phase

Their considered decision will be absolute and final.

## 4.4 Young Event Horse Participation

- **In 2024 riders are confined to a maximum of three horses per age group.** If this compromises efficiency, it will be further reduced to two horses per rider in future years.
- Participation in the Qualifiers is open to all 4 and 5 year old Irish Bred horses.
- 5 year old mares that have bred a registered foal are eligible to be adjudicated in the 4 year old YES! category. 6 year old mares that have bred a registered foal are eligible to be adjudicated in the 5 year old YES! category. Photocopies for foal registration must be submitted at time of entry.
- An Embryo Transfer donor mare, that has not biologically bred and reared a foal, is not eligible for the derogation.

- All Irish-bred horses, irrespective of stud-book registration, must have been foaled in Ireland.
- **ALL** participating horses must produce a **Named** Passport with **Recorded** breeding (i.e. Sire, Dam and Dam's Sire), identification of **breeder** and **studbook breed** recorded. It is the responsibility of the owner and rider to ensure that the horse's Passport details are correct.
- All horses must be **micro-chipped** for the purpose of identification, with bar-code attached to the passport.
- The height of a horse must be 15.0 hands (153 cm) or over.
- Minimum age of riders - 16 years old on January 1st 2024.
- Membership and registration of horse and rider with any equestrian society or association is NOT a pre-requisite for YES! participation.
- As riders will go immediately from their:
  1. **flatwork display** to the
  - 2. **jumping arena** to the
  - 3. **Presentation**.
- It is expected that riders will be able to compete in numerical order in so far as possible.
- Riders with multiple rides must nominate a suitable handler to present their horses at the presentation phase to allow efficient running of the day.

### Lungeing

- Lungeing is permitted only with the prior permission of the Organiser and only in designated areas. Offenders are liable to elimination.
- Under no circumstances may horses be lunged adjacent to horseboxes or spectator areas.
- Side-reins are not permitted.

### Schooling

- Schooling on the day of a competition is not permitted as it is outside our Insurers cover.

## 4.5 YEH Placings

- **Five horses** from each age group will be invited to enter the Dublin Horse Show from each of the four YES! qualifiers.
- Placings, in the event of equality of points after three phases, will be decided using this criteria.
  - Highest score in the Jumping phase
  - Highest score in the Ridden Display phase
  - Highest score in the Suitability and Potential phase
  - The final criteria will be the jumping time closest (under) the optimum time.
- In the event that the age categories are split into two sections due to high numbers, the two highest placed horses in each section will qualify for the Dublin Horse Show. The fifth or final horse to qualify will come from that section where the next highest placed horse is closest to the section winner – conditional on it achieving the required MAS\*.
- In the event of an equality of points, the horse closest (under) to the optimum time will be awarded the fifth qualifying place.

**Hors Concours (HC):** Hors Concours entries for educational purposes in a lower age group are welcomed and encouraged and should be availed of whenever possible. A HC athlete must observe the same rules as a regular athlete, but no qualification can be awarded nor points earned for the League. Athletes permitted to continue HC may compete at their allotted time but must in each case be indicated by HC on the scoreboard.

## 4.6 Minimum Acceptable Standard (MAS)

### Qualification Criteria

- To qualify, a horse / rider combination must have
  - Completed a minimum of **two** Qualifier events before competing at the Dublin Horse Show
  - Must achieve the YES! Minimum Accepted Standard (MAS) in each phase of adjudication, regardless of their total score.
- The MAS rule requires
  - An average score of not less than 60% for the Ridden Display i.e. ‘Satisfactory’
  - A maximum of 16 penalty points in the Jumping phase
  - An average score of not less than 60% for Suitability & Potential i.e. ‘Satisfactory’

## 4.7 Tack

- Snaffle bridles, as defined by FEI, are mandatory.
- Only Cavesson, Drop, Grackle Mexican and Flash Nosebands, as defined by FEI, are allowed.
- Crank nosebands are **not** permitted.
- Bit guards are **not** allowed.
- Fly veils and ear muffs are not allowed
- **No** martingales of any description are permitted.
- Neckstraps and/or breastplates are permitted.
- No item of tack excluded from competition (*except boots*) is allowed in the practice arena.
- Only saddle contoured numnahs are permitted. Saddle cloths or visible logos are **not** permitted.

### Boots

- Only normal *non-performance-enhancing front boots* are permitted by YES!. Where doubts exist, officials may insist on their removal.
- Hind-leg boots or bandages are **not** permitted in competition.
- Boots, including overreach boots, are **not** permitted in the ridden display.

### Dress Code

- Ridden Display - Riding/hacking jacket, white/beige breeches, shirt and tie/stock and full riding boots.
- The wearing of “international” green jackets with tricolour emblem is forbidden.
- Safety helmet is compulsory in all phases. **Fixed peak hats used for dressage are NOT permitted for cross country. Skull/jockey hats (with covers) are acceptable for dressage and jumping phases.**
- Jumping - Back protectors are compulsory and X-Country rider colours are encouraged.

### Spurs

- Must be made of metal and be less than 2.5 cm in length.
- Rubber rowels are allowed.

## 4.8 Speed Derby

- By popular demand, the YES! Organisers are continuing with this additional class, after the Young Event-Horse classes, for horses aged 6 years and above. This is run at the discretion of the host at each of the Qualifiers and is a Jumping Competition over the Derby course, using mostly the same fences as the 5-year old Series class, with some possible additions and increased heights.
- There will be no Flatwork test and no judging of Suitability & Potential.
- The format of this class is a ‘Speed Derby’, with one round against the clock, over fences not more than 105 cm high. It is run as a sweep-stakes, with 50% of the entry fees going to the Winner. The fastest clear or that with the lowest number of faults wins (Table A).
- Entry Fee - €35. Entries accepted on the field.



## 5 Qualifier Dates and Venues

There are four Qualifiers held at venues distributed throughout Ireland.

| Venue               | Address                          | Organiser         | Show Date<br>Tuesday  | Closing Entries<br>Thurs<br>(10pm) |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tullylish,          | Gilford, Co. Armagh BT63 6AR     | Stephenson Family | 4 <sup>th</sup> June  | 30 <sup>th</sup> May               |
| Scarteen            | Knocklong, Co. Limerick V35 PE04 | Chris & Sue Ryan  | 11 <sup>th</sup> June | 6 <sup>th</sup> June               |
| Forth Mountain Stud | Barntown, Co. Wexford Y35 YP57   | James O'Connor    | 18 <sup>th</sup> June | 13 <sup>st</sup> June              |
| Rincoola,           | Granard, Co. Longford, N39 W257  | Angela McGahern   | 2 <sup>th</sup> July  | 27 <sup>th</sup> June              |

The Qualifiers consist of three phases: 1. Ridden Display of Basic Flatwork (RD)

2. Suitability and Potential

3. Jumping

## 6 RDS Young Event Horse and Junior / Young Rider Event Horse

- The joint initiative between the Royal Dublin Society with the Young Event-Horse Series will continue in 2024.
- The decision of the Chief Steward in determining the qualifying horses is absolute and final.
- Further details of these classes will be available in the Dublin Horse Show Competition Schedule which will be available at the YES! Qualifiers.
- A change of rider *will not* be permitted in the **Junior Young Rider Event Horse** class at the DHS under any circumstances. Only the horse / rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete at the DHS.
- A change of rider *may* be permitted in the **Young Event Horse** classes at the DHS in the case of bona fide sale and change of registered ownership or proven injury. In all cases a change will only be allowed on written request and with the approval of the DHS Show Director. In addition, the substitute rider will be required to be signed off by a Level 2 HSI accredited coach as capable of competing in the competition.





## 7 Young Event Horse League

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The Young Eventhorse Series League winners in each age group are based on the highest number of points accumulated during the season’s Qualifiers.

- Eligibility is dependent on the same combination of horse and rider competing at each qualifier.
- The best placings from **any three of the four qualifiers** will count, based on the points table below.

|        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |           |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Place  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> | Completed |
| Points | 10              | 8               | 6               | 4               | 3               | 2               | 1         |

In the event of equality of League points, placings will be determined by the highest average score awarded in the Suitability & Potential - Jumping phase.

**League Prizes** • The prize fund for the 4 & 5 Year Old YES! Leagues, generously sponsored by the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) & Horse Sport Ireland (HSI), is as follows:

|                       | Breeder | Owner | Rider |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | € 850   | € 850 | € 850 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | € 650   | € 650 | € 650 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | € 400   | € 400 | € 400 |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | € 300   | € 300 | € 300 |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | € 200   | € 200 | € 200 |

Prize winners must submit full payment details via the [linked payment form](#) **DIRECTLY** through the **BREEDING GRANT** to HSI within 14 days of the competition to receive their prize money. **An email will be sent to prize-winners via the email provided when entering with the linked payment form. Riders will not receive prize funds until HSI has received permission, in writing or via email, from the registered owner of the horse.**

## 8 Young Event Horse Phases

### 8.1 Ridden Display of Basic Flatwork

- As per rules published in this schedule. Current Eventing Ireland Rule Book covering ‘One-Day Events – Dressage’ for Novice Classes.
- Basic tests (4 + 5 year old tests revised 2020) will be performed in 60 x 20 metre arenas and assessed by competent Judges selected by YES!.
- These tests must be ridden from memory.
- The tests will result in a score of plus points.
- Riders go directly to the jumping arena from the dressage arena.



## 8.2 Jumping

- This phase takes place over 6 knockable fences followed by a Derby-type course in an enclosed arena, over fences best described as miniature replicas of cross country fences. The lower part of a fence may be solid, e.g. in the form of a bank or stone wall.
- Fences likely to be encountered are ditches, water, banks, bush fences, a coffin or sunken road etc, as well as combinations of such fences.
- From a maximum score of 8 points per jumping effort, penalties will be deducted for fences knocked, refusals, excess time etc, as per YES! Rules, resulting in a score of plus points.
- The timing of each round will commence when the rider breaks the start beam or on the expiry of 45 seconds subsequent to the “start bell” being sounded. A rider, on entering the competition arena and prior to the sounding of the “start bell” may not, under pain of elimination
  - Ride between any red or white flags or
  - Go through any part of any fence in any direction or
  - Jump any fence in the arena (whether flagged or un-flagged)
- On getting the judge’s bell, a rider must
  - Go through the start flags
  - Jump each fence between the Red + White flags in the correct numerical order
  - Go through the finish flags --- or be eliminated

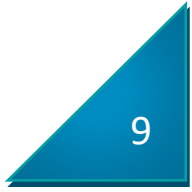
### 8.2.1 Heights, Speeds and Distances

| Class  | 4 Year Olds | 5 Year Olds |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Max. No of Jumps (The first 6 being knockable) | 16          | 20          |
| Up to a Max Height cms                         | 95          | 105         |
| Speed m/min                                    | 325         | 350         |
| Up to a max Course length m                    | 1000        | 1250        |

### 8.2.2 Penalties

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Knock of Pole           | 8 Penalties  |
| 1 Refusal/Run Out       | 10 Penalties   |
| 2 Refusal at same fence | Elimination  |
| 2 Refusal on the course | 15 Penalties   |
| 3 Refusal on the course | Elimination  |
| Fall of Horse or Rider  | Elimination  |
| Time Penalties          | 1 Penalty for each 4 seconds in excess of time allowed |

- \*Only the first 6 fences will be penalised for being knocked at YES! Qualifiers
- Having been eliminated, 4-year olds may, at the judge’s discretion, be allowed to continue to complete their round. However, subsequent problems on the course may necessitate the withdrawal of this indulgence.



### Combinations

- Combinations of two types may be found on the YES! Course. Check course plans carefully!

**Open** - denoted without - or **Closed** - denoted with box brackets.

- *Open A B C* - as on normal SJ course; must be jumped entirely and in sequence. If you refuse element C, you must retake the entire combination A B C. Closed [A B C] - e.g. a table bank, sunken road or devil's dyke – must be jumped from point of problem. If you refuse element B, you may not retake element A.

### 8.2.3 Falls

In the case of a fall of a Horse and/or an Athlete, the Athlete will incur in *Elimination*.

**Horse Fall:** A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself. A horse which falls at any phase during competition or during the warm-up for any phase, whether or not at a practice obstacle, must be reported to the Chief Stewart and may not continue unless passed to do so.

**Athlete Fall** – An athlete is considered to have fallen when he is involuntary separated from his horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting. An athlete fall during any competition phase is automatic elimination. For safety purposes all falls during competition will be recorded. Athletes **MUST** report to the Chief Stewart and Doctor (in ROI) or Paramedic (in NI) as soon as possible after a fall. It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure compliance with this requirement.

If any athlete has a subsequent horse(s) to ride, he/she must get clearance from the Chief Stewart and event medical officer before proceeding in the competition. If any athlete, either during or after the competition, has been hospitalised for any reason, stood down or deemed unfit to ride that athlete must not compete until they have been cleared by their General Practitioner to do so. Before being allowed to compete again, any athlete who was sent to hospital, for any reason, must send a discharge letter from the hospital and a letter from the athlete's own GP confirming they are fit to ride.

**Medical Fitness:** If there is any doubt with regard to fitness to compete of an athlete at any time during the competition, the Chief Stewart, in consultation with the Event Medical Officer, may, at his own discretion, eliminate the athlete and decide also about the athletes eligibility to take part in any other phase at that event.

**Unfitness of horse** At any time during the competition, a horse which in the Judge or Chief Stewards opinion is unfit to continue for any reason may be eliminated.

### 8.3 Suitability and Potential (S&P)

- In this third phase, unique to YES!, an animal's suitability and potential as a future international event horse is assessed throughout the entire competition, based on a number of set criteria, by Judges selected from a panel of competent and experienced horsemen and horsewomen, by invitation of the YES! Organisers.
- Points are awarded by the S&P judges in each class, having assessed the horse throughout the; 1) Basic Flatwork, 2) Jumping and 3) Presentation phases. The criteria for the judging of S&P are included in this Schedule.

#### 8.3.1 TB Percentage

Recognising the importance of Thoroughbred blood required for endurance and stamina in 3\*- 5\* level competitions an additional mark (out of 10 marks) will be awarded to each horse based on the percentage TB blood in its pedigree. For example, a horse with 55% blood will be awarded a score of 5.5 and a full thoroughbred horse will be awarded a score of 10.

#### 8.3.2 Presentation

- This phase takes place immediately *after the Jumping Phase*, the horse being stripped of its saddle and assessed for conformation and type.

**Conformation:** The horse is required to Halt (straight, square and immobile) on a loose rein to accommodate the visual examination of conformation, limbs, etc.

**Movement - Walk and Trot in hand:** You are asked to walk your horse in a straight line away from the judge and return to the judge in a medium walk. The same demonstration is repeated in trot, showing some engaged strides.

The horse *should* demonstrate correct in-hand training by being able to halt, walk and trot on a loose rein beside the handler in straight lines and without being “dragged” along.

**Riders with multiple rides are encouraged to designate a groom or another suitable person to showcase their animal at the presentation phase to help the efficient running of the competition. The presentation phase is completed AFTER the jump phase. It is the rider's obligation to present their horses on time and in a timely fashion.**

#### 8.4 YEH Suitability & Potential (S & P) Marking Criteria

##### Percentage of Thoroughbred Blood

|  |            |    |
|--|------------|----|
|  | % TB Blood | 10 |
|--|------------|----|

##### Ridden Display of Basic Flatwork (*decimal marks (0.5) may be awarded*)

|   |   |           |
|---|---|-----------|
| 1 | Fluency & Relaxation  | 5         |
| 2 | Contact, Lightness and Acceptance                                 | 5         |
| 3 | Star Quality / Overall Impression                                 | 5         |
|   | Deduction (Max 10) riding behind the bit or into a forced outline |           |
|   | <b>Sub-Total</b>  | <b>15</b> |

##### Presentation (*decimal marks (0.5) may be awarded*)

|   |                              |           |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| 4 | Type – Model                 | 5         |
|   | Conformation - Body          | 5         |
| 5 | Front Limbs and Front Hooves | 5         |
|   | Hind Limbs and Hind Hooves   | 5         |
| 6 | Movement – Walk in hand      | 5         |
|   | Trot In-Hand                 | 5         |
|   | <b>Sub-Total</b>             | <b>30</b> |

##### Jumping (*decimal marks (0.5) may be awarded*)

|    |                                   |            |
|----|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 7  | Rhythm & Fluency                  | 5          |
| 8  | Temperament / Attitude            | 5          |
| 9  | Athleticism / Scope               | 10         |
| 10 | Gallop                            | 10         |
| 11 | Star Quality / Overall Impression | 15         |
|    | <b>Sub-Total</b>                  | <b>45</b>  |
|    | <b>Overall S&amp;P Total</b>      | <b>100</b> |

## 8.5 S & P Guidelines

### 8.5.1 S & P Guidelines for Owners, Trainers and Riders

- YES! regularly consult foreign Judges to ascertain their views. This continues to contribute to the refinement and improvement of our programme.
- Glaring deficiencies have been identified in the basic training of many entries. To address these points, it has been decided to reward riders who demonstrate evidence of correct training methods.
- Horses demonstrating the following will gain extra advantage *in each phase*
  - All movements should exhibit *softness* through the back and extend to a *swinging tail*.
  - Nose should remain *in front* of the perpendicular at novice level.
  - The Poll (not the third vertebrae) should be the highest point of the horse's outline.
  - Neck extending forward - downward with engaged hind quarters.
  - Maintenance of an *even and balanced* rhythm throughout the performance.
  - Sustaining *regular paces* through circles, turns and corners with *correct bends*.
- In all phases horses will be rewarded for presenting an outline appropriate to their age, rather than presenting a restrained outline. The use of clear, consistent signalling by the rider to the horse and the absence of antagonistic hand and leg cues given simultaneously will be rewarded. The Ridden Display is an exhibition of *basic* training and a *preliminary to subsequent dressage performances*. Similarly, in the Jumping Test, the horses will be assessed *within the appropriate outline for their age group* on their style, courage, balance and rhythm.
- The competitive performance must *reflect correct training principles as well as functional efficiency*. All YES! judges will be briefed to mark accordingly.

### 8.5.2 S&P Guidelines for S&P Judges

- It is important that the YES! Ridden Display should **not** be judged exclusively as a Dressage Test, but rather as an insightful assessment of 4 year old and 5 year old horses, to determine their potential to perform a competent Dressage Test in their future competition career.
- Assessment should be focused on the natural ability exhibited by the horse under a sympathetic rather than a domineering rider.
- Animals should demonstrate:
  - Natural forward flowing movement and balanced paces.
  - Relaxed attitude in work.
  - The absence of any evidence of confusion/discomfort by the horse arising from the rider's aids.
  - The absence of any evidence of discomfort (non-acceptance) with regard to the bit.
  - Ride-ability and train-ability.
  - An even rhythm within all paces.
  - Presence and "joie de vivre" in their work.
- Animals should be penalised for:
  - Resistance, as manifest in the horse not going forward properly or the display of any other evasive behaviour.
  - Being over-bent; specific penalties now apply.
  - Neck contracted - 3rd neck vertebrae rather than poll uppermost.
  - Not tracking-up.
  - Lack of straightness deviating from work on two tracks.
  - Wrong bends.
  - Back stiff or crooked.

- Riders should be penalised if:
  - A horse is *forced into* ‘an outline’.
  - A horse is ridden un-sympathetically.
- Judges should concentrate on the overall picture of the animal whilst the simple Ridden Display is being executed, seeking to distinguish between a forced, pseudo outline and evidence of solid, systematic basic training, predicated on the classic principles of horsemanship, which should be in sympathy with the known learning abilities of the horse.
- Assessment should differentiate between the natural talent and potential of the horse rather than concentrate exclusively on the accuracy of the current performance.
- Given the knowledge and experience of our Judges, it would be beneficial if comments were advisory and constructive, thus encouraging riders to establish the most basic principles of elementary groundwork. Therefore, in due course, these horses will be correctly prepared to develop their Dressage potential.
- Since we apply *Minimum Acceptable Standards*, all marks of 6 or less warrant an explanatory comment from the Judges.

## 9 Junior Young Rider Event Horse

The RDS will continue with the Junior Young Rider Event Horse in 2024. This class aims to identify high class horses bred in Ireland with the potential to become top class junior or young rider event horses; to encourage producers and trainers to present quality horses that are rideable and competitive for youths coming from ponies or for lightweight adults.

### 9.1 JYR Eligibility and Participation

- Open to horses aged 5 to 7 years old.
- To be ridden by riders who have attained their 16th birthday but have not attained their 25th birthday by 1 January 2024.
- The top four horses from each of the four qualifiers will be invited to enter the DHS.
- Riders who have competed in a CCI4\*L, CCI4\*S or CSI4\* competition or higher in the past five years are **ineligible** to compete in this class.
- A rider may enter a maximum of two horses per Young Rider Event Horse qualifier. A rider may qualify a maximum of two horses for the Young Rider Event Horse class at the DHS.
- Horse / rider combinations must have completed a minimum of two Young Rider Event Horse qualifier events before competing at the DHS.
- A change of rider will **not** be permitted under any circumstances. Only the horse / rider combination that qualify will be allowed to compete at the DHS.
- Horses eligible and entered for the Young Rider Event Horse class may not compete in a Young Event Horse qualifier at the same venue, i.e. on the same day. They may however enter a Young Event Horse qualifier at a subsequent qualifying event. Horses may only qualify for and compete in one category at the DHS, and once qualified horses must remain in that category for subsequent events.





## 9.2 Junior Young Event Horse Phases

The Junior Young Event Horse Qualifiers will consist of three phases

### Ridden Display of Basic Flatwork (150 points)

- A basic tests will be performed in a 40x20 metre arena and assessed by competent Judges selected by YES!.
- These tests must be ridden from memory.

### Jumping (160 points)

- This phase will require horses to jump over the 20 fence 1.10m Young Event Horse course at 375mpm.
- The jumping takes place over 6 knockable fences followed by a Derby-type course in an enclosed arena, over fences best described as miniature replicas of cross country fences. The lower part of a fence may be solid, e.g. in the form of a bank or stone wall.
- Fences likely to be encountered are ditches, water, banks, bush fences, a coffin or sunken road etc, as well as combinations of such fences.
- From a maximum score of 8 points per jumping effort, penalties will be deducted for fences knocked, refusals, excess time etc, as per YES! Rules, resulting in a score of plus points.

### Suitability and Potential (35 Points)

- In this third phase, an animal’s suitability and potential as a young rider event horse is assessed in the jumping phase, based on a number of set criteria, by a separate Judge selected from a panel of competent and experienced horsemen and horsewomen, by invitation of the YES! Organisers.

#### JYR Suitability and Potential Jump

|   |                                 |           |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Movement – Canter engagement    | 5         |
| 2 | Rhythm & Fluency                | 5         |
| 3 | Athleticism / Scope / Technique | 5         |
| 4 | Temperament/Attitude            | 5         |
| 5 | Gallop                          | 5         |
| 6 | Star Quality (*2)               | 10        |
|   | <b>Total</b>                    | <b>35</b> |

#### 9.2.1 JYR Placings

- Placings, in the event of equality of points after all three phases, will be decided using the following criteria.
  - Highest score in the Jumping phase
  - Highest score in the Ridden Display phase
  - Highest score in the Suitability and Potential phase
  - The final criteria will be the jumping time closest (under) the optimum time.

## 10 Passports and Veterinary Considerations

### Passports, Vaccinations and Microchips

- By law all horses must have a passport and must be produced at each Qualifier.
- Valid passports for YES! must show the horse's name, show recorded breeding (Sire, Dam and Dam's Sire) identify the breeder and must have micro-chip barcode for the purpose of identification.
- It is the responsibility of owners and riders to ensure that Passport details are correct and that all changes of name and owner are properly recorded and registered.

### Veterinary Inspection

- Horses attending and/or competing in YES! competitions/events may be required, by presiding Judges or Authorised Stewards, to undergo a veterinary examination (including blood/urine sampling and/or swabbing) before or subsequent to competition. Such examinations will be conducted under current best practice protocol. Inspection of boots/bandages may also be *required* by Officials.
- The decision taken by YES! subsequent to examinations/inspections will take immediate effect and will be final.
- These are *our* standards which *must* be complied with. Our agenda is to showcase the better Irish bred horses' natural and genetic potential to maximum advantage without input from any artificial, chemical or contrived aids.

### Veterinary Treatment

- If, during an event, a horse requires veterinary treatment, the owner/rider or treating veterinary surgeon is obliged to inform the YES! Secretary immediately.
- Should treatment require the use of drugs or substances listed as "Prohibited Substances", the horse will be automatically excluded from adjudication.

### Code of Conduct, Code of Behaviour and Prohibited Substances

- As per current Eventing Ireland Rule Book, available for inspection at all Qualifiers.
- Exhibitors/Competitors must:
  - Ensure animal welfare is paramount and best horsemanship practice is observed.
  - Respect all those involved at the qualifier; organisers, volunteers, officials, other competitors and the horses taking part.
  - Abide by the rules and regulation of YES! and respect the decision of its officials.
  - Show support and encouragement to fellow competitors.
  - Never engage in conduct that brings themselves, the sport, their fellow competitors or sponsors into disrepute.
  - Never use foul language or engage in discrimination of any kind.
  - Never engage in, or encourage, un-sportsman-like behaviour.

### Prohibited Substances

- YES!, in unison with national and International organisations, exercises a policy of zero tolerance in respect of "Prohibited Substances".

- It is forbidden for any rider/horse to participate in any YES! competition whilst under the influence of any drug, stimulant, sedative or any substance included on IOC, FEI, OCI, ISC or HSI lists of “Prohibited Substances”.

## 10.1 Health & Safety Statement and Disclaimer

- The following two signs will be posted at the entrance to each YES! venue

### Health and Safety

- The Organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. In order that these measures are effective, everyone entering these premises must take all reasonable care to avoid and prevent accidents. All persons present must obey at all times the instructions and directions of the Organisers and their designated Officials and Stewards.

### Disclaimer

- All equestrian sports present an inherent risk of injury to both participants and bystanders. Neither the Landowners nor the Organisers of this event accept any responsibility whatsoever for accident, injury, loss or damage to any person, property or exhibit howsoever caused or occurring on these premises. All persons passing this sign enter this property at their own risk and are understood to have implicitly accepted the above Disclaimer.
- Equestrianism is acknowledged as a high risk sport. We strongly advise all those attending YES! events (riders, owners, spectators etc) to ensure that they have appropriate and adequate insurance (personal, third party and public liability) and are covered for all eventualities.

## 11 Photography and Videography

- The Organisers reserve the right to photograph and video competitors taking part in the Qualifiers.
- When you attend a YES! event you may be photographed and/or filmed/recorded due to your presence at the event. The purpose of that photography or filming/recording is the legitimate interest of YES! and Horse Sport Ireland in using audio-visuals to publicise and promote the Qualifiers and Irish Sport Horse.
- Appropriate data may also be shared publicly for communications purposes on digital platforms (including social platforms), and through publications and media (including newspapers, television and radio).
- When we intend to record or photograph an event, we will inform you of this fact via our Public Announcement system. Clear visible signage will also be placed around the area(s) where the event is taking place.
- The Organisers reserve the right to use photographs, images, videos etc. arising from an entry for its own publicity purposes without further reference to or consent from the persons / competitors concerned.



## FLAT WORK DISPLAY

### 12 4 Year Olds Flat Work Display

**Objective:** To interpret from a series of simple, prescribed movements, the quality of the horse’s basic paces, his aptitude for work and the correctness of his foundation training which might, in time, complement the achievement of his full potential.

Approximate time: 5 minutes

20m X 60m Arena

|    |                                | <b>Prescribed Movements</b>   | <b>Max Mark</b> |
|----|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1  | A                              | Enter at working trot, from X proceed directly to M                           | 10              |
| 2  | E<br>Between centre line and E | Circle left 20m diameter in working trot<br>Transition to working canter left | 10              |
| 3  | V                              | Circle left 20m diameter in working canter                                    | 10              |
| 4  | VAPR<br>R                      | Working canter<br>Transition to working trot                                  | 10              |
| 5  | MCH<br>H – R                   | Working trot<br>Change rein in working trot                                   | 10              |
| 6  | B<br>Between centre line and B | Circle right 20m diameter in working trot<br>Transition to working canter     | 10              |
| 7  | P                              | Circle right 20m diameter in working canter                                   | 10              |
| 8  | PAVS<br>S                      | Working canter right<br>Transition to working trot                            | 10              |
| 9  | C<br>M – K                     | Medium walk<br>Change rein free walk on a long rein                           | 10              |
| 10 | K<br>A<br>X                    | Medium Walk<br>Turn onto centre line<br>Halt, Salute                          | 10              |
|    |                                | <b>Total</b>  | <b>100</b>      |
|    |                                | <b>Total penalty marks to deduct</b>  |                 |
|    |                                | <b>Total marks to count</b>   |                 |

No Collected Movements (over bending)  
 All Trot Rising  
 Tack: As per current YES! Rules  
 Spurs Permitted  
 No Whips

**Penalties for errors over the course**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Error      2 marks  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Error      4 marks  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Error      Elimination



## FLAT WORK DISPLAY

### 16 5 Year Olds Flat Work Display

**Objective:** To interpret from a series of simple, prescribed movements, the quality of the horse’s basic paces, his aptitude for work and the correctness of his foundation training which might, in time, complement the achievement of his full potential.

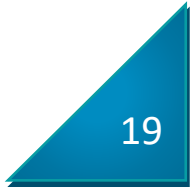
Approximate time: 6 minutes 20m X 60m Arena

|    |                            | <b>Prescribed Movements</b>   | <b>Max Mark</b> |
|----|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1  | A                          | Enter at working trot rising, from X proceed directly to M<br>Commence 3 loop serpentine, each loop going to side of arena finishing at A | 10              |
| 2  | 5m after A<br>B            | Turn left onto ¾ line and leg yield, returning to track at B<br>Working trot  | 10              |
| 3  | Between M & C<br>C<br>HSEV | Transition to working canter left<br>Circle left 20m<br>Working canter  | 10              |
| 4  | V<br>F - S                 | Transition to working trot<br>Change rein and progressively show some lengthened strides  | 10              |
| 5  | S<br>C                     | Working trot<br>Commence 3 loop serpentine, each loop going to side of arena finishing at A   | 10              |
| 6  | 5m after A<br>E            | Turn right on to ¾ line and leg yield, returning to track at E<br>Working trot  | 10              |
| 7  | Between H & C<br>C<br>MRBP | Transition to working canter right<br>Circle right 20m<br>Working canter  | 10              |
| 8  | P<br>A                     | Transition to working trot<br>Medium walk   | 10              |
| 9  | V – P<br>P                 | ½ circle free walk on a long rein<br>Medium walk  | 10              |
| 10 | F<br>A<br>X                | Working trot<br>Down centre line<br>Halt, salute and leave arena on a loose rein  | 10              |
|    |                            | <b>Total</b>  | <b>100</b>      |
|    |                            | <b>Total penalty marks to deduct</b>  |                 |
|    |                            | <b>Total marks to count</b>   |                 |

No Collected Movements (over bending)  
All Trot Rising  
Tack: As per current YES! Rules  
Spurs Permitted  
No Whips

**Penalties for errors over the course**

1<sup>st</sup> Error 2 marks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Error 4 marks  
3<sup>rd</sup> Error Elimination



**FLAT WORK DISPLAY****17 Junior Young Rider Event Horse Ridden Display (revised 2024)**

**Objective:** To interpret from a series of simple, prescribed movements, the quality of the horse's basic paces, his aptitude for work and the correctness of his foundation training which might, in time, complement the achievement of his full potential.

Approximate time: 4 minutes

20m X 40m Arena

|                   |                         | <b>Movement</b>  | <b>Max Marks</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| 1.                | A<br>X                  | Enter in working trot to X<br>Bear right to M                                  | 10               |
| 2.                | MC<br>C                 | Working trot<br>½ circle left in working trot to X                             | 10               |
| 3.                | X                       | ½ circle left in working trot to A   | 10               |
| 4.                | AK<br>KXM               | Working trot<br>Change the rein in working trot. Show some medium trot strides | 10               |
| 5.                | MC<br>C                 | Working trot<br>Between C & H working canter left                              | 10               |
| 6.                | HE<br>E                 | Working canter left<br>½ circle left in working canter to B                    | 10               |
| 7.                | BH                      | Across the diagonal with a transition trot after the centre line               | 10               |
| 8.                | HC<br>C                 | Working trot<br>Between C & M working canter right                             | 10               |
| 9.                | CB<br>B                 | Working canter right<br>½ circle right in working canter to E                  | 10               |
| 10.               | EM                      | Across the diagonal with transition to trot after centre line                  | 10               |
| 11.               | MC<br>CH<br>HB          | Working trot<br>Medium walk<br>Across the diagonal in free walk on a long rein | 10               |
| 12.               | B<br>BX<br>Just after X | Medium walk<br>½ circle right to X<br>Halt – immobility – salute               | 10               |
| 13.               |                         | <b>Athleticism, Suppleness &amp; Quality of the Paces</b>                      | 10               |
| 14.               |                         | <b>Rideability, Acceptance of the Contact &amp; Relaxation</b>                 | 10               |
| 15.               |                         | <b>Potential &amp; Type</b>  | 10               |
| <b>Total Mark</b> |                         | 150  |                  |

No Collected Movements (over bending)

Tack: As per current YES! Rules

Spurs Permitted

No Whips

**Penalties for errors over the course**1<sup>st</sup> Error 2 marks2<sup>nd</sup> Error 4 marks3<sup>rd</sup> Error Elimination

## 18 GDPR

### 1. Data Protection Statement

- Personal data collected by YES! is used for the purposes of processing entries. It is required, stored, processed and disclosed to the RDS, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) and other bodies in accordance with the laws relating to proper treatment of personal data.

### 2. Privacy Policy

- This Policy applies to the Young Event-Horse Series (“YES!”).
- YES! is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. We adhere to this Privacy Policy (the “Policy”) which together with any disclaimers sets out the basis on which any personal data relating to you (“Data”) we collect from you (or that you provide to us, or that is provided to us) by any means will be processed. Please note that the Policy relates only to living individuals in relation to Data relating directly to themselves, and not to persons in any other capacity.

#### Information We May Collect From You

- We collect Data from you which you volunteer when you provide such Data to us, or via our services with which you interact. We may also be given other Data relating to you by other persons, or we may obtain such other Data about you as may be provided to us in the course of our legitimate business activities.
- We may collect and process Data; including the following in the course of providing services to you, which could contain your Data:
- Your full name; your address; your various email addresses; your various phone numbers including mobile phone numbers; your address; financial information about you, including your bank account details, credit card details or other payment details; your date of birth; your event booking confirmation; photographs and/ or video images. We may require you to provide certain financial information in order to facilitate the processing of payments and all other Data which is necessary for us to process in order for us to fulfil our role as providing event organisation and other related services to you.
- We may also process other data, which is not personal data.

#### Security And Where We Store Your Data

- We are committed to protecting the security of your Data. We use a variety of security technologies and procedures to help protect your Data from unauthorised access and use. As effective as modern security practices are, no physical or electronic security system is entirely secure. We cannot guarantee the complete security of our databases, nor can we guarantee that information you supply will not be intercepted while being transmitted to us over the Internet. We will continue to revise policies and implement additional security features as new technologies become available.
- The transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure and may involve the transfer of data to countries outside of the European Economic Area (EEA). We do not however authorise any third party to use your Data for their own purposes. Non-EEA countries may not provide an adequate level of protection in relation to processing your Data. By submitting your data, you agree to this transfer, storing and processing.
- Although we will do our best to protect your Data, we cannot guarantee the security of your Data transmitted to us. Any transmission of data is at your own risk. Once we receive your Data, we use appropriate security measures to seek to prevent unauthorised access.



## Uses Made Of Your Data

- We use your Data that we hold to process your entries, promote qualifiers and provide information to the RDS and HSI.
- The following processing activities are carried out for the purposes of a legitimate interest pursued by:
  - **Participants:** When you submit an entry to YES! you provide us with your Data. We use this information to keep a record of your participation and to correspond with you in relation to your entry and for the administration and management of our Qualifiers.
  - Appropriate data may be shared with relevant people and organisations associated with our events including: members of judging panels, RDS, HSI, attendees and other participants at events.
  - Appropriate data may also be shared publicly for communications purposes on digital platforms (including social platforms), and through publications and media.
  - **Volunteers:** If you volunteer for YES!, for example, if you act as a judge or steward at a Qualifier, you provide us with your Data. If you're a volunteer then we may collect information about you. This information will be retained for legal or contractual reasons, to protect us (including in the event of an insurance or legal claim) and for safeguarding purposes.

## Miscellaneous

- We do not conduct profiling.
- Where we process your Data based only on your consent, you may withdraw your consent.
- You have the right to bring a complaint to a supervisory authority if you have any complaints about the processing of your Data. In Ireland the Data Protection Commission is the supervisory authority.
- In circumstances where the provision of your Data is a statutory or contractual requirement, or a requirement necessary to enter into a contract, we will advise you at the point of collecting your Data whether the Data is a required field, and the consequences of not providing the Data.
- Where the Data is not provided by you, we will set out what the categories of Data are, and where we obtained the Data here.

## Payments

- We may need to collect the following information, as it is necessary for the adequate performance of the contract with you and to comply with applicable law (such as anti-money laundering regulations).
- **Payment Information.** When you make payments, we require certain financial information (like your bank account or credit card information) in order to process payments and comply with applicable law.
- **Identity Verification and Other Information.** We may require identity verification information, in order to verify your identity and comply with applicable law.

## How We Use The Payment Data Collected

- Enable you to pay for entries.
- Conduct security investigations and risk assessments.
- Conduct checks against databases and other information sources.
- Comply with legal obligations (such as anti-money laundering regulations).
- Enforce our payment terms.

- We process this information in our legitimate interest in providing services and where it is necessary for the adequate performance of the contract with you and to comply with applicable laws.

### **Your Rights**

- As an individual, under EU law you have certain rights to apply to us to provide information or make amendments to how we process data relating to you. These rights apply in certain circumstances and are set out below: -
  1. The right to access data relating to you ('access right').
  2. The right to rectify/correct data relating to you ('right to rectification').
  3. The right to object to processing of data relating to you ('right to object').
  4. The right to restrict the processing of data relating to you ('right to restriction').
  5. The right to erase/delete data relating to you (i.e. the "right to erasure").
  6. The right to 'port' certain data relating to you from one organisation to another ('right to data portability').

### **Data Controller**

- YES! is the data processor on behalf of the RDS and Horse Sport Ireland who are controllers of the data which is being collected for the following purposes:
  - Identification of those who have successfully qualified for the Dublin Horse Show
  - Identification of those in reserve position for a place at the Dublin Horse Show
  - Verification of the eligibility of those qualified for the Dublin Horse Show
  - Research on horses competing in the Young Event-Horse Series and at DHS qualifiers
  - Research on participation levels in the sport, industry and DHS qualifiers
  - Archival and historical purposes, to record the horses and riders competing at YES! / DHS qualifiers and to record the official results of the competitions.
  - Identification of the percentage of Thoroughbred blood in the horses competing in the above competitions

### **Changes To This Policy**

- We reserve the right to change this Policy from time to time in our sole discretion. If we make any changes, we will update our rules so that you can see what information we gather, how we might use Data and in what circumstances we may disclose it. By continuing to use our services or otherwise provide data to us after we post any such changes, you accept and agree to this Policy as modified.