

Young Event-Horse Series

Guidelines and Rules

Developing the natural talents and skills of both Irish horses and riders.

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Welcome to the Young Event-Horse Series or YES!

2026 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 Code of Conduct

The Young Event Horse Series (YES!) is committed to providing the best possible environment for all people involved in sport. YES! stewards will insist upon appropriate behaviour from all Exhibitors and others participating in any of the activities at our qualifiers and will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour. YES! also has a duty to care for volunteers working on behalf of the organisation. YES! expects appropriate behaviour from all Riders, Owners, trainers, parents and others participating at any YES! qualifier/venue.

- Mutual respect between competitors, judges, stewards and the general public is of paramount importance at the YES! qualifiers. Any deviations from this may result in elimination and/or expulsion from the qualifier showgrounds. The Organisers rulings in these matters are final.
- Any act of discourtesy, disobedience or trying to influence an official or Judge, Steward, or to any qualifier Official on the part of the competitor groom, rider, driver or agent of an animal/s, will, at the discretion of the Chief Steward, disqualify that animal/s from being judged, in which case, entry fees, qualifying positions and charges will be forfeited. Competitors are reminded of their responsibility for the actions of others within their party.
- The Chief Steward has the authority to exclude any animal deemed unmanageable/unfit from competition. If the competitor is directed to leave the competition ring they must do so immediately.
- Any exhibitor/competitor currently involved in a dispute of whatsoever nature may, at the discretion of the Chief Steward, not be permitted to compete in qualifiers until the said dispute has been resolved. YES! Organisers reserves the right to refuse an entry into any YES! qualifiers from any person(s) including, but not limited to, those who have been banned/disciplined by any YES! / DHS qualifier.
- Exhibitors/riders/owners/producers shall be deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof by submission of an entry to the relevant YES! qualifier.

Responsibility of Exhibitors at qualifiers:

- Be respectful to judges, stewards and fellow competitors at all times. No competitor, or their representative, shall conduct themselves in a manner, or be guilty of behaviour, which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of YES! and, in particular no competitor or representative, shall behave in an offensive, abusive or unpleasant manner to any person at any qualifier.
- Riders or their representatives, shall not ill-treat their animals at any time, whether by, misuse, or excessive use of a whip or bit, or in any other way. All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. Riders are responsible for the actions of any member employed by them, assisting, representing them, or acting on their behalf. Any action or conduct of such person which would be a breach of the rules, were they a rider, and shall constitute a breach of the rules by the member responsible for them.
- Exhibitors must not make a false declaration or misrepresent a fact regarding themselves or their exhibit. An exhibitor is liable to disqualification and/or forfeit of qualification as deemed necessary by the qualifier Chief Steward.
- Exhibitors accept that the Judge's decision is final. Queries are to be raised in a respectful manner with the event secretary. **ONLY the YES! steward may approach the judge, timekeeper, scorer or official concerned in respect of any query or objection/query.** Failure to observe any of the rules may result in disqualification of the animal concerned and the instigation of disciplinary proceedings, against the person breaking the rules in accordance with the disciplinary procedure (see below).
- The onus is on the exhibitor to ensure that their results have been accurately recorded on the official results. It is essential that queries on preliminary results be made within 30 minutes of posting to allow the Scoring Team and Chief Steward the necessary time to investigate the matter.

Disciplinary Procedure

- Any Exhibitor participating at a YES! qualifier who conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner, behaves with incivility or contempt towards any qualifier official, or behaves in a manner which brings the name of the YES! qualifier into disrepute shall be guilty of a breach of rules.
- In the event of a first incident of inappropriate/unacceptable behaviour being deemed to be proved against the offender, the Chief Steward shall issue a written warning to the offender with a potential of €50 fine.
- In the event of any subsequent incidents / misbehaviours, sanctions will be imposed on the offender, including a prohibition on such offender participating in any of the qualifiers and a potential €150 fine.
- **Fines:** Any fine imposed shall be applicable immediately. All fines imposed must be paid in full before any further participation by the said person at any qualifier i.e. entries will be refused. The decision of the Chief Steward shall be final.

4 Health & Safety

- A YES! Health and Safety Steward is present to assist with the sensible health and safety provisions and to complete a detailed Risk Assessment. The Health and Safety Steward is NOT responsible for the behaviour and conduct of competitors, owners, volunteers, officials. The following two signs will be posted at the entrance of each YES! venue:

Health and Safety Statement

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. To the greatest extent permitted by law, neither the Landowners nor YES! Organisers accept any responsibility whatsoever for accident, injury, loss or damage to any person, property or animal 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. All those attending YES! events (riders, owners, spectators etc) must ensure that they have appropriate and adequate insurance (personal, third party and public liability) and are covered for all eventualities. You should also ensure that you are insured against property loss, theft or damage.

4.1 Insurance

- It will be understood upon entering that riders have their own Personal Accident Insurance (PAA) cover. It is your responsibility as an Athlete/Owner/ Support Personnel to ensure that you have adequate PAA to cover you and to insure against any personal injury or medical expenses arising from an accident or injury. **Third party liability insurance** As an Athlete/Owner you are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by you, your employees, Support Personnel, your agents or your Horses. You are strongly advised to have third-party liability insurance. YES! will NOT be responsible for any damage caused to third parties by you, your employees, Support Personnel, your agents or your Horses.

4.2 Lungeing

- Lungeing is NOT permitted unless prior written permission is requested by the rider to the YES! secretary. Lungeing can then only happen 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.

4.3 Riding-in Competition Areas and Schooling

- Except for their official competition round, athletes may not ride in the Dressage / Jumping arenas.
- Athletes must not present any competition obstacle to their horse prior to their official round.
- During jump ring familiarisation, prior to the starting bell, competitors may ride by fences and not directly present fences to their horses. **Riders blatantly flaunting this rule will be penalised (5 faults) which will be added to their jump faults.**
- Schooling on the day of a competition is not permitted as it is outside our Insurers cover.

4.4 Unattended Horses

- It is prohibited to leave any horse unattended when tied in an unconfined area under penalty of ELIMINATION and/or FINE. Temporary enclosures are not permitted. A break device must be used when tying a horse to a vehicle.

4.5 Dogs

All dogs must be kept on leads, held and under control of their handler at all times. Owners will be subject to an on-the-spot fine of €50 (for each dog) if their dog(s) are reported to be running loose.

4.6 Litter and Respect of Property

It is the responsibility of all Athletes and their associated party to respect the Landowners property, to take their litter home or use the litter bins provided. If you are mucking out your lorry/horse box, ask permission to use the muck heap. Please use litter bins provided. Littering will not be tolerated, and all offenders will receive an on-the-spot fine of €50.

5 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.
 - 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.

6 General Rules

6.1 Entries (Young Event Horse and Junior Young Rider)

- **Qualifiers Entry Fee** - €70. Pre-entry is required using the online payment system Equipe. Online entry for the qualifiers is available <https://youngeventhorseseries.ie/entries-start-lists-results/>.
- **Closing date** for entries is 5 working days (**Wednesday**) before the event at **8pm**. Entries by phone, email, fax or post are not accepted. The closing date and time will be strictly applied.
- It is the responsibility of each rider to familiarise and comply with all the Rules in this schedule. Non-compliance will result in elimination. All athletes are responsible for ensuring that they are eligible and competent to compete in any class entered.
- **Numbers:** Pre-strung numbers will be provided by the event. These must be collected from the Event Office upon arrival on site.
- **Contact details:** Website: <https://youngeventhorseseries.ie/>
Email: youngeventhorseseries@gmail.com
Phone: +353 (0) 86 8632236
- **Starting Times & Course Plans** Ridden display times & jump course plans will be available at least two days before the respective date via our website and Equipe.

6.2 Withdrawals, Transfers and Refund of Entry Fees

- Due to the logistics and costs associated with running Qualifiers, the following will apply:
 - A 100% refund is allocated if a withdrawal is received **before** closing entry. Request via email.
 - Refunds do not apply after close of entries.
 - A transfer of entry *may* be accommodated to ONE specified venue up to 6pm 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 via email according to the procedure above. Failure to notify withdrawal will result in their entry fee[s] being forfeited.

6.3 Queries and Appeals

- The onus is on the rider to ensure that their results have been accurately recorded on the score records. Preliminary results become absolute and final 30 minutes after the Final results are published on Equipe that day. Queries lodged outside the above timeframe will not be considered.
- It is essential that queries on preliminary results be made as soon as possible after the incident which gave rise to them to allow the Scoring Team time to investigate the matter. Only the rider is entitled to raise queries or lodge appeals with the YES! secretary.
- ***ONLY*** a designated YES! Steward may approach the judge, timekeeper, scorer or official concerned in respect of any query. Following investigation, the YES! Steward shall revert with the decision.
- IF unsatisfied with this response, the RIDER may lodge a formal appeal on the basis that:
 - The stated rules were not applied, or
 - The stated rules were improperly applied.
- Appeals must be made in writing on official YES! forms. An appeal must be:
Lodged with the YES! Secretary within thirty minutes of the results being posted accompanied by a €50 deposit (refunded – if sustained).
- The Jury of Appeals will consist of:
 - YES! Chief Steward
 - YES! official
 - Suitability Judge – Jumping PhaseTheir considered decision will be absolute and final.

7 Young Event Horse Participation

- Membership and registration of horse and rider with any equestrian society or association is NOT a pre-requisite for YES! participation.
- **In 2026 riders are confined to a maximum of three horses per age group. If this compromises competition efficiency, the number of entries per individual riders will be reduced.**
- 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. 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 2026.
- 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 competition 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.

7.1 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.

7.2 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’

7.3 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, 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, stock and full riding boots.
- The wearing of “international” green jackets with tricolour emblem is forbidden.
- **Fixed peak hats used for dressage are NOT permitted for cross country. Skull/jockey hats (with covers) are acceptable for dressage and jumping phases.** Protective headgear conforming to the current recommended BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark standards is compulsory for all phases. It is compulsory for hats to be fitted with an adjustable harness.
- Jumping - X-Country rider colours are encouraged. Back protectors are compulsory. A correctly fitted, BETA approved, and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector manufactured in the year 2018 or after is recommended. If a rider chooses to wear an airbag style body protector, it must be worn over a recommended body protector.
- The YES! Steward may at times allow variation of the Dress Rules in consultation with the relevant judges (for example, in extreme weather conditions).

Spurs

- Only blunt metal spurs, or ones with rubber rowels $\leq 2 \frac{1}{2}$ cms facing downwards are permitted.

Whips

- NO whips are permitted for ridden display phase.

8 Qualifier Dates and Venues

There are four Qualifiers held at venues distributed throughout Ireland.

Venue	Address	Organiser	Show Date Tuesday	Closing Entries WED. 8pm
Tullylish,	Gilford, Co. Armagh BT63 6AR	Stephenson Family	2 nd June	27 th May
Scarteen	Knocklong, Co. Limerick V35 PE04	Chris & Sue Ryan	9 th June	3 rd June
Forth Mountain Stud	Cools, Barntown, Co. Wexford Y35 YP57	Jimme Quirke	16 th June	10 th June
Rincoola,	Granard, Co. Longford, N39 W257	Angela McGahern	1 st July	24 th June

9 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 2026.
- 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.



10 Young Event Horse League

The Young Event Horse League is funded by the Breeding Grant Initiative, under National Breeding Services with thanks to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and delivered by Horse Sport Ireland. The organisers of the Young Event Horse Series (YES!) would like to thank the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) and Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) for their continued support in 2026.

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Food and the Marine

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 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	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.

4 & 5 Year old League Prizes • *These leagues are funded by the Breeding Grant Initiative under National Breeding Services with thanks to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and delivered by Horse Sport Ireland is as follows:*

	Breeder	Owner	Rider
1 st	€ 375	€ 900	€ 900
2 nd	€ 375	€ 700	€ 700
3 rd	€ 375	€ 550	€ 550
4 th	€ 375	€ 450	€ 450
5 th	€ 375	€ 400	€ 400
6 th	€ 375	€ 350	€ 350

Junior Young Rider Event Horse League payable to *riders* are as follows;

1 st	€ 600
2 nd	€ 550
3 rd	€ 500
4 th	€ 450
5 th	€ 400
6 th	€ 350

- To be in receipt of League funds ALL horses entering classes **must be studbook registered with a specific breed documented within their studbook passport.**
- This can include main section studbook equines OR supplementary section studbook equines.
- The horse must be registered in the correct ownership, with the PIO, to be in receipt of prize funds.
- Riders will not receive prize funds until HSI has received permission, in writing or via email, from the registered owner of the horse.
- Breeder's prizes will only be paid to breeders residing on the Island of Ireland

Prize winners must submit full payment details via the [linked payment form](#) **DIRECTLY** through the **Breeding Grant Initiative under National Breeding Services** to HSI within 7 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. **Prizemoney is paid directly by HSI.**



We are delighted to continue our collaboration with TreoEile in the promotion of thoroughbred horses, showcasing their versatility in the field of eventing to encourage and facilitate TB participation at the qualifiers. TB horses aged 4-7 competing in the 4 year old, 5 year old and Junior Young Rider Event Horse classes are eligible for the following additional prizemoney:

- ❖ €150 for the highest placed TB (1st-5th) at each of the qualifiers.
- ❖ €500 for a TB who **qualifies AND competes** at the respective YEH! classes at the DHS.
- ❖ An additional €500 for a TB who places (1st-5th) at the DHS.

11 Young Event Horse Phases

The Young Eventhorse consist of three phases:

1. Ridden Display of Basic Flatwork (RD)
2. Jumping (J)
3. Suitability and Potential (S&P)

11.1 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.
- No whips are permitted for ridden display phase.
- Riders go directly to the Dressage arena from the jumping arena.

11.2 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
 - Within 45 seconds 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

11.2.1 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	900	1000

11.2.2 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 and judged under showjumping rules.
- 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.

11.2.3 Falls

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

Horse Fall: A horse which falls at any phase during competition or warm-up, must be reported to the Chief Steward. and may not continue unless passed to do so.

Athlete Fall – An athlete is considered to have fallen when he/she is separated from their horse to necessitate remounting. For safety and insurance purposes all athletes MUST report to the medic on site immediately after a fall BEFORE remounting. It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure compliance or risk Elimination. If any athlete has a subsequent horse(s) to ride, they must get clearance from the C.S. and Medic before proceeding in the competition. If any athlete has been hospitalised, stood down

or deemed unfit to ride, that athlete must not compete until they submit a discharge letter from the hospital confirming they are fit to ride AND a letter stating the same by their General Practitioner.

Medical Fitness: If there is any doubt with regard to fitness to compete of an athlete at any time during the competition, the Chief Steward, in consultation with the Medic on site, 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.

11.3 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.

11.3.1 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.

11.3.2 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.

11.4 YEH Suitability & Potential (S & P) Marking Criteria**Percentage of Thoroughbred Blood**

	% TB Blood	10
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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	
	Sub-Total	15

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
	Sub-Total	30

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
	Sub-Total	45
	Overall S&P Total	100

11.5 S & P Guidelines

11.5.1 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.

11.5.2 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.

12 Junior Young Rider Event Horse

The RDS will continue with the Junior Young Rider Event Horse this year. 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.

12.1 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 2026.
- 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.



12.2 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
	Total	35

12.2.1 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.

FLAT WORK DISPLAY**13 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

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

No Collected Movements (over bending)

All Trot Rising

Tack: As per current YES! Rules

Spurs Permitted

No Whips

Penalties for errors over the course1st Error 2 marks2nd Error 4 marks3rd Error Elimination



FLAT WORK DISPLAY

14 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

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

No Collected Movements (over bending)

All Trot Rising

Tack: As per current YES! Rules

Spurs Permitted

No Whips

Penalties for errors over the course

1st Error 2 marks

2nd Error 4 marks

3rd Error Elimination

FLAT WORK DISPLAY

15 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

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

No Collected Movements (over bending)

Tack: As per current YES! Rules

Spurs Permitted

No Whips

Penalties for errors over the course

1st Error 2 marks

2nd Error 4 marks

3rd Error Elimination

16 Photography and Videography

- By entering a YES! qualifier, you are entering an area where photography, audio and videoing recording may occur. Your entry and presence at the qualifier constitute your consent to be photographed, filmed, and/or otherwise recorded and to the release or reproduce recorded media. The content of this material will include that of; the horse, rider, voice, names, competition round and pedigree details for the legitimate interest and promotion of YES! and the Irish Sport Horse in connection with the Irish Horse Board and the Dublin Horse Show. Pedigree and ownership data may be shared publicly to support our initiatives, for communications purposes on digital platforms (including social platforms), and through publications and media (including newspapers, television and radio).
- YES! recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people taking part in any activity associated with our organisation. In accordance with our child protection policy, parents/guardians must consent to their children's photograph/video during their competition round being taken when making entries at the qualifier. If parents/guardians change their mind, they are required to withdraw consent for photographs/videos of their child competing at the qualifier as it will contain images of their child.
- 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 adult persons / competitors concerned.
- Visible signage will be in displayed informing you of our intention to record or photograph. We will also inform you of this fact via Social Media and our Public Announcement system.
- Only Official photographers/videographers shall be permitted at YES! events having. Official photographers/videographers must be in possession of valid public liability insurance

17 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, recorded breeding (Sire, Dam and Dam's Sire), the breeder and owner 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 ownership 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 and nosebands 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.

Prohibited Substances

- YES!, in unison with national and International organisations, exercises a policy of zero tolerance in respect of “Prohibited Substances”. YES! is prescribed to the HSI National Equine Anti-Doping Rules and that through competition entry competitors agree to any associated testing and to abide by same.
- The Equine Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication (EADCM) rules of YES! are the National Rules of Horse Sport Ireland (HSI), as may be amended from time to time and these National Rules are and shall be construed as the rules of YES! and apply to and are effective and binding on all show participants. By virtue of participation in Horse Sport, all participants/members shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and comply strictly with the applicable National Rules. Those national rules are available online at <https://www.horsesportireland.ie/equine-anti-doping/>
- 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”.

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 Dublin Horse Show (DHS), Horse Sport Ireland (HSI), the Irish Horse Board (IHB) 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 DHS, HSI and IHB.
- 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, DHS, HSI, IHB 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.

Rules on Social Media

YES! recognises that the internet provides unique opportunities to participate in interactive discussions and to share information using a wide variety of social media. However, competitors use of social media (whether they be public or private groups) can pose risks to YES!'s reputation and its confidential and proprietary information. It can also jeopardise its compliance with legal obligations. Therefore, in the interests of the sport, when using the internet and all social media competitors must not:

- Post any threatening, derogatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, disparaging, racist, discriminatory, menacing, inflammatory, blasphemous, or defamatory statements or material, including, but not limited to, statements or material concerning YES!, its organisers, volunteers or officials;
- Make any statements that could directly or indirectly damage YES!'s name;
- Use YES! logos, brand names, slogans or other trademarks, or post any of its confidential or proprietary information without our prior written permission.
- Bullying of any description will not be tolerated. Moreover, if competitors disclose or use in any way their YES! participation when using social media, they must make it clear that they are speaking on their own behalf and that their views do not represent those of YES!. Failure by competitors to comply with the provisions of this Rule may result in disciplinary sanctions under these Rules and/or civil proceedings.
- YES! may also require members to remove postings, comments or any other submissions which may constitute a breach of this Rule.
- YES! reserves the right to monitor, intercept and review social media postings and activities to ensure that its rules are being complied with, and for its legitimate purposes.
- YES! will comply with any law, or request by any governmental or other regulatory authority, or order by a court or other authority of competent jurisdiction, requiring YES! to disclose the identity or location of any competitor posting any material in breach of this Rule.
- YES! may share a member's personal information with the police or any other governmental authority if it is asked to do so in connection with the investigation of suspected illegal activities.