

GENERAL RULES FOR ISA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

A. ELIGIBILITY OF SHOWS

Shows wishing to participate in the 2011 Championships and be eligible to hold qualifiers, must have collected the Championship Fund Levy (currently 5%) from Horse, Pony, Cattle & @ Sheep class prize money for the year 2008 and forwarded the amount so collected, in full to the Irish Shows Association Head Office within the stipulated period of not more than 30 days from the date of their show. Alternative methods of meeting this obligation are not acceptable.

Any show or competitor in breach of the Rules set out below will be disqualified from the participating or competing in these Championships.

These General Rules and those relating to individual championships (where applicable) should be published in the show schedule and catalogue of the participating shows and must be strictly observed.

B. QUALIFYING ROUNDS (QUALIFIERS)

Qualifying rounds will take place at eligible shows selected by the Irish Shows Association.

C. RESPONSIBILITY OF SHOWS HOLDING QUALIFYING ROUNDS

- a. Selected shows should hold a separate class for each qualifier from which the highest placed animals will qualify.
 - b. The Qualifier Class should be held as the (1st) class in the relevant section of the show.
 - c. No other sponsor may be involved in qualifying classes.
 - d. Shows must ensure that the qualifiers are held strictly in accordance with the relevant Rules.
 - e. Shows may charge an entrance fee for each qualifying class. The ISA will award a rosette to the successful animal(s) on appearance **At the Final**.
 - f. No show may hold a qualifying class for any championship on the day of the final.
 - g. Animals qualified for Finals are not eligible to enter in any other Show class where the Final is held.
 - h. Shows **must** appoint competent, well briefed persons to act as Stewards, who must ensure that only animals (or other exhibits) which are eligible to compete and whose documentation is in order, are allowed to proceed to the judging ring.
 - i. Animal passports must be read by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the show.
 - j. On completion of judging, Stewards must instruct the successful competitors to attend at the show secretary's office **within one hour**, and to complete the necessary documentation for entry to the championship final.
 - k. The show must appoint a well briefed officer who will be in attendance at the secretary's office, and who will assist exhibitors to complete the necessary documentation for participation in the final and to collect the relevant entrance fee.
 - L. Show Secretaries must forward completed result cards, together with appropriate fees to the Irish Shows Association within (3) days following the holding of the show.**
- NB: Shows must return result card marked "No Qualifier" for any or all of the events for which no animal (or exhibit) has been selected.**

D. RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS

- a. Exhibitors accept that the judges decision is final in all cases. Any abuse of Judges will not be tolerated. Where a dispute or case for complaint arises, the matter should only be dealt with under **f.** below.
- b. Winners of Qualifiers are themselves responsible for entering their animals (or exhibits) for the**

final in accordance with j. and k. above, within one hour of qualifying.

- c. Winners of qualifiers will compete in the final.
- d. The Irish Shows Association in conjunction with the sponsor reserve the right to alter or amend the rules of any competition as may be necessary or appropriate.
- e. **Shows and competitors must contact the National Irish Shows for details of any championships and not the sponsor involved.**
- f. **Objections must be lodged in writing with the ISA representative at the show or the show secretary within half an hour following the completion of the judging.**, together with a fee of €50, or other stated fee, which is refundable in the event of the objection being upheld.

E. RESPONSIBILITY OF SHOWS HOSTING CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

- a. A deduction of 5% of the prize money is to be collected by the show and forwarded to the Irish Shows Association within **30 days of the final.**
- b. Championship finals must start **not later than 2pm on the day of the show** and the advertised time of starting **must** be adhered to as far as practicable. If necessary other show classes should be either postponed or relocated to allow for this.

NOTICES OF INTEREST TO CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS

IRISH LAW (EU DIRECTIVE)

Under Irish Law all horses moving from one location to another must be accompanied by their passports. It is in your own interest to ensure that this is the case. Failure to do so is an offence under Irish Law and is liable on summary conviction to result in a fine up to €3,000. All passports must be registered with the name of the current owner.

Embryo Transfer: Where a foal is produced by this method the dams passport must bear a declaration dated, stamped and signed by the stallion owner (or accredited practitioner where AI is involved) stating the date on which the dam was last covered (or inseminated) and the name of the covering stallion.

The owners of Champions and Reserve Champions are invited to submit the animals passports to the ISA head office where the placing will be endorsed and officially stamped with the seal of the Irish Shows Association as a permanent record.

It is in the interest of shows hosting championship finals that photographs and results are forwarded to the Irish Farmers Journal immediately following judging.

Important Notice to Animal Owners Involved in Showing Animals.

The Irish Shows Association would advise all animal owners who have their animals insured to have the Insurance Cover extended to cover them while showing Animals as Show, we understand that it costs very little or nothing at all dependant on who you have the insurance cover with.

If you are one of the few who don't have the cover we would advise that you think about putting it in place for this purpose, it may well be worthwhile. This advice is given to protect yourselves in the event of your animal lashing out, injuring someone, damaging property, If this was to happen, and it is established that your animal was out of control you be held responsible, or partly responsible for any damage of injury caused and end up paying all, or part of any settlement reached.