

## FIVE STAR TOUR CRITERIA FOR HORSES

1. Open to all **Showjumping Ireland Registered Riders & Horses**, no Temporary Registrations accepted for qualification or at the Grand Finals. Shows must be registered & competitors will jump under SJI Rules.

**All ages & passports are welcome to compete.**

*Please note additional Classes for the Grand Finals*

**\*4 Yr Old Championship @ 1m (open to all Passports) for 4 Yr Olds that have competed on the Tour & are qualified for the 5\* Classes. This will be a clear round jumping class, with a qualifier & all Clears will proceed to the Grand Final. All Double Clears in the Final will then divide the Prize Fund**

**\* 5 Yr Old Championship @ 1.10m (open to all Passports) for 5 Yr Olds that have competed on the Tour & are qualified for the 5\* Classes. This will be a clear round jumping class, with a qualifier & all Clears will proceed to the Grand Final. All Double Clears in the Final will then divide the Prize Fund**

2. Horses competing on Irish Horse Board qualifiers where they have won prize money at 2 or more Qualifier Finals on the League, horses qualified for the 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Yr Old Classes at the RDS or horses competing at National GP level are not eligible for the Grand Finals Weekend or any prizes associated with the Tour Finals but are welcome to compete on the Tour & avail of it as a marketing tool.

3. The aim is to have **24 Tour Dates** spread from April to end of August (**6 dates/region**, with the Grand Finals in September).

The Five Star Tour Classes will be held in the **Main Arena of the Qualifier Shows**, and must run as independently advertised classes, not part of any height class.

4. Minimum of **3 Show appearances on the Tour** qualifies you to enter for the Grand Final Weekend. A combination may jump at a variety of heights throughout the Tour but it is a total of **3 Tour Shows/combination** that is necessary.

5. All horses will be pre-entered for the Grand Finals & the **rider that rode it on the 3 qualifying shows on the Tour is the rider eligible to ride it on the Grand Final Weekend**. (If there is a legitimate sale or injury to the rider before the Festival weekend the owner/rider must contact the organiser before the entry is submitted for the Grand Final Weekend & a decision will be made by the Committee on the validity of the requested change of rider)

6. A rider can ride a maximum of **5 horse/class** in the Grand Final Qualifiers & a Maximum of **2 horses** in a Grand Final.

- Riders may compete in **2 height band Qualifiers/horse** at the Grand Finals weekend.

- A **rider/horse combination may compete in only 1 Grand Final**, therefore a rider/horse combination that may have qualified for 2 Grand Finals must then **choose 1 of the Grand Finals** & the next eligible combination will be given the Grand Final slot.

- If a rider has more than 2 horses qualified for any of the 5\* Grand Finals it is the highest placed horses on the Result Sheets that will go forward to the Finals.

7. In the case of the **4 & 5 Yr Old Grand Finals**, if a rider has more than the quota qualified, the rider will **choose the 2 horses** from their qualified horses to go forward to the Grand Final. The Rider must notify the Show Office within 1 hour of the qualifying class finishing with their choice of horses to allow the next eligible combination to be notified for the Grand Final.

All standard SJI Protocols will stand for in relation to Veterinary Checks, Stipendary Stewarding, boots, Warm Up arena fence height & warm up practices etc.

***Unsportsmanlike behaviour will be dealt with by the Stipendary Stewards & the Ground Jury.***