

Five Stars Tour 2022

5* Height bands:

1* - 85cm - 90cm

2* - 95cm -1m

3* - 1.05m-1.10m

4* - 1.15m - 1.20m

5* - 1.25m - 1.30m

Additional Classes at the Grand Finals for Qualified Horses:

4 Yr Old Championship @ 1m

5 Yr Old Championship @ 1.10m

- 1. The Five Stars Tour will aim to run in the same spirit of sportsmanship & on the same basic principles as the Youngster Tour & the Winter Stars Tour with Tour Shows & a Grand Final at Mullingar EC on 2nd-4th September.
- 2. Due to the height band system & the graduation of courses, it will allow riders a wider choice of classes in a Main Arena setting.
- 3. Allow Irish Riders produce their horses compete at a level suitable for their development.
- 4. Allow those Riders that are show jumping, as their sport, to compete during the summer season on a league format, in a Main Arena setting, then giving them a prestigious Grand Final Weekend with good prize money & additional prizes.
- 5. Allow owners/riders to market & sell direct to a client, via use of the Tour's social media platforms & the Website.
- 6. Due to the additional prize money, that will be on offer, within the height bands for Irish Horses it will encourage owners/riders that have smaller budgets to buy Irish horses to be involved.
- 7. It will encourage riders with older horses & those with Foreign Studbook Passports to get involved.
- 8. It will encourage Event Horse Producers to join the League to produce their horses.
- 9. Provide a Gala Weekend Show, Qualifiers, & Grand Finals with numerous additional prizes.
- 10. Provide continuous marketing during the Tour for Sponsors via Social Media platforms & through the Website.
- 11. Encourage buyers into Ireland to buy their next horse.

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 <u>prize money at 2 or more</u> Qualifier Finals on the League, horses qualified for the <u>4</u>, <u>5</u>, <u>6</u>, <u>7</u> & 8 Yr Old Classes at the RDS or horses competing at <u>National GP level</u> are <u>not</u> 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.

INFORMATION FOR SHOW CENTRES

- 1. THE FIVE STAR TOUR IS A STAND ALONE LEAGUE & IS NOT TO BE PART OF ANY LEAGUE RUN BY THE CENTRE. THE CLASSES ARE RUN INDEPENDENTLY & WILL NOT RUN AS PART OF HEIGHT CLASSES AT A SHOW.
- 2. THE MINIMUM PRIZE FUND RELATIVE TO THE ENTRY FEE STANDS, AS PER SJI RULES. THE TOUR CLASSES MUST BE ADVERTISED ON THE SJI LIVE SYSTEM AS SEPARATE CLASSES WITH THE MINIMUM PRIZE FUND & PAID OUT ACCORDINGLY.
- 3. THE FIVE STARS TOUR WILL BE RUN WITH THE SAME FORMAT AS THE OTHER TOURS WITH A E3/TICKET LEVY PAID BY RIDERS WITH E1/TICKET GOING TO THE GRAND FINALS PRIZE MONEY & RUGS & THE E2/TICKET GOING TO THE TOUR TO PAY IT'S EXPENSES & ALLOW ADDITIONAL PRIZES FOR THE GRAND FINALS.
- 4. THIS E3 LEVY/TICKET WILL BE **ADDED ON TOP** OF THE REGULAR SHOW CENTRE ENTRY FEE & WILL IN NO WAY AFFECT THE INCOME OF THE SHOW CENTRE.
- 5. THE SHOW CENTRE WILL BE INVOICED BY THE TOUR FOR THIS LEVY & IT IS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE PAID WITHIN 10 DAYS OF INVOICING.
- 6. THE TOUR WILL PROVIDE THE ROSETTES FOR THE TOUR SHOWS, 1ST-6TH FOR ALL THE TOUR CLASSES. IT IS HOPED THAT WE WILL HAVE TOUR DAY SPONSORS THAT WILL PROVIDE 5 WINNER RUGS & 5 WINNER ROSETTES.
- 7. THE TOUR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ADVERTISE YOUR SHOWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA etc., IT IS UP TO THE SHOW CENTRE TO CAPITALISE ON THIS ADVERTISING.
- 8. All Tour classes will be run as a 2 Phase Class, modified class (Article 274.5.1 should cover this). It is recommended that the first 2 fences be at the lower level & then move to the maximum heights but with the doubles/combinations remaining at the lower level.
- 9. From the experience with the Five Stars Tour in 2021 & the Winter Stars Tour, the Five Stars Tour 2022 shows should be run on a weekend date to maximise entries as the majority of the riders on this Tour will be Pro-Ams.

By returning an intent to run, & then confirming a Date for a Tour Show, the Tour Centre is therefore contracted to run under the Terms & Conditions laid out above.

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FIVE STARS GRAND FINAL

@ MULLINGAR EC 2-4th September

Proposed Five Stars Grand Final Format:	<u>PM</u>
Day 1 - 5 x 5* <i>Classes</i> - Qualifiers for Grand Finals for Qualified Horses (5 x e250)	e1250
<u>Day 2</u> -5 x 5* Classes - Qualifiers for Grand Finals for Qualified Horses 4 Yr Old Qualifier Class (901m) horses must have competed on the Tour minimum 3 Times.	e1250
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Open to all Passports — All DCs into the Final 5 Yr Old Class (1m-1.10m)- horses must have competed on the Tour minimum 3 Times Open to All Passports - All DCs into the Final	e500
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<u>Day 3:</u>	
4 Yr Old Grand Final – e2000– divided between all DCs	e2000
5 Yr Old Grand Final – e3000 – divided between all Dcs	e3000
ALL GRAND FINALS 1*Grand Final – Prize Fund of E2000 2* Grand Final - Prize Fund of E2000 3* Grand Final – Prize Fund of E2000 4* Grand Final – Prize Fund of E2000	
5* Grand Final – Prize Fund of E2000	<u>e10000</u>
Total Prize Fund : Plus Gifts.	e18500

(We will revisit the option to run Silver Tour / Consolation Classes on Sunday 4^{th} September, due to low entries last year these classes were not well supported)