



## **EQUINE AWARDS NI 2023 ARE LOOKING FOR MINI, MIDI & JUNIOR RISING STARS!!**

Equestrian Centres across Northern Ireland are being invited to run competitions within their Centre to send their top two riders in each section to a grand Final to be held at Gransha Equestrian Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The winners from each section will be presented with the "Rising Star" Awards at the Equine Awards NI, being held at the Titanic Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The qualifying competitions can be run at any time within your own Centre, with qualified rider's details submitted to Adrienne Stuart by 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Class 1 – 30cm Assisted (age 4-7)**

- Riders will be asked to jump a course of 8 show jumps not exceeding 30cm.
- Each jump carries 10 points, so a clear round scores 100 points.
- A deduction of 4 penalties for a knock down, 4 penalties for the first refusal, 8 penalties for the second refusal and Elimination for the third refusal. Fall of horse or rider also causes Elimination.
- An Equitation Mark for each round is also given. Mark 1. Style and ability out of 20. Mark 2. Accuracy out of 20. Mark 3. Rhythm and Balance out of 20. Mark 4. Harmony out of 20 and Mark 5 Use of the Arena out of 20.
- When scores are added, the highest scoring rider wins. If there is equality of marks, the jumping mark is used to decide, if they are equal then go to the equitation mark, if both are equal, a jump off against the clock will decide the winner.  
For lower placings the highest jumping score will be highest placed.

### **Class 2 – 30cm unassisted (age 5-8)**

- Riders will be asked to jump a course of 8 show jumps not exceeding 30cm.
- Each jump carries 10 points, so a clear round scores 100 points.
- A deduction of 4 penalties for a knock down, 4 penalties for the first refusal, 8 penalties for the second refusal and Elimination for the third refusal. Fall of horse or rider also causes Elimination.
- An Equitation Mark for each round is also given. Mark 1. Style and ability out of 20. Mark 2. Accuracy out of 20. Mark 3. Rhythm and Balance out of 20. Mark 4. Harmony out of 20 and Mark 5 Use of the Arena out of 20.
- When scores are added, the highest scoring rider wins. If there is equality of marks, the jumping mark is used to decide, if they are equal then go to the equitation mark, if both are equal, a jump off against the clock will decide the winner.  
For lower placings the highest jumping score will be highest placed.

### **Class 3 50cm (Age 5-9)**

- Riders will be asked to jump a course of 10 show jumps not exceeding 50cm
- Each jump carries 10 points, so a clear round scores 100 points.
- A deduction of 4 penalties for a knock down, 4 penalties for the first refusal, 8 penalties for the second refusal and Elimination for the third refusal. Fall of horse or rider also causes Elimination.
- An Equitation Mark for each round is also given. Mark 1. Style and ability out of 20. Mark 2. Accuracy out of 20. Mark 3. Rhythm and Balance out of 20. Mark 4. Harmony out of 20 and Mark 5 Use of the Arena out of 20.
- When scores are added, the highest scoring rider wins. If there is equality of marks, the jumping mark is used to decide, if they are equal then go to the equitation mark, if both are equal, a jump off against the clock will decide the winner.  
For lower placings the highest jumping score will be highest placed.

### **Class 4 – 60cm (Age 9-12)**

- Riders will be asked to jump a course of 10 show jumps not exceeding 60cm
- Each jump carries 10 points, so a clear round scores 100 points.
- A deduction of 4 penalties for a knock down, 4 penalties for the first refusal, 8 penalties for the second refusal and Elimination for the third refusal. Fall of horse or rider also causes Elimination.
- An Equitation Mark for each round is also given. Mark 1. Style and ability out of 20. Mark 2. Accuracy out of 20. Mark 3. Rhythm and Balance out of 20. Mark 4. Harmony out of 20 and Mark 5 Use of the Arena out of 20.

- When scores are added, the highest scoring rider wins. If there is equality of marks, the jumping mark is used to decide, if they are equal then go to the equitation mark, if both are equal, a jump off against the clock will decide the winner.  
For lower placings the highest jumping score will be highest placed.

#### **Class 5 – 75cm (Age 9-16)**

- Riders will be asked to jump a course of 10 show jumps not exceeding **75cm**
- Each jump carries 10 points, so a clear round scores 100 points.
- A deduction of 4 penalties for a knock down, 4 penalties for the first refusal, 8 penalties for the second refusal and Elimination for the third refusal. Fall of horse or rider also causes Elimination.
- An Equitation Mark for each round is also given. Mark 1. Style and ability out of 20. Mark 2. Accuracy out of 20. Mark 3. Rhythm and Balance out of 20. Mark 4. Harmony out of 20 and Mark 5 Use of the Arena out of 20.
- When scores are added, the highest scoring rider wins. If there is equality of marks, the jumping mark is used to decide, if they are equal then go to the equitation mark, if both are equal, a jump off against the clock will decide the winner.  
For lower placings the highest jumping score will be highest placed.

#### **Class 6 – 90cm (Age 16 and under)**

- Riders will be asked to jump a course of 10 show jumps not exceeding **90cm**
- Each jump carries 10 points, so a clear round scores 100 points.
- A deduction of 4 penalties for a knock down, 4 penalties for the first refusal, 8 penalties for the second refusal and Elimination for the third refusal. Fall of horse or rider also causes Elimination.
- An Equitation Mark for each round is also given. Mark 1. Style and ability out of 20. Mark 2. Accuracy out of 20. Mark 3. Rhythm and Balance out of 20. Mark 4. Harmony out of 20 and Mark 5 Use of the Arena out of 20.
- When scores are added, the highest scoring rider wins. If there is equality of marks, the jumping mark is used to decide, if they are equal then go to the equitation mark, if both are equal, a jump off against the clock will decide the winner.  
For lower placings the highest jumping score will be highest placed.

### **SHOWJUMPING FINALS**

The finals will be held at Gransha Equestrian Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The running order for the Finals will be published on the Gransha Equestrian Centre website at [www.granshaequestriancentre.com](http://www.granshaequestriancentre.com).

Courses for all classes will consist of 10 show jumps, designed by Balmoral Show course designer and proprietor of Gransha, Adrienne Stuart.

The final competition will follow the same format as the qualifiers. The first 5 placed riders will receive rosettes on the day and the winner will be presented with their respective Rising Star Award at the Equine Awards NI on 7th October 2023.

Equine Award NI will give two tickets to the gala evening to each winner, one for the winner and one for an accompanying adult.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FINALS, PLEASE CONTACT ADRIENNE STUART AT [granshariding@yahoo.com](mailto:granshariding@yahoo.com)

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