

Donkeys

Donkey Breed Society Cups and rosettes can only be presented to Donkey Breed Society Members. Membership cards to be carried on Show Day.

It is recommended that all Donkey's should be shown in a bit.

Castlewellan Show is a Qualifying Show for DBS Championship Show at Warwick County Show on 24th and 25th August 2025.

19/07/2025 10:00

Donkey Section

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Judges

Mr Rob Simms (Judge)

Classes

Number	Name	Description						
100	Stallion	4 years and over. To be led & no handler under 18yrs. Note - no stallions to be entered in any other in hand classes						
101	Best Conditioned & Turned Out Donkey	Donkeys of any age. To be judged 75% condition and 25% turnout. Conformation must not be taken into account. Winner of this class does not qualify for the Championships.						
102	Mare	Mares of 4 years and over, and Broodmares of 5 years old and over with own foal at foot. Foals to be 6 weeks old and over. Winner to receive Albert Irvine Cup.						
104	Gelding Class	4 years old and over. The winner will receive the Braughinh Cornelium Perpetual Trophy. Kindly presented by Dr Yvonne Canavan						
106	Best Local Donkey	Must be owned by a DBS member living within a 25 mile radius of the show ground. (No entry fee for class 106 only)						
112	Young Handler Class	Handler not to have obtained his/her 16th birthday on show day. To be judged on the ability of the Young Handler and not on conformation of the Donkey. (Entry fee £3.00 for class 112 only) Winner of class 112 will receive the Blackford Trophy and £10 presented by by Mrs Mary Sievewright.						
105	Young Stock - Colt, Gelding or Filly	1, 2 or 3 years old. Colt over 1 year old to be handled by an adult.						
113	Riding Class	Donkeys entered must be four years old or over and must have a correctly fitting bridle and saddle. All riders must wear an approved (PAS015) correctly fitting hard hat to conform to the current BSI standards. Children of 8 years or under (minimum 3 years) may be led. When a child competes on a leading change to lead rein the Donkey must be led by a competent adult 18 year and over. Lead reins must be attached to the noseband and bit. <table><tr><td>Donkeys:</td><td>Riders:</td></tr><tr><td>Up to 10.2hh (105cms) (120cms)</td><td>not over 8 stone (50kgs) + 4'0"</td></tr><tr><td>10.2-11.0hh (105-110cms)</td><td>not over 8 stone (50kgs) + 4'6"</td></tr></table>	Donkeys:	Riders:	Up to 10.2hh (105cms) (120cms)	not over 8 stone (50kgs) + 4'0"	10.2-11.0hh (105-110cms)	not over 8 stone (50kgs) + 4'6"
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114	Pet/Aged Donkey	To be judged entirely on suitability as a family pet. Conformation will not be taken into account.
DCH1	In-hand Championship	In-hand Championship is eligible to Champion Rosette and Reserve Champion Rosette from classes 100, 102, 104 and 105
DCH2	Champion Donkey	Champion Donkey from classes 101, 102, 104 and 105. Champion Donkey to receive The Coco Perpetual Memorial Trophy kindly presented by Dr Yvonne Canavan and £15.00. Reserve Champion £10.00
103	The All Ireland Donkey Mare and Foal Championship Qualifier	1 This Qualifying Championship is for Donkey Mare with Foal at Foot. 2 All Exhibitors must have the Dam's passport. (in accordance with EU legislation for all entries which includes Donkeys), ready for inspection at the Qualifying Show and Final. 3 Two Donkeys to qualify if Judges & I.S.A agree that the standard is high enough. 4 The Qualifying Exhibitor must fill out their own Qualifying Card at each Qualifying Show. FINAL: BALLINASLOE SHOW Sunday 28th September 2025

Driving Classes

Donkeys entered must be four years old and over.

When a person of 17 years of age and under is driving a stallion an experienced Adult Whip 18 years or over must be in the vehicle at all times.

An Adult with a leading rein must be in the ring throughout the class when Junior Whips 15 years and under are competing.

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Number	Name	Description
107	Long Reining	(The Donkey must be 4 years and over)
108	EXERCISE	Winner of the Exercise class will receive The Ballaghenry Perpetual Trophy presented by Mr Thomas Magaill.
109	Private Driving	
110	Trade/Traditional	Please note that all exhibitors must be seated or standing in vehicle
111	Agricultural Working Class	
DCH3	Driving Donkey Championship	Champion Driving Donkey will receive The Knocknashane Carriage Driving Perpetual Cup & £10