

DONKEYS

RING 13 10am Start

Kindly Sponsored by: Green Energy Wind, Castlewellan

JUDGE: - Liz Langford Stewards – DBS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL DONKEYS SHOULD BE SHOWN WITH BIT.

Entry Fee: £10.00 Prizes 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10.

Class 1– STALLION – 4 yrs and over. To be led & no handler under 18yrs.

Note – No Stallions to be entered in any other in hand classes.

Class 2 – BEST CONDITIONED AND 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.

Class 3 – MARE CLASS – Mares of 4 years old and over, and Broodmares of 5 years old and over with own foal at foot. Foals to be 6 weeks old and over.

The Winner of Class 3 will receive the Albert Irvine Cup.

Class 4– GELDING CLASS – 4 years old and over.

The Winner will receive the Braughing Cornelius Perpetual Trophy.

Kindly presented by Dr Yvonne Canavan.

Class 5– 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 5 ONLY**

Class 6- YOUNG HANDLERS 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.

Winner of Class 6 will receive THE BLACKFORD TROPHY

Presented by Mrs. Mary Sievewright

Class 7 – YOUNG STOCK CLASS – **Colt, Gelding or Filly** 1, 2 or 3 years old. Colt over 1 year to be handled by an adult.

Class 8 – 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.

Both the following weight and height restrictions shall apply:

Donkeys:

Up to 10.2hh (105cms)

10.2-11.0hh (105-110cms)

11.0-12.0hh (110-120cms)

12.0-14.0hh (120-140cms)

Riders:

not over 8 stone (50kgs) + 4'0" (120cms)

not over 8 stone (50kgs) + 4'6" (135cms)

not over 9 stone (57kgs) +5'0" (150cms)

not over 10 stone (63kgs)+5'6" (165cms)

Over 14hh (140cms)

no restrictions

Class 9 – PET/AGED DONKEY CLASS – to be judged entirely on suitability as a family pet.
Conformation will not be taken into account.

Castlewellan Show is a Qualifying Show for DBS Championship Show at Warwick County Show on
30th & 31st August 2026.

SPECIAL PRIZES

CHAMPION DONKEY – The Coco Perpetual Memorial Trophy & £30

Kindly presented by Dr Yvonne Canavan

Reserve Champion £15

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.**

Class 10 LONG REINING (The Donkey must be 4 years and over)

Class 11 – EXERCISE

Class 12– PRIVATE DRIVING

Class 13 TRADE/TRADITIONAL (Please note that all exhibitors must be seated or standing in vehicle)

Class 14 – AGRICULTURAL WORKING CLASS

Champion Driving Donkey will receive

The Knocknashane Carriage Driving Perpetual Cup & £20

Winner of the Exercise Vehicle Class will receive:

The Ballaghenry Perpetual Trophy Presented by Mr Thomas Magill

Qualifier

The ISA and Ballinasloe Show Society present:

The All Ireland Donkey Mare and Foal Championship

Sponsored by: Gerry Stronge & John Harney

Prize Fund €600.00

RULES AND CONDITIONS

- 1 This 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.

Those rules should be read in conjunction with the I.S.A Rules

PRIZES: Champion €200; 2nd €150; 3rd €100; 4th €75; 5th €50; 6th €25

A prize will be presented for Combination of Best Turned Out Donkey and Suitably Dressed Handler.

ENTRY FEE: To Qualifying Show €10 To Final €15

Final - Ballinasloe Show – Sunday 26th September 2026

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