

## **GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR 2022 TRIALS**

The 2022 trials dates are: Day 1 is Saturday 26th February, Day 2 is Saturday 5th March in the All weather arena at Punchestown Racecourse.

Membership renewal of the Irish Pony Club for 2022 must be paid before the first day of trials.

All entries to be on its plain sailing. Entry fee is € 75.00 must be paid at time of entry on its plain sailing.

Closing date for entries is Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at midnight.

Please read the following carefully: You will be asked to confirm that you understand the weight/height rules when entering on its plain sailing. Your DC will also have to sign off on each entry.

Dressed to compete a rider weighing over 54kg, may not ride a pony 128cm or under. A rider weighing 60kg may not ride a pony 133cm or under and a rider weighing 66kg may not ride a pony 138cm or under. If a team Member changes to a different pony during the competition or training the same weight/height rules apply.

Before training starts parents will be asked to commit to attending training sessions and anyone who misses two or more sessions (without good reason) will be dropped from the team at the discretion of the Chief Steward.

The pony that a rider presents on the first day of trials must be used throughout the trials, training and travelling period. If it becomes necessary to change a pony it can only be done at the discretion of the Chief Steward. If a player or pony gets injured during the trials their placing will be at the discretion of the selectors.

Please note the following when preparing for and taking part in the trials as the points below will be important when the selectors are making the final decisions. All points having equal merit.

- Ability to vault.
- Ability to correct a mistake quickly and accurately.
- Ability to achieve pace and speed but also to check or pull up.
- Ability of pony and rider to give a pass.
- Ability of pony and rider to take a pass.
- Ability to play technical games correctly.
- Temperament and attitude of pony and rider

### Notes.

- Consideration is given to the complementary attributes of all 5 riders and ponies to the overall team as a unit.
- All players who attend trials will be given the best possible chance to show their abilities.

### Estimated cost of trips for 2022

WINDSOR.....	€2000.00
BATH & WEST.....	€1700.00
Scotland .....	€ 500.00

Details re payment methods will follow in early 2022

By entering for these trials, you are deemed to have accepted the following –

1. All competitors should at least be in their 1<sup>st</sup> Senior year.
2. All competitors must be registered, paid up members of the Irish Pony Club and be
3. Under 15 years on January 1st of the current year.
4. All competitors and their ponies must be dressed/tacked up in accordance with the IPC Mounted Games Tack Sheet 2022.