

### All Ireland Series 2022

The IHRA committees recently have discussed and agreed the following alterations to the competition rules for the 2022 All Ireland Series. The changes are outlined below:

- (i) A minimum grade of grade D upwards would be required to compete in the series
- (ii) Should a horse under grade D be nominated, it will only be permitted to race in the series should it reach grade D
- (iii) The format for the series will have the same varying distances over the six legs as per 2021
- (iv) The series will consist of 2xFFA, 2xHCP & 2xPFFA
- (v) One PFFA will be splitting the horses on grades (into two heats) and then positioned per grade while the second PFFA should be based on an open ballot for the race and then positioned per grade.
- (vi) After completion of the 2022 series, the committees can decide on which PFFA works better
- (vii) A trainer/owner can choose to race a staked-up horse in an open handicapped race rather than entering a series heat however this horse will be excluded from the series from that point on.
- (viii) A late supplement will be allowed into the series
- (ix) Horses arriving from the second TF sale will be permitted to stake into the series at the original fees once nominated and paid within 14 days.

Nomination of Horses and competition dates will be announced later.

### Trainer Declarations

Trainers yet to declare horses in training are required to do so as 28 days are required prior to be allowed to race. If you declare your horses in training today, the earliest date you are clear to race is the 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### Change to Horse Declarations for 2022...

From our 1<sup>st</sup> fixture, trainers will now only be required to **text any non-runners** to the relevant track numbers ahead of racing each week.

**Final Driver Declarations will need to be supplied to the IHRA office no later than 10am on Fridays** and after this time no other drivers will be permitted to be changed on the day of races unless in extraordinary circumstances.

### Amateur Driving Championship 2022

Due to the increase in amateur based competitions abroad, the IHRA have decided to run a championship throughout the year, similar to the professional and apprentice leading tables.

The leading amateur on the table at the end of the year will then become the IHRA's nomination into the many amateur races held abroad.

### Who is eligible?

Drivers will be able to self-declare into this championship. There are no minimum number of races to have competed in or number of career wins either.

Drivers who have competed as a professional abroad in the last two years are excluded from this championship.

Drivers who wish to be included in this championship should email the IHRA office signalling your interest.

### Driver Renumeration:

From 2022, all winning drivers will receive 5% of the first prize purse. This renumeration will be further rolled out to other placings on a yearly basis, going forward. The driver's bonus is only eligible for Class B & A drivers.

***Tomorrow's Update will feature full details of the preferred racing format being rolled out for the 2022 Racing Season.***