



Mullingar Rising Stars Young Horse Series 2026

The Mullingar Rising Stars young Horse Series is back for 2026. The Rising Stars series will cater for 4, 5, & 6/7 YO horses and will afford your horses the time and opportunity to develop to their maximum potential at their own pace, without being rushed or over-faced. As the series progresses towards the finals in September in Mullingar, the horses will be challenged by higher, slightly more technical courses. Qualifiers will run from March to the end of July. The finals in Mullingar in September will have a combined prize fund of €10,000.

How to qualify /Information for the competitor

- A horse/rider combination must complete at least minimum of 1 Rising Star qualifier. There will be a further preliminary qualifier at the final weekend where the top 30 horses will go through (5YO & 6/7YO) for the finals on Saturday & the top 25/ all clears 4YO will qualify from Friday for Saturdays final.
- A rider may ride a maximum of 4 horses in the pre- qualifiers and 2 horses in the finals in each category.
- No substitution of Horses will be allowed, a Rider may only be substituted in exceptional circumstances, following a written confirmation letter to the show organisers and sent to info@mullingarequestrian.com
- The Series is open to all SJI registered members/horses with the following exceptions. Horses qualified for the 4, 5-, 6-, 7- & 8-year-Old Classes at the RDS or horses placed (1st- 6th) in a 1.35 class or higher at a standalone show are **not** eligible to compete at the finals in September but are welcome to compete at the qualifiers.
- The show organisers reserve the right to alter the rules as deemed necessary.

Show venues information.

- "Rising Star qualifier" should appear in the title of the class on SJILIVE.
- The qualifiers should be run in the main arena where possible.
- Presentations should take place at the end of the class in the arena, this gives the rider an opportunity to take photos & show case their horse for potential buyers. General media coverage i.e. social media/media coverage either photo /results also give competitors a bigger platform for their efforts and is encouraged.
- Recommended fence heights as follows:

Class	March/ April	May/June	July/ August	Finals
4YO	85/90cm	90cm/ 95cm	95cm	95/Metre
5YO	Metre	1.05	1.10	1.10/1.15
6/7YO	1.05/ 1.10	1.15	1.15/1.20	1.20/1.25

- At the finals the 6/7 YO will be a handicap class with the 7 YO jumping 5cm higher