

Cumann Taisbeantas Tortha Talmhaíochta agus Tionscail Iar-Dheisceart Thír Chonaill Teo.
(S.W. Donegal Agricultural & Industrial Show Ltd.) A member of the Irish Shows Association

ARDARA SUMMER SHOW



Saturday 15th August 2026
PRIZE SCHEDULE



In association with
Mid West Donegal
Vintage Club

MAIN SPONSORS



Closing Date for Entries
25TH JULY 2026
All enquires to the show secretary
on ardarashow@gmail.com
087 474 3826

PLEASE ASSIST US BY GETTING YOUR ENTRIES IN EARLY

Trade stand space must be booked in advance

ARDARA SHOW 2026

*We are delighted to welcome on board
as our Main Sponsor for 2026*

McCafferty's Bars

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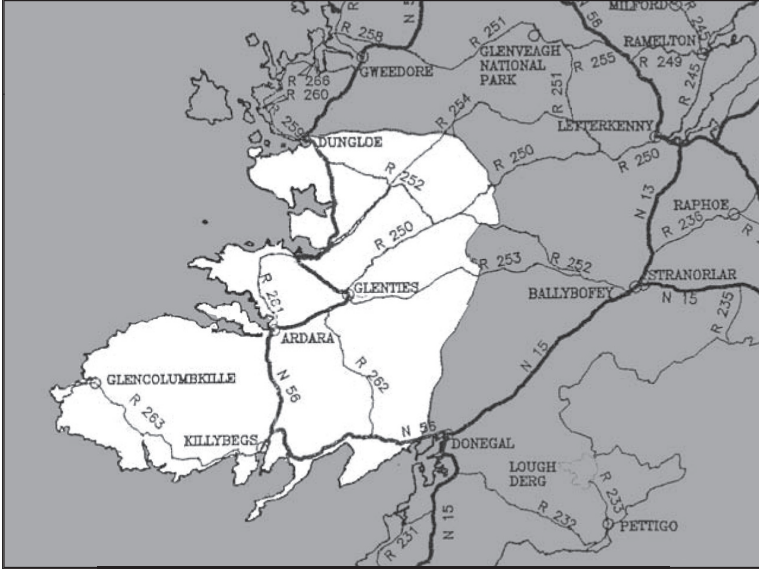
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A huge thank you to our 2026 Main Sponsors, McCafferty's Bars and Nesbitt Arms Hotel, for supporting the Ardara Show. We also sincerely thank Ardara Distillery for their valued support over recent years and look forward to continuing to work together. Please support the local businesses who support our community.

We have been very fortunate to have the facilities of Pearse Memorial Park, Home of the Ard an Ratha GAA Club and we are very thankful to all the committee for allowing us the use of Pearse Memorial Park on August 8th 2026.

SEE YOU ALL ON SHOW DAY!

Show Area Map (Confined Area)



RULES & REGULATIONS

SHOW AREA DEFINED:

“South-West Donegal:” the name of this Agricultural Show means the area included in the Parishes of Ardara, Glenties, Upper Rosses, Inver, Killybegs (Killaghtee), Kilcar and Glencolumbkille

Competition is Open except where defined as above or confined to Ardara Parish

CATTLE / SHEEP

1. Ownership Duration

Confined cattle exhibits must have been the property of the exhibitor for at least six months before the show date.

1a. All Sheep in the Confined section must be homebred.

2. Commercial Status

All cattle are considered commercial unless otherwise stated.

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3. Calf Entry Restrictions

Calves are not permitted in the “No Permanent Teeth” section.

4. Prize Money Deduction

In accordance with Irish Shows Association rules, 5% of prize money will be deducted from all classes and forwarded to the ISA to help cover costs.

5. Showground Housekeeping

Animals must be in the showgrounds at least 30 minutes before judging, properly haltered and trained

HOME INDUSTRIES (Farm, Garden & Industrial Sections)

1. Eligibility of Exhibits

Exhibits must have been grown or made by the exhibitor.

2. Previous Winners

Prize-winning entries from previous Ardara Shows are not eligible for re-entry in the Industrial Section.

3. Entry Requirements

Exhibitors must ensure their entries are placed in the correct class.

4. Exhibit Placement & Timing

- I. All entries must be in place by the designated time to be judged.
- II. Non-Perishable exhibits can be taken to Marquee on Friday after 6pm for entry on Show Day. Marquee open from 7am day of show for all exhibits and all exhibits to be in place by 9.30am on day of Show for judging that starts at 10am
- III. Only accepted entries by the Secretary/Chief Steward will be judged

5. Exhibit Removal

Exhibits cannot be removed from the marquee before 5 p.m.

GENERAL RULES

Entries & Eligibility

1. Open Competition

Competitions are open unless otherwise specified or limited to Ardara Parish.

2. Entry Refusal

The Chief Steward reserves the right to refuse entries without giving a reason.

3. Entry Requirements

- I. Entries must be received by the closing date with the correct fee, No late entries will be accepted.
- II. Exhibitors must ensure their entries are placed in the correct class.
- III. Any person who has not returned trophies on time will not have their entries accepted.

4. Entry Amendments & Cancellations

- I. The committee may cancel or merge classes with low entry numbers.
- II. Classes may be adjusted at the committee's discretion on the day of the show.

5. Trophies & Prizes

- I. All trophies are perpetual unless otherwise stated.
- II. All prizes must be claimed on show day.
- III. Judges may withhold prizes if exhibits lack merit or award additional prizes for large classes.
- IV. In single-entry classes, judges may award a prize if merit is sufficient.

6. Misconduct & Disqualification

- I. Interference with judges results in disqualification and a potential ban.
- II. False ownership claims on the entry form lead to disqualification.

7. Judging Conduct

- I. Judges' decisions are final.
- II. Where possible Stewards must not accompany judges in sections where they have entries.
- III. Public is not allowed in the marquee during judging.

8. Objections

- I. Must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes of the event's conclusion.
- II. A €50 fee (refundable if upheld) is required.

9. Membership

New members cannot vote until after official acceptance.

10. Liability Disclaimer

The committee accepts no responsibility for loss, damage, or error related to exhibits or cataloguing.

11. Show Changes

The society may postpone the show or parts of it without liability.

12. ISA Championship Rules

Exhibitors must contact the ISA directly for championship information.

13. Admission Charges

- I. All exhibitors must pay admission; this is to support the show.
- II. Entry fees of €80+ include two free show field passes.



Department of
**Agriculture,
Food and the Marine**

An Roinn
**Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara**

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
HORSES AND OTHER EQUINES**

Premises Registration

As from 1 May 2012, any premises (**which includes shows, fairs and markets**) where horses or other equines are gathered must be registered with the Department.

Owners/persons in charge of such gatherings are required to submit a completed application form for registration and to keep records of movements on/off their premises. **(This rule does not apply in Northern Ireland)**

Records must be retained for at least 3 years as they may be required by the Department for the purposes of tracing disease.

Records required are:

- The name and address of the owner/person in charge of the premises from which the equine came.
- Premises registration number from which the equine came
- Passport number/UEL number of the animal

It is important therefore that Show organisers should contact their local District Veterinary Office in advance so that consideration can be given to compliance with the requirements outlined above.

Any further information on the requirements for moving horses and equines to shows will be provided on the Department's website at:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/animalhealthwelfare/animalidentificationmovement> Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

HSI SHOWING SERIES REGULATIONS

HSI/DAFM funding will only be provided for animals **registered in a studbook with a breed code recorded**. This can include main section studbook equines OR supplementary section studbook equines. Animals with breed code 'UNK', whether breeding is recorded or not, will not be eligible for funding under this initiative.

Notices of interest to championship participants Irish Law EU Directive)

Under Irish Law all horses moving from one location to another must be accompanied by their passports. It is in your own interest to ensure this is the case. Failure to do so is an offence under Irish Law and is liable on summary conviction to result in a fine up to €3000. All passports must be registered with the name of the current owner.

Embryo Transfer:

Where a foal is produced by this method the dam's passport must bear a declaration dated, stamped and signed by the stallion owner (or accredited practitioner where AI is involved) stating the date on which the dam was last covered (or inseminated) and the name of the covering stallion.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Horse-riding is a dangerous sport. While mounted, all competitors and ride judges are required, for their own safety, to wear appropriate head gear that complies with up to date safety standards and is securely fastened.

Exhibitor Rules

If a qualified exhibitor does not turn up to an ISA final without giving prior notice to the ISA office or to a board member he or she will incur a financial penalty

HORSES/PONIES (OPEN)

Prizes: €50, €30, €20

Entry Fee: €8

Judging Commences 10am

Ponies will be judged first followed by horses.

OWENEA FIELD ON AUGUST 15TH 2026

Horse and Heritage Day

Ponies

Class 500: Registered Connemara Brood Mare

Conal Watters Memorial Cup

Class 501: Best Registered Connemara pony any age

Colm Breslin Cup

Class 502: Best Pony Under 13."2" Hands

Class 503: Best Pony from 13."3" Hands to 14."2" Hands

Hugh Gildea Memorial Cup

Class 504: Best Pony under 14."2" Hands with foal at foot

No Pedigree or Purebreds in Class 502, 503 or 504

Class 505: Best young handler 16 years and younger

Class 506: Best Miniature Pony

Class 507: Best Donkey

CHAMPION PONY OF SHOW

Woodhill House Cup & Sash

RESERVE PONY OF SHOW

Special Sash



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Horses

Class 508: Best Friesian Horse, Any Age

Con Gillespie Cup

Class 509: Best Traditional Irish Cob

Castleview Equestrian Perpetual Cup

Class 510: Mare of Gelding, any age agricultural type

Cormac Breslin Cup

Class 511: Best Mare with foal at foot, 14."2" hands and over.

Shaun Molloy Perpetual Cup

Class 512: Mare or Gelding, 3 years or over likely to make Light hunter

Castlegolan Cup

Class 513: Mare or Gelding, 3 years or over likely to make Heavy hunter

Class 514: Best Irish Draught Mare or Gelding, Any Age

Michael Kennedy Cup

Class 515: Best Driving Horse or Pony



CHAMPION HORSE OF SHOW

Hugh Byrne Memorial Cup & Sash

Reserve Champion Horse of Show

Sylvester Mulhern Memorial Shield & Sash

Riding Classes

Class 516: Best Riding Class for under 12 years of Age

NWIAWPCS Perpetual Cup

Class 517: Best Riding Class for 13 to 18 years of Age

Class 518: Best Riding Class for Adults

Please Note:

- All horses/ponies must be kept under control.
- All riders must wear a helmet and back protector.
- The Show Committee will not take responsibility for anyone who does not adhere to these rules.



UNDER 18 SHEEP SECTION (CONFINED AREA)

Dyeing of sheep allowed

All Sheep to be tagged

Prizes: €40, €25, €15

Entry Fee: €6

CLASSES WILL RUN ON DAY 2 AT THE HORSE AND HERITAGE SHOW

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BLACKFACE SECTION

Class 519: Best Blackfaced Ewe Lamb

Class 520: Best Blackfaced Ewe, 1 year old

Class 521: Best Blackfaced Ram Lamb

Class 522: Best Blackfaced Aged Ewe

Champion Sheep of Open Blackfaced classes
Special Rosette



CROSSBRED SECTION

Class 523: Best Crossbred Ewe Lamb

Class 524: Best Crossbred Ewe, 1 year old

Class 525: Best Crossbred Ram Lamb

Class 526: Best Crossbred Aged Ewe

Champion Sheep of Open Crossbred classes
Special Rosette

Class 527: Best Rare Breed Class