

Side Saddle Ireland (“SSI”)
National Championships 2024
Rules and Prize List (“Rules”)

1. Open to members of SSI only.
2. The National Championship will be run on a league basis, on a simple system of accumulation of points.
3. There are two categories in our National Championships– seniors and juniors. Senior riders must be 18 years or over on 1st January 2024, and junior riders under 18 years on 1st January 2024.
4. Points are earned at affiliated side saddle classes during the 2024 show season at shows which are affiliated to SSI. A list of affiliated shows is maintained and published on the SSI website.
5. To gain points you must be a paid-up member of SSI on the date of the relevant participating show.
6. Points are valid for 2024 only – after the culmination of the 2024 season, the slate is wiped clean and everybody starts at zero for 2025.
7. For seniors, points earned in “senior”, “intermediate”, “ladies side saddle”, “ladies hunter side saddle” or any other side classes, however described, other than junior classes, at affiliated shows count towards the National Championship.
8. To qualify for participation in the league a horse and rider combination must complete at a minimum of 4 affiliated shows.
9. Points are awarded on the basis of the highest placed SSI members participating in a class. For e.g. if a non-member wins a class and a SSI member is in 2nd place, our member, as the highest placed member in the class will receive the 10 points, and so on down the placings. The championship with points awarded as follows:

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| ➤ 1 st prize (or highest placed): | 10 |
| ➤ 2 nd prize (or second highest placed): | 9 |
| ➤ 3 rd prize (or third highest placed): | 8 |
| ➤ 4 th prize (or fourth highest placed): | 7 |
| ➤ 5 th prize (or fifth highest placed): | 6 |
| ➤ 6 th prize (or sixth highest placed): | 5 |
| ➤ Attending and participating but not placed: | 2 |
10. Points are earned by a particular horse and rider combination only. Thus, a rider cannot accumulate points on different horses. Each horse that a rider rides will have its own

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points. Likewise, if a horse is ridden by a different rider from time to time, that second combination will have a separate point listing.

11. In the event of an equality of points, the combination who attended the most affiliated shows will gain the higher place. If still equal, the higher number of 1st placings gained will be used. If still equal, then the higher number of 2nd placings, and thereafter the higher number of 3rd placings etc until we reach an overall winner.
12. The prizes: The prizes for the National Championships will be awarded from 1st to 6th place as follows:

Seniors:

- 1st prize - €1,000
- 2nd prize - €750
- 3rd prize - €500
- 4th prize - €250
- 5th prize - €150
- 6th prize - €100

In addition, our sponsor, Carr & Day & Martin will be providing some of their gorgeous products to our prize winners.

Juniors:

1st prize – to 6th prize – prizes in kind.

13. The prizegiving will be held at a glamorous gathering of SSI members to be held in the autumn after the close of the showing season – details of this event will be announced in due course.
14. SSI reserves the right to make changes to these Rules from time to time in any manner it sees fit and in its sole discretion.
15. By participating in the National Championships, members of SSI agree to be bound by these Rules and by the Rules of SSI which are published on our website ssaireland.com.