

BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP COMES TO CLARECASTLE

The Clarecastle Show Society is proud to announce the introduction of two new classes for Irish breeders.

The Banner Breeders' Championship and **The Fergus Foal Championship** will enter the showing arena for 2026.

Earlier this year the RDS restructured their showing classes and discontinued the renowned RDS Breeders' Championship. The difficult decision caused some disappointment among the breeders of Ireland as it was the flagship of the showing classes during RDS show week.

Many attended on the Friday to view the splendid array of mares and foals in Ring 1, followed by the Nations Cup competition in the afternoon.

Like so many people in showing circles, we in the Clarecastle



*The Fergus
Foal Championship*

**Prize Fund Five Thousand
Euro**



**Prize Fund Nine Thousand Euro
& Golden Ticket Stallion
Nominations**

Show Society recognised the void created by the RDS restructuring and a seed of thought, that perhaps we might be able to offer a substitute for the Dublin classic, took hold. Having received encouragement from breeders and competitors alike, we have decided to introduce a new Breeders' Championship for 2026.

On Saturday 18th July, we will present to the breeders of Ireland the combined mare and foal class, The Banner Breeders' Championship, with a prize fund of €9,000 plus a Golden Ticket Stallion covering for each mare in the competition, collectively valued at €12,000.

Not only that but the Clarecastle

Show Society is delighted to introduce a new foal class, The Fergus Foal Championship, which will see the very best of both fillies and colts from around Ireland compete for a prize fund of €5,000 in a unique competition.

It is the hope of the Society that these two new initiatives will invigorate and encourage the breeders of Ireland to continue producing the very best Irish horses across all equine disciplines now and into the future.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Michael Slattery

Chairman Clarecastle Show Society