

**CORK SUMMER SHOW**

# **Munster Agricultural Society CLG**

Catalogue

**Cork Summer Show 2025**

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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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A chairde, tá fáilte ó chroí romhaibh go léir go dtí Taispeántas Samhraidh Chorcaí 2025.

As President of the Munster Agricultural Society, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the Cork Summer Show — especially in this remarkable year as we celebrate the 220th anniversary of the Society. Since 1805, the Munster Agricultural Society has been at the heart of agriculture, rural life, and community spirit in the region, and we are honoured to carry that legacy forward today.

This year, we are grateful to Cork City Council for joining us as a Platinum Sponsor - your support is a valued addition to our growing community of partners. We are also delighted to welcome back Cork County Council as a returning Platinum Sponsor, whose continued commitment means so much to the success of this event. The partnership and encouragement from both councils play a vital role in bringing the Cork Summer Show to life.

We are delighted to welcome all the exhibitors joining us this year — your participation adds great energy and colour to the show. We encourage all our visitors to take time to explore the wide range of exhibits, support local producers, and discover the incredible work being done across so many sectors.

A special welcome and heartfelt thanks go to everyone taking part in competitions this year — whether you're entering, judging, volunteering, or helping behind the scenes. With over 1,000 competitions happening across the weekend, we are immensely proud of the talent, dedication, and effort that each of you brings to the show.

The Board of the Munster Agricultural Society continues to prioritise education and grassroots development as key pillars for the future of agriculture in our region. Events like the Cork Summer Show allow us to champion education across all areas of agriculture, horticulture, sustainability, and rural life. From young handler classes to community competitions, we are committed to supporting learning, inclusivity, and a deep appreciation for our land and heritage.

On behalf of the Society, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our members, volunteers, General Council, office staff, and Board of Directors. The time, work, and effort you have all invested in organising this event are what make it such a special and memorable part of Cork's history.

The Cork Summer Show is a celebration — of rural life, community spirit, and everything that makes this county so unique. We are proud to share it with you.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh agus bainigí taitneamh as an deireadh seachtaine iontach seo.

Warm regards,

*Gerard Murphy*

President

Munster Agricultural Society home of Cork Summer Show

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# MINISTER DARA CALLEARY MESSAGE

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## **Welcome to the 2025 Cork Summer Show.**

As Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, I am delighted to be in a position to support the Cork Summer Show for 2025. My Department will again this year provided €1 million to over 120 other agricultural shows combined across the country, including your own event here in Cork Showgrounds, Curraheen. Ní hamháin gur ceiliúradh ar shaol na tuaithe agus ar thraidisiúin na tuaithe iad seónna, is ceiliúradh freisin iad ar an nuálaíocht agus ar scoth na tuaithe. Déanann na seónna ceiliúradh freisin ar atá i gceist agus ar an tábhacht atá le Meitheal a bhfuil rath na bpobal seo ina croílár.

Like the show here in Cork Showgrounds, Curraheen each local show around the country continues to be a key social event in the agricultural calendar. They have so much to offer, not just in terms of the competitions that are taking place here today, but also for the platform they provide to local businesses, local farmers and for local craft and artisan food producers. The local show is also one of the best days of the year for meeting neighbors and friends. Your local shows provide a great link between our towns and villages and the rural hinterlands that support them. A place where exhibitors, producers, farmers and the wider public meet face to face to share all that is good about life in the countryside. Each of the shows taking place this year have something special that makes them stand out from the rest. It may be the pedigree livestock competitions or perhaps the exhibitions and food offerings. Whatever it is, your local agricultural show has something for everyone.

I would like to acknowledge the work that goes on for many months behind the scenes to bring this show to fruition. The efforts of committee members and local volunteers is a testament to how much this show means to the locality. Of course there is a sense of local rivalry for those much coveted titles and awards but it is always in the very best of spirits. The way in which neighbouring farms and parishes come together to support each other is a key component of country life. This sense of Meitheal is always on display as part of the local show. Today is a chance to take a break from the busy farming schedule this time of year. I hope those of you attending the show this year thoroughly enjoy the day and that it gives everyone a chance to celebrate all that is good about rural Ireland. I will be visiting a number of the shows around the country and meeting as many of you as I can.

*Dara Calleary TD*

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht



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# MUNSTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Munster Agricultural Society (MAS) would like to emphasize the importance of **education and grassroots development** as key priorities for the future of agriculture in the region.

Through initiatives like the **Cork Summer Show**, we are committed to promoting education across all areas of **agriculture, horticulture, sustainability, and rural life**. Supporting grassroots participation is at the heart of the Society's mission — from **young handler classes** to **community-driven competitions**, these programmes encourage learning, inclusivity, and a deep appreciation for the land.

By investing in education and fostering involvement from the ground up, MAS aims to **inspire the next generation** and **strengthen the future of agriculture in Munster**.

## Education and Grassroots at the Heart of MAS

The MAS Board places a strong emphasis on **education and grassroots development** as essential priorities for the future of agriculture in the region. Through flagship initiatives like the **Cork Summer Show**, the Society champions learning across agriculture, horticulture, sustainability, and rural living. From **young handler classes** to **community-led competitions**, MAS continues to nurture inclusion, skill development, and appreciation of rural heritage.

By investing in education and supporting participation from the ground up, MAS aims to **inspire the next generation** while safeguarding the future of agriculture in Munster.

## Board of Directors

The leadership of MAS is driven by a committed and experienced Board of Directors:

- **President:** Gerard Murphy
- **Deputy President:** Shane Kelly
- **Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer:** Annemarie Quin & Owen Hurley
- **Society Secretary:** Dan Kelleher

### Directors:

Albert de Cogan, Robert Harkin, Gerard Murphy, Shane Kelly, Nicola Desmond, Paul Lynch, Phil Verling

## The General Council

The MAS General Council, which includes Past Presidents, Vice Presidents, Directors, and honorary members, plays a vital role in guiding the Society. The **President** and **Deputy President** serve as the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Council.

### General Council Members include:

- The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Cork – Cllr.Dan Boyle
- The Mayor of County Cork – Cllr.Joe Carroll
- Albert de Cogan: Chairperson: Munster Dairy School & Agricultural Institute Subcommittee, Alan Kelly: Representing University Collage Cork, Ann Ingram: Chairperson: Canine Subcommittee, Catherine Cotter: Vice Chairperson, Dan Kelleher: Secretary, Damian Boylan, Dominic Daly, Donal O'Connor, Eddie Barrett, Eric Wyse: Chairperson: Dinner Dance 2025 Subcommittee, Eleanor Calnan: Chairperson: Arts, Crafts, & Cookery Subcommittee, George Jeffery, Gerard Murphy: Chairperson, Jerry Murray, Jim Jeffrey: Chairperson: Ovine Subcommittee, Jim Willis, John Jeffrey: Chairperson: Bovine Subcommittee, John O' Sullivan: Chairperson: Equine (Showing & Showjumping) Subcommittee, Kate Horgan, Kitty Cotter, Louise Maguire, Louisa Casey: Secretary Canine Committee, Mary O'Sullivan, Michael (Mick) Boyle, Michael O'Driscoll, Morgan O'Donovan: Chairperson: Poultry Subcommittee, Niamh

Callaghan, Nicola Desmond: Chairperson: Horticulture & Invertebrates Subcommittee, Owen Hurley Assistant Treasurer, Patrick McCarthy, Pat Geaney, Paul Lynch: Chairperson: Development of the Society Subcommittee, Paul Moynihan: Cork City Manager Representative, Peter O'Sullivan, Phil Verling, Raymond O'Connor, Robert Harkin: Chairperson: Pets Committee, Roisin Shanahan, Shane Kelly: Vice Chairperson, Stephanie Quill Manley, Tadgh Quill Manley

## **MAS Committees**

The Society's diverse range of committees ensures representation and oversight across all areas of activity:

### **Arts, Crafts, & Cookery Subcommittee**

Chairperson: Eleanor Calnan

Members: Kitty Cotter, Catherine Cotter, Mary O'Sullivan, Betty Daunt, Denise McCarthy, Ann O'Mahony, Delicia Vera, Gerard Murphy, Nuala Stack, Eleanor Hurley

### **Bovine & Ovine Committee**

Chairperson: John Jeffery

Members: Eddie Barrett, Albert de Cogan, Jim Jeffery, William Nicholson, George Jeffery, James Wycherley, John Cahalane, Tadgh Quill Manley

### **Canine Subcommittee**

Chairperson: Ann Ingram

Members: Louisa Casey - Secretary, Gerard Murphy - Honorary President / Treasurer, Donal O'Connor - Show Manager, Niamh Callaghan - PRO, Robert O'Sullivan, Gillian O'Sullivan, Ed Casey, Barbara Maher, Helena Crowley, Louise Maguire, Tommy Wallace, Jozsef Sipos

### **Development of the Society Subcommittee**

Chairperson: Paul Lynch

Members: Dan Kelleher, Donal O'Connor, Damian Boylan, Eddie Barrett, Pat Geaney, Peter O'Sullivan, Shane Kelly

### **Dinner Committee**

Chairperson: Eric Wyse

Members: Kerri Kenneally, Aideen Carberry, Shane Kelly

### **Equine Committee - Showing & Show Jumping**

Chairperson: John O'Sullivan

Members: Patrick McCarthy, Annemarie Quin, Kitty Cotter, Catherine Cotter, Tony Hurley, Noelle Reidy, Kate Horgan, Donal O'Connor, Roisín Shanahan, Tara Quill Manley, Stephanie Quill Manley, Jim Willis, Mary O'Sullivan

### **Horticulture & Invertebrates Subcommittee**

Chairperson: Nicola Desmond

Members: Mary O'Brien, Betty Daunt, Raymond Higgins, Rose Hickey, Bridie Terry, Eileen O'Brien, Mary Sue O'Callaghan

### **Pets Committee**

Chairperson: Robert Harkin

Members: Donal O'Connor, Tommy Wallace, Julie Cowhig, Richard Cowhig

### **Munster Dairy School & Agricultural Institute Subcommittee**

Chairperson: Albert de Cogan

Members: Eddie Barrett, William Nicholson, John Jeffery, Gerard Murphy, Shane Kelly

## Poultry Section

Chairperson: Morgan O'Donovan

Members: Susan Fitzgerald, Gerard Knowles, Tadhg Quill Manley

## Science & Innovation

Chairperson: Ray O'Connor

Members: Phil Verling, Shane Kelly, Owen Hurley, Morgan O'Donovan, JJ O Mahony, Michael Boyle

## MAS Charity of the Year: My Canine Companion

For 2025, the **Munster Agricultural Society** is proud to support **My Canine Companion** as its *Charity of the Year*.

**My Canine Companion** is an **Irish national charity** (RCN **20079147**) that provides **accredited service dogs** to people with disabilities, primarily **children and adults with autism**.

In addition to service dog placements, My Canine Companion delivers a range of **therapy dog services** and **autism awareness programmes**, enriching the lives of individuals and families across Ireland.

## Legacy and Progress

Founded in Ballintemple in 1892 and now based at the **Curraheen Showgrounds** since 2012, MAS is committed to developing these grounds into a centre for **education, sport, community, and recreation**. The newly launched **MAS Digital Archive** offers a fascinating look into the Society's rich history from 1875 to today — including AGMs, catalogues, schedules, and prize lists.

Browse the archive: [www.munsteragriculturalsociety.com/archive](http://www.munsteragriculturalsociety.com/archive)

## Get Involved

There are many ways to get involved and support the work of MAS in promoting agriculture, education, sustainability, and community life:

- **Become a Member:** Support the Society year-round by becoming a **Member**, read benefits <https://www.munsteragriculturalsociety.com/join-us/become-a-member>
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** MAS is always looking for **passionate volunteers** to support events, competitions, education programmes, and community projects. Whether you have a few hours or want to get more deeply involved, your help makes a real difference. To express interest, email: [info@munsteragriculturalsociety.com](mailto:info@munsteragriculturalsociety.com)
- **Attend upcoming event:**
  - **Saturday 28th July 2025** – *National All Breed Championship Canine Shows*
  - **Sunday 29th July 2025** – *International All Breed Championship Canine Show*
  - More info: [canine.munsteragriculturalsociety.com](http://canine.munsteragriculturalsociety.com)

For full details about MAS, its committees, leadership, and upcoming initiatives, visit:

[www.munsteragriculturalsociety.com](http://www.munsteragriculturalsociety.com)

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# COMPETITION RULES

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## CORK SUMMER SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES

Intending exhibitors are requested to peruse the Cork Summer Show Rules and Regulations and be prepared to comply with all. A copy of all Show Rules for each section can be found at [www.corksummershow.com/competitions](http://www.corksummershow.com/competitions). Exhibitors agree to abide by the following Munster Agricultural Society exhibitor and attendee Rules and Regulations:

- The Society reserves the right to **alter or cancel any class** or competition at any time.
- The Society takes no responsibility for any **accident or loss**.
- The Society has the option of **cancelling or amalgamating any class** where less than three entries have been received
- No prize awarded unless **two compete**; no 2nd prize awarded unless three compete and no 3rd prize unless five compete. This rule will be waived should the judge consider there is special merit and record same in their book at the time of judging.
- Any **objection to any winner** in any class or competition must be lodged with €50 to the Secretary in writing **within one hour of the event**.
- Exhibitors are to understand that although every reasonable precaution will be taken to ensure the **safety and welfare of the animals**, the Society will not be responsible for loss or accidents, of any kind that may occur, neither will the Society be accountable for any accident that may occur to any person attending the show, whether as a visitor, exhibitor or otherwise.
- The Society shall not in any way be **liable** for any claim for compensation or otherwise arising out of the holding, abandonment or postponement of the show, nor for any claim arising out of or connected with the show.
- The **decision of the judges** will be final.
- Anyone found **interfering with any exhibit** or disarranging any display will be asked to leave the Showgrounds.
- Anyone giving **abuse to a Judge or Official** may be asked to leave the Showgrounds.
- For the convenience of exhibitors, the Society has arranged that a **veterinary surgeon** will be on call at short notice to attend to sick or injured animals but fees for his/her services will be payable by the owners concerned.
- The **winner of each trophy** will be presented with a Munster Agricultural Society Medal and the Cup or Trophy will be retained and inscribed by the Society with the details of the winners.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ANIMAL OWNERS INVOLVED IN SHOWING ANIMALS

The Irish Shows Association ([www.irishshows.org](http://www.irishshows.org)) advises all animal owners who have their animals insured to have the insurance cover extended to cover them while showing animals at shows. It costs little or nothing to do so depending on your underwriter. If you are one of the few who do not have cover we advise you to take out insurance cover. You will protect yourself financially in the event of your animal lashing out and injuring someone or damaging someone else's property. If it is established that your animal was out of your control you may be held responsible, or partly responsible for any injury or damage caused by the animal.

The Irish Shows Association are proud to present the following Championships and wishes to acknowledge the generous sponsorships, which make these competitions possible. For the efficient running of the championships all concerned are requested to read and observe the Rules set out below.

## GENERAL RULES FOR IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any show or competitor in breach of the Rules set out below will be disqualified from participating or competing in the ISA Championships.

**New Rule for Exhibitors 205:** 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.

## **RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS**

- Exhibitors accept that the Judge's decision is final in all cases.
- Any abuse of Judges will not be tolerated. Where a dispute or case for complaint arises, the matter should only be dealt with under 8 below.
- Exhibitors should be familiar with the Irish Shows Association Disciplinary Policy as published on our website and annual guidebook.
- Winners of Qualifiers are themselves responsible for entering their qualifiers (or exhibits) for the final in accordance with the rules above, within one hour of qualifying.
- Winners of qualifiers will compete in the final.
- The Irish Shows Association in conjunction with the sponsors reserve the right to alter or amend the rules of the competition as may be necessary where appropriate.
- Shows and competitors must contact the ISA for details of any championships and not the sponsor involved.
- Objections must be lodged in writing with the I.S.A. representative at the show and the Show Secretary within half an hour following the completion of judging, together with a fee of €50, or other stated fee, which is refundable in the event of the objection being upheld.
- Any exhibitor who makes a false declaration or misrepresents a fact regarding themselves or their exhibit is liable to disqualification and/or forfeiture of any prizes awarded.

## **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 €3,000. All passports must be registered with the name of the current owner.

The owner of Champions and Reserve Champions are invited to submit the animals' passports to the I.S.A. Head Office where the placing will be endorsed and officially stamped with the seal of the Irish Shows Association as a permanent record.

## **Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - HORSES AND OTHER EQUINES**

### **Premises Registration**

As of May 1 2012, any premises (which included 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. 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.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

- Horse riding is a dangerous sport and all competitors in ridden classes are strongly advised, for their own safety, to wear appropriate head gear which complies with up-to-date safety standards.

## **DISCIPLINE**

The Irish Shows Association expects and will insist upon appropriate behaviour from all Exhibitors and others participating in any of the activities at our Member Shows and will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour. Inappropriate behaviour shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Profanity, coarse or vulgar language or gestures towards judges or other Show officials.
- Harassment or bullying, including using words or actions that threaten, intimidate or undermine



- judges or other officials before, during or following Member Show activities.
- Failure to follow rules and/or obey instructions.
- Abusing any animal.

### **Disciplinary Procedures:**

- Complaints to the ISA, of misconduct against an Exhibitor or other participant at a Member Show shall be investigated and adjudicated upon by a subcommittee appointed by the Irish Shows Association. The said subcommittee shall consist of three members of the board of the Irish Shows Association and shall be known as the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall seek to ensure the existence of consistent, effective, fair and transparent complaint procedures and shall act in accordance with natural and constitutional justice.

### **Procedure:**

A complaint of misconduct/inappropriate behaviour against an Exhibitor or other participant in a Member Show shall be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the relevant Member Show within 72 hours. A copy of the complaint shall be sent by the Secretary of the Member Show to the National Secretary of the ISA. A copy of the complaint will be sent by the National Secretary to the person or persons against whom the complaint is made. A person or persons against whom a written complaint is made shall have a period of 14 working days from the date of receipt of the claim to reply to the said complaint; such reply shall be made in writing.

Both parties shall state whether an oral hearing of the complaint is sought. The Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to hold an oral hearing in regard to the complaint whether or not sought. The Disciplinary Committee shall decide in each case whether to hold such an oral hearing in respect of the complaint, or any part thereof and there shall be no appeal from such decision of the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall, at any time, seek further information from either party. In the event of either party refusing or failing to provide such further information within the time specified by the Disciplinary Committee, the Committee shall be entitled to make a decision on the complaint and/or to hold an oral hearing of the complaint in the absence of a copy of such further information being received by the Disciplinary Committee from either party. The Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to reject a complaint where, in the opinion of the Committee, it finds there is no basis for it.

### **Sanctions**

In the event of a first incident of inappropriate/unacceptable behaviour being deemed to be proved against the offender, the Disciplinary Committee shall issue a written warning to the offender. In the event of any subsequent incident, the Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to impose sanctions on the offender, including a prohibition on such offender participating in any of the events/activities at any Member Show of the ISA, provided always that in the event of a first incident of inappropriate/unacceptable behaviour being deemed by the Disciplinary Committee to constitute gross misbehaviour, the Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to impose such sanctions on the offender as it deems appropriate, including the prohibition on such offender from participating in any of the events/activities of any Member Show of the ISA.

The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final.

### **Before You Exhibit**

- Visit: <https://www.corksummershow.com/competitions/exhibitor-drop-off-collection-details>
- Read the full rules: <https://www.corksummershow.com/competitions/rules-regulations>
- Review ISA Rules: [www.irishshows.org/rules](http://www.irishshows.org/rules)

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# RESULTS

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## CLASS RESULTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Competition results will be uploaded to our website throughout the Show weekend and in the days that follow.

- **General Public:** View all published results at [www.corksummershow.com/show-results](http://www.corksummershow.com/show-results).
- **Exhibitors:** Log in to your account to view your personal results and prize details at [www.corksummershow.com/account/results](http://www.corksummershow.com/account/results).

## CUPS AND TROPHIES

Capture your winning moment at our **Champion's Photography Podium**, where winners can pose with their rosette and the Champion Cup — a perfect way to mark your achievement!

Each trophy winner will also receive a **Munster Agricultural Society Medal**. The Society will retain all Cups and Trophies for official engraving with the winner's details.

## SHARE YOUR RESULTS ONLINE #corksummershow

Once your results are available, you can easily share them directly from the website!

Click the **SHARE** icon on the Results page to post to your favourite social media or messaging platform.

## Tag us in your celebrations:

**@corksummershow #corksummershow or #css25 We love seeing and sharing your proud moments!**

## PRIZEMONEY

Prize money will be paid via **bank transfer** during the week following the Show, facilitated by the **ISA SuperShow Platform** and our dedicated results team, stewards, judges, and office staff.

For any prizemoney queries, visit the **Secretary's Office** during the Show or email [info@corksummershow.com](mailto:info@corksummershow.com)

**Note:** A 5% I.S.A. levy will be deducted from prize money in applicable competition sections.

## CSS WEBSITE

Cork Summer Show is a member of the **ISA SuperShow Platform**, which is available to ISA members throughout Ireland. The project was part-funded under the LEADER national cooperation programme, which is supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Department of Agriculture as part of Project Ireland 2040. By creating an account on this platform with a unique email address and password, exhibitors are able to carry their entered information between any of the participating show's sites when entering competitions and submitting trade applications, saving valuable administration time.

We look forward to continuing to enhance the Cork Summer Show with the latest show management technologies through this platform.



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