## Report from Introduction to IPS Gold Cup at Wexford Equestrian on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The IPS South Leinster/Waterford Area decided to take a new incentive by holding a two or three phase competition for all ages at Wexford Equestrian on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This was a totally new concept for the area and we were delighted with the overall results. Riders of all ages from four to twenty went home happy and the committee were so encouraged by the response that further similar days will be held next spring. There were several riders who had never taken part in IPS events before and, hopefully, this will encourage them to continue next season. The results were awarded on a points system and in the lead rein class, Eryn O'Reilly on Wilson was a convincing winner overall from Georgia de Bromhead, with Ava Doyle taking both first and second places in the First Ridden overall result with Missy and the veteran Mean Bean. The Starter Stakes competition was hotly contested over all 3 phases and, here, Tiggy Hancock on Longthwaite Red Robin finished 2 points ahead of Taylor Peare on Lady Dawn Windsor to win the overall rosette. In the 133cms class, Tiggy came out on top on Noble Toreen Lass with Lottie Ross taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Penny's Wonder. The 143cms section was another close finish, with Emma Osborne on Lisrua Heidi just gaining the lead from Sadhbh Stassin on Clonross Giselle. The Connemara class went to Shauna Furlong on Danny's Pride with Lauren Reck coming second with Bobby's Misty Magic. The 153cms class went to Sadhbh Stassin with Max, 2<sup>nd</sup> place being hotly contested between Eimear Furlong and Ciara Freyne with Eimear on Thistletown Olympia coming out on top by a mark. Eimear Furlong then completed the show jumping phase only on Brandon Nairobi to take the 158cms class. It was a most enjoyable day all round and, certainly, well worthwhile.

Results from the day can be viewed HERE