

## Expression of Interest for International Teams Selection 2026

### Dates and Venues for International Competitions 2026

- *Home internationals Silverwood, NI - 6 & 7 June 2026 (all ages)*
- *Royal Welsh Show 20 - 23 July 2026 (Opens only)*
- *IMGA European Team championships La Bonde France 3-9 Aug 2026. (all ages)*
- *IMGA World Team championships Park Equestre Fed France Aug 16-19,2026.(Open and U18)*



### Important Information to know before entering the trials 2026

1. The **U12, U15, U18 trials** will take place in Necarne Castle, April 4 & 5 2026 (Easter). This will feature an Opens Knockout competition also (time allowing depending on entries).
2. The **Open Trials** will take place in Silverwood, NI on April 25 & 26.
3. There are **two parts** to the entry process on <https://itsplainsailing.com/org/mga> You must complete **BOTH** parts.
  - Entry fee for the Trial weekend €50 per entrant. This is a non-refundable fee to cover the costs of running the weekend.
  - Select the competitions (A,B,C,D) you are trialling for .Open are €150 per competition. U12/15/18 are €50 for all competitions
  - If you secure a team place, the €150/€50 per competition will be used towards your team entry fee.
  - Unsuccessful entrants will have the €150/€50 competition entry refunded.
  - If selected on a team and then decide not to take a team place, no refund of any fees and you will NOT be permitted to trial the following year. (Unless there is a veterinary/medical certificate or the committee decides there are extenuating circumstances).
  - These fees are to ensure commitment to the trial process. Once entries are received this is deemed to be a declaration that you are riding.
  - Any withdrawals from trials must be received in writing by email to [irishmga@gmail.com](mailto:irishmga@gmail.com) before 6 p.m. the Friday before trials (so 2nd April underage and 24th April opens) if withdraw before then you will receive a full refund. Any withdrawals after that time there is no refund unless as set out above.
  - A list of the entrants will be published in advance of the trials, (but this will be subject to permitted withdrawals as set out above).
  - **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 11 P.M. 20th FEBRUARY**

Prior to filing expression of interest potential riders, trainers and parents for underage must read and confirm they will comply with the following: -

- Riders must ride in all parts of a competition while representing their country;

- Riders must commit to training organised by team trainer which will be a minimum of 3 training dates and a commitment to compete at a minimum of 1 show/competition prior to travelling.
- Trainer will confirm training and competition dates asap following selection. –
- Should a rider's pony be for sale no sales trials are to take place at the competition until competition has finished.
- Riders, Parents, Trainers (and all members of the team group) must read and confirm that they will comply with the MGAI code of conduct and parents of underage riders to read guidelines for children travelling to international competition.

**Trainers 2026:**

Open: Home international TBC

Royal Welsh: TBC

Worlds TBC

Euros TBC

U18 Home International: **Peter McCarthy**

European: **Peter McCarthy**

Worlds: TBC

U15 Home international: **Eilidh Hyland**

European: **Eilidh Hyland**

U12s: Home international: **Amy Lucey**

European: **Amy Lucey**