

The IRE NH Sales Vouchers are being offered to winning and placed IRE horses in 3yo NH Academy Hurdle Races. These races have been specifically designed to encourage the introduction of National Hunt horses to exercise and racing at an earlier age and each of the winners will still qualify to run in bumpers and maiden hurdles in Ireland, while non-winners will qualify for a hunter certificate for point-to-points and Hunter Steeplechases.

The Academy Hurdle races, sponsored by the Irish European Breeders' Fund, will be open to three-year-old horses which have not had any previous run under either Rules of Racing or I.N.H.S. Rules other than in Academy Hurdle races. Once underway in October they will run at regular and suitable intervals up to the end of the year before horses can continue their career in bumpers, maiden hurdles or point-to-points.

Each race in the series will now offer an IRE sales voucher to the owners of any Irish-bred horse which wins or is placed either second or third. Each winning owner will receive a €5,000 voucher while the owners of the runner-up and the third-placed horses will each receive €3,000 and €2,000 respectively.

Vouchers must be spent at the 2026 store sales at Irish-based public auctions at Goffs or Tattersalls Ireland on Irish-bred two-year-olds.

All races in this series will carry a prize fund of €11,000 and this additional €10,000 incentive for owners will further drive the sales of Irish-bred store horses at both Tattersalls Ireland and Goffs store sales.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Sales Vouchers will apply to 3yo NH Academy Races scheduled from October to December 2025 by HRI.
- Only horses carrying the IRE Suffix will be eligible for vouchers.
- A horse can win more than one voucher (multiple placed /winner)
- Winning or placed horses eligible for a Sales voucher must be Foal Levy compliant.
- The Sales Voucher will be applied to the registered owner at the time of the race.
- In the case of Clubs / Syndicates, the bonus will be applied to the registered agent.
- For partnerships, sales vouchers will be allocated based on the % shareholding.
- HRI account of the winning owner must not be in an overdrawn position.
- The Sales voucher will be redeemable by the registered owner against the purchase of (IRE) bred 2yo Stores at store sales held by Tattersalls Ireland or Goffs in Irish Thoroughbred public auctions.
Vouchers must be used in 2026 and cannot be carried over OR refunded.
- IRE bred horses which are Foal Levy compliant and finish 1-2-3 will be eligible for a sales voucher
- Winner 5,000
Second 3,000
Third 2,000
In the event of a dead heat both horses will share the relevant vouchers, eg if there is a dead heat for first then the first and second vouchers will be share equally among both horses eg $(5k + 3k = 8k) = 4k$ each.
In the event of a dead heat between and IRE horse and a horse who is not qualified to receive a sales voucher the allocation of vouchers will still be based on the qualified (IRE) horse taking the share it would have received if the other horse was an IRE horse.
- An owner can win multiple vouchers but no more than e6,000 in combined vouchers can be used on any single purchase.
- Sales vouchers are strictly non transferrable.
- Sales voucher holders must pre-register with the relevant sales company in advance of any Sales which they intend to use the voucher.
- Sales vouchers cannot be offset against a horse for which the Foal Levy has not been paid. Eligible horses at time of catalogue printing to carry an eligibility logo on catalogue page.