

All Ireland Awards 2026

based on 2026 shows prize winners and animal photo.

**Signed entry form, Pedigree Cert with relevant class detail to be received in IHFA Office,
Clonakilty, Co.Cork - lhelen@ihfa.ie**

by FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2026

Points will be based on show results and photo voting. **Qualification for top 6 is based on show results. Winning a class at a National Show (the following shows inclusive: YMA National Finals, Emerald Expo, Tullamore, National Dairy Show, Baileys, Piltown (FR classes only): means automatic qualification.** Show Results: 40 points allocated to show results. 1st in class 40 points, 2nd in class 35 points, 3rd in class 30 points, 4th in class 25 points, 5th in class 20 points, 6th in class 15 points. **Points obtained for a maximum of 1 show.**

Photo Judging: 60 points allocated to Photo judging results 1st place = 60 points, place 2 to 6 based on a percentage of judges score. Panel of a minimum of 5 judges from National Judges Panel. Preselection for top 6 based on show points.

All National shows are "as placed" by judge. Baileys Competition will have heifer and junior cow class as placed and a senior cow class based on top 10 placings excluding heifer and junior cows.

Rules:

1. To be eligible for entry the animal **must be registered with IHFA and in the Herd Number of the IHFA member in accordance with the entry.** In the case of a syndicate ownership one of the members to be a member of IHFA and the animal be registered in the herd number of an IHFA member of the syndicate
2. Animals may only gain points from the equivalent class to which they are entered. Eg: Animal shown as heifer and in-milk in same year may only gain points from one form. Confined classes do not earn points.
3. All entries must be returned to the IHFA office on the official entry form and signed by the owner by the closing date. It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to enter the animal into the appropriate class of the competition and supply all the relevant show and pedigree information, plus a photo (Side-view only), which must be attached to the entry form. **IHFA will not automatically enter animals into the All Ireland Awards despite having been successful during the 2026 show circuit.**
4. Photographs - Colour 5" x 7" Sideview only will be accepted and **must be taken during the CURRENT show season.** Qualification: A photo taken in the Prior show season may be considered for entry but must gain prior approval by selection judges. note: 3/4 Rear shots are not acceptable and will not be judged!
5. Any animal or exhibitor that had been disqualified from a show during the current year for infringing rules will not be eligible to enter for a period of years as specified by the Board.
6. Judges may not vote in classes where they have bred animals or been involved in their ownership.
7. A complete list of all relevant show placings in the current year must be submitted by the owner / exhibitor. The National Dairy Show, Millstreet will be considered the final show for entries. Animals for whom incorrect or incomplete show placings have been supplied by the exhibitor will be disqualified. **The closing date will be strictly adhered to.**
8. There will be an initial selection of 6 animals per class **BASED ON SHOW POINTS.** Final competition will be judged by a minimum of 5 Judges from the IHFA Judges panel. Points will be given on Judge's placings.
9. Results and photographs will be printed in Spring Journal.
10. Irish Pure Friesian, to be judged on knowledge of show placings and quality photograph. Animals must be at least 87.5% Pure Friesian. There will be two Friesian classes: 1. Heifer In Milk Class (only if there are sufficient entries) 2. Cow In Milk Class
11. The Board of IHFA reserve the right to alter or amend rules as it deems necessary.

LATE ENTRIES - A GUARANTEE CANNOT BE GIVEN THAT ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL. PLEASE NOTE THE PUBLISHING OF THE IHFA JOURNAL WILL NOT BE UNDULY DELAYED TO ACCOMMODATE RECEIPT OF LATE PHOTOGRAPHS.