

**The National Ploughing Association
& Macra na Feirme
Macra Ploughing Competition**

Format of Macra Ploughing Class

One Macra Ploughing Class will be run by each County Ploughing Association annually. The Macra member that receives the highest points on the day will qualify for the National Final.

In counties where there is only one annual ploughing match the competition will take place on that day. Where counties have 2 or more club matches the County Ploughing Secretary will liaise with the Macra County Secretary to agree which match will host the Macra Class.

Competitors must be members of Macra na Feirme before the date of the competition and must be able to give their membership number on the day of the competition.

This is a conventional plough competition, at club/county level competitors can use a 2 or 3 Furrow Conventional Plough – competitors have the option of using a match or standard plough. At the National Finals competitor must use a 2 Furrow Plough.

Competitors will compete under the NPA Rules and Regulations and competitions will be Judged by NPA appointed Judges.

Competitors cannot have previously represented their county in the National Ploughing Championships in any other category.

In a county where Macra na Feirme is divided into regions – competitors will plough in their county competition and the highest placed competitor from each region will be selected from the participants.

NPA Scoresheet will be used for the Competition.

Competitors can enter this competition as many times as they wish but once they win the National Macra Class twice, they are no longer eligible to compete.

For the competition to be valid, there must be at least 2 entries in the County Class.

Competitors will be permitted a helper on the headland but not inside the scribe mark. He/she can advise, and adjust plough, on headland only. If helper wishes to assist on both headlands, he/she must use the recognised pedestrian route only. Breach 10 marks first offence, 5 marks each offence afterwards.

Each Competitor must pay the competition Entry Fee on the day to the host Ploughing Association (between €10/€20),

County Ploughing Associations are not responsible for transportation of Macra Competitor's equipment to National Championships.

The National Final of this class will take place in Stubble ground unless NPA send notification of any change.

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