



EI Amateur Chairperson's report 2025/2026.

Fiona Cosgrave Chair

No need to report on the slight delay to the season start down south of the country, but amateur entires were strong from the start with Tyrella in the Northern Region. The numbers continued to grow for each event throughout the season, seeing a strong familiar network of amateur members show up at competitions up and down the country.

With the delay in the season, we were a little behind on securing a sponsor for our amateur leagues. However, Amy, at the amazing Sandstorm, stepped up to sponsor all three legs of our leagues. The company very generously provided prizes for 1st-6th in the 90, 1 metre and 1.10 leagues. We were extremely grateful for this, as Sandstorm is not only a brilliant Irish-based equestrian company, it also is extremely popular with all amateurs and worn by nearly all of us. We are very thankful again for their support.

2025 ended planning for our first clinic as an amateur committee. This was to take place in the wonderful Knightfield Equestrian, with the very popular 5* rider Simon Grieve. This sold out in record speed via the EI website, and with help from the invaluable Tricia Clark, we looked forward to hosting the clinic in the new year.

2026

Began on the 10th of Jan in Knightfield equestrian, Co. Kildare with our 2 day Simon Grieve clinic. Showjumping lessons took place in groups of two riders for one hour. Everyone was fantastic, not only showing up on time but being so friendly, enthusiastic and willing to learn and listen. It was a brilliant opportunity to put faces to names and start to grown and strengthen the amateur community before the season started. We were also joined by some youth members and it was a pleasure to witness some serious talent. The future of eventing is bright.

Extremely grateful to Simon who was amazing to deal with all weekend. He was a brilliant coach, welcoming, funny, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Every rider made great improvements from his tips and adjustments, both big and small, to horse and rider. We look forward to welcoming him back in the future for further clinics. Reports from every rider were extremely positive.

New committee formed at AGM on 12th of February 2026

Fiona Cosgrave - Chair and South Leinster rep
Fiona Coughlan - secretary and PRO
Sarah Kelly-Drake - North Leinster rep
Noelle Reidy - Munster rep
Nichola Wray - Northern region rep
Ailbhe McGrath - North Leinster Rep

We then received the wonderful news that Nutriscience will be the title sponsor of the three amateur leagues this year. We are extremely excited for this partnership and can't wait for the season ahead to continue. So far amateur entries are stronger than ever and new members join regularly. We look forward to getting to know everyone throughout the season. After all, that is what the amateur community is about, being able to see a friendly familiar smile across a busy warmup when the nerves are high.

We have exciting plans for the rest of the year as regards further clinics with top riders in amazing venues. And we will end the season with a special weekend with Nutriscience. We look forward to a brilliant season ahead for everyone.

Fiona Cosgrave

EI amateur Chair 2026

Simon Grieve Clinic Breakdown of Expenditure

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| Income | | |
| <i>33 riders over two days @€90per rider</i> | <i>1620</i> | |
| | <i>1350</i> | <i>2970</i> |
| Expenditure | | |
| Knightsfield arena hire 17hrs @ €50/hr | <i>850</i> | |
| Simon Grieve £80/hr @17hrs | <i>£1360 = €1570.77</i> | |
| Flights | <i>117.38</i> | |
| Airport Parking | <i>76.20</i> | |
| Taxi back to Dublin airport | <i>90.90</i> | |
| Snacks/beverages duration of clinic for Simon | <i>48.90</i> | |
| Tea/coffee for participants | <i>20.10</i> | |
| Dinner Fri/Sat night Simon | <i>58.00</i> | |
| Lunches Sat and Sunday of clinic | <i>20.00</i> | |
| EI Insurance Levy | <i>34.00</i> | |
| Granite Lens Media photo for advertising clinic | <i>30.00</i> | <i>2968</i> |
| Balance | | <i>2.00</i> |

As a first clinic, the aim was to break even, which we did, and managed to keep it very cost effective for participants.