

Rules and Practices Relating to the Irish Horse Register

The Irish Horse Register (IHR) incorporates two separate studbooks, namely the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

1. Irish Sport Horse Studbook

1.1 Characteristics of the Breed

The Irish Sport Horse should be a functionally correct model of balanced proportions that is conducive to successful performance at international level in FEI disciplines. The horse should move correctly, be light-footed, balanced and supple with good self-carriage and impulsion from the hindquarters. The horse should have a good temperament, be rideable, intelligent and willing to perform. Irish Sport Horses should have courage, be careful when jumping with good technique and scope.

Height:

Stallions: Generally taller than 1.6m

Mares: Generally taller than 1.51m

Bone:

Good, strong, clean bone

Colour:

Any colour is acceptable

1.2 Basic Objectives of Selection

To produce a performance horse that is sound, athletic with good paces and suitable temperament and capable of winning at the highest international level in FEI disciplines.

1.3 Sections of the Studbook

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook incorporates a main section and a supplementary section.

1.3.1 Main Section

To qualify for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook an animal must:

- Be descended from parents that are entered in the main section of the studbook and have a pedigree established according to the rules of the studbook.
- Be identified as a foal at foot in accordance to the rules of the studbook.

1.3.1.1 Division of Main Section

The main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook is divided into classes.

There are four classes for stallions:

- Approved
- Preliminary Approved (PA)
- Not Approved 1 (NA1)
- Not Approved 2 (NA2)

There are four classes for mares and geldings:

- Section A
- Section B
- Select
- Entry

There are three classes for foals (colts and fillies):

- Section A
- Section B
- Entry

Stallions	Mares/Geldings	Foals
Approved	Section A	Section A
Preliminary Approved (PA)	Section B	Section B
Not Approved 1 (NA1)	Select	Entry
Not Approved 2 (NA2)	Entry	

1.3.1.2 Eligibility Criteria for Entering Each Class in the Main Section

Stallion Classes:

Approved: Stallions entering this class must meet the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Approved in the Irish Horse Register prior to 2010;
- OR**
- Have been classified as Section 1 (S1) prior to 2010 in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register, is not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) and meet the veterinary and inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.1 in 2010 or 2011.
- OR**
- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
 - Are by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA), Not Approved 1 (NA1), Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1) or Preliminary Approved (PA) or a stallion that was classified in one of these classes at the time of covering;
 - Meet the veterinary requirements and meet the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 stallion inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.2.
- Irish Sport Horse stallions entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1) can be upgraded to Approved, providing they meet the following criteria:

- Have been presented for linear profiling;
- Have met the veterinary requirements;
- Meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International Level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage

OR

 - Have produced two progeny that have each jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage

Note: Deceased stallions classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1) that have not been linear profiled but meet this performance criteria can be classified as Approved providing the owner submits a declaration stating that the stallion is deceased.

Note: Stallions classified as Approved are eligible to be awarded additional merits (i.e. star ratings) in accordance to the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System.

Preliminary Approved (PA): Irish Sport Horse stallions that do not qualify for Approved status but meet all of the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are aged between 4 and 10 years old;
- Are by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA), Not Approved 1 (NA1), Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1) or Preliminary Approved (PA) or a stallion that was classified in one of these classes at the time of covering;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 and Stage 2 inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.2;
- Have not met the performance/progeny performance requirements of Stage 3 outlined in section 1.4.1.2.

Preliminary Approved (PA) stallions will have their classification reviewed annually between the ages of 6 to 10 years on the basis of their own performance and/or their progeny performance as outlined under Stage 3 in section 1.4.1.2. Stallions that are considered to have sufficient performance and/or progeny performance will be upgraded to Approved status. Stallions that are deemed to have insufficient performance or progeny performance by the age of 10 years will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1). Preliminary Approved (PA) stallions may be required to undergo a further veterinary examination in conjunction with their classification being reviewed.

Not Approved 1 (NA1): Stallions entering this class must meet the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Section 1 (S1) in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register prior to 2010
- OR**
- Irish Sport Horse stallions that do not qualify for Approved status or Preliminary Approved (PA) status are classified in this class provided they meet the following criteria:
 - Are entered in the main section of the studbook and are not by a sire that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2);

- Are presented for linear scoring;
- Meet the veterinary requirements.

Not Approved 2 (NA2): Stallions entering this class must meet the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Section 2 in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register prior to 2010
- OR**
- Have been classified as Section 1 (S1) in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register prior to 2010 and are presented for stallion inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.1 in 2010 or 2011 and do not meet the veterinary requirements.
- OR**
- Irish Sport Horse stallions that are entered in the main section of the studbook and do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Note: Stallions must be named in order to be classified in a stallion class in the Main Section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Mare and Gelding Classes:

Section A: Mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified in Section A prior to March 2011.

Section B: Mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified in Section B prior to March 2011.

Select: Irish Sport Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are a minimum of three years of age;
- Are by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA), Not Approved 1 (NA1), Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1) or Preliminary Approved (PA) or a stallion that was classified in one of these classes at the time of covering;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and the inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.2.

OR

Mares and geldings that are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet one of the following criteria:

- Have achieved Premier Mare status
- Have achieved Elite Mare status
- Have met the criteria to achieve a 3* rating in showjumping, eventing or dressage (through their own or progeny performance) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System.

Note: Mares and geldings classified in the Select class must be named and are eligible to be awarded additional merits (i.e. star ratings).

Entry: Irish Sport Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet one of the following criteria:

- Qualify for entry in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are eligible for inspection for the Select class but have not been presented for the official studbook inspection or have been presented for the official studbook inspection but did not meet the veterinary and/or inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.2.

Foal Classes:

Section A: Irish Sport Horse foals are entered in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified in Section A prior to March 2011.

Section B: Irish Sport Horse foals are entered in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified in Section B prior to March 2011.

Entry: Irish Sport Horse foals are entered in this class providing they meet one of the following criteria:

- Qualify for entry in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.
- Colts that were entered in the main section in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register but have not been inspected for classification as a stallion. **Note:** The progeny of such stallions will be treated in the same manner as the progeny of stallions that are classified in the Not Approved 2 (NA2) class in terms of registration/classification.

1.3.1.3 Cross Breeding Programme

Animals that are registered in the main section of the following Studbooks, with established pedigree, are eligible to enter the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook to take part in the cross breeding programme, under the conditions outlined below: Irish Draught Horse, Irish Pony (Irish Pony Society), Connemara Pony, Thoroughbred, Full Arab, Anglo Arab, Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred and studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) at the time of application. Ponies that are entered and registered in additional studbooks may be eligible for the cross breeding programme providing they are 148cm in height or under and meet the inspection and veterinary requirements.

Horse Sport Ireland may amend the list of breeds eligible for the Irish Sport Horse Cross Breeding Programme from time to time.

Foreign Bred Sport Horses:

Mares and stallions that are registered in the main section of studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook to take part in the Irish Sport Horse Cross Breeding Programme under the following conditions:

Foreign Bred Sport Horse Stallions:

Foreign bred sport horse stallions will undergo the same inspection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 1.4.1.2 providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Only stallions that meet the requirements to be classified as Approved or Preliminary Approved (PA) will be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Foreign bred stallions that have met the veterinary requirements but do not meet the requirements to be classified as Approved or Preliminary Approved (PA) can subsequently be classified as Approved if they meet at least one of the following performance criteria:

- Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International Level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage
- OR**
- Have produced two progeny that have each jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage.

Foreign Bred Performance Stallions:

Foreign bred performance stallions that are registered in the main section of a studbook that is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) and are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, can be classified as Approved in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they meet the following criteria and submit a declaration from their originating studbook stating that they have met the veterinary requirements for that studbook:

- Have finished in the top 10 (individual or team (with a counted score)) at the Olympic Games (in Showjumping, Eventing or Dressage) and are approved in a studbook that is a full members of the WBFSH
- OR**
- Have competed successfully(i.e. placed) in showjumping at Grand Prix CSI5* or Nations Cup level (with a counted score) at CSIO4* (or the equivalent in eventing or dressage) and have been approved in one of the following studbooks: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes, Zangersheide or Westphalian Studbook
- OR**
- Have at least two progeny that have competed successfully in showjumping at Grand Prix CSI4* or Nations Cup level (with a counted score) at CSIO5* (or the equivalent in eventing or dressage) and have been approved in one of the following studbooks: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes or Westphalian Studbook.

Stallions that meet this criteria will be classified as Approved providing they are named in their originating studbook. Such stallions will be invited to be presented for linear profiling.

Foreign Bred Sport Horse Mares:

Mares that are registered in the main section of studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) are eligible for classification in the main section

of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such mares that have passed an official studbook inspection in their originating studbook will be classified in the Select class providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Mares that have not passed an official studbook inspection in their originating studbook will be classified in the Entry class and will be eligible for inspection for classification in the Select class.

Irish Draught Horses:

All horses registered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as follows:

Classification in ID Studbook	Classification in ISH Studbook	
	Stallions	Mares
RID	Approved	Select
ID	n/a	Section A or Section B
Class 1	Approved or Not Approved 1 (NA1) (See note below)	Select
Class 2	Approved or Not Approved 1 (NA1) (See note below)	Entry
Class 3	Not Approved 2 (NA2)	Entry
Class 4	Entry	Entry

Irish Draught stallions classified in Class 1 or Class 2 in the Irish Draught Studbook in Ireland will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook unless they were classified as 'RID' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland prior to 2010 or they meet the following criteria, which is equivalent to the Irish Draught Horse Studbook merits of Gold or Silver based on achievements in showjumping, eventing or dressage:

- *Showjumping:* A stallion that achieves four double clear rounds under SJI rules at 1.20m or above **Or** produces three progeny that each achieve two double clear rounds at 1.20m or above;
- *Eventing:* A stallion that has completed three events at CNC* level or above with a clear round showjumping and acquires no cross country jumping penalties **Or** on completion of one CNC* level or above and one CC1*/CIC* level or above with a clear round showjumping and acquires no cross country jumping penalties **Or** produces three progeny that each has completed two events at CNC* level or above with a clear round showjumping and acquires no cross country jumping penalties or has completed one CNC* level or above and one CC1*/CIC* level or above with a clear round showjumping and acquires no cross country jumping penalties;
- *Dressage:* A stallion that achieves three scores of 64% or above at elementary level or above **Or** produces three progeny that each achieves three scores of 64% or above at elementary level or above.

Note: Irish Draught Horses and Irish Draught Sport Horses that are registered with an Irish Draught Horse Studbook outside of Ireland will be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the class whose criteria they meet, for cross breeding purposes.

Thoroughbreds:

Thoroughbred stallions:

Thoroughbred stallions are eligible for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook providing they meet one of the following criteria:

- Are presented for Stage 1 inspection as outlined in section 1.4.1.2. Thoroughbred stallions that are presented for Stage 1 inspection will be classified as follows:
 - Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
 - Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1) providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
 - Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2).
- Thoroughbred stallions that have not been previously classified in the Irish Horse Register with a Timeform rating of 110 or over can be classified as Approved upon application and submission of an ITBA wind soundness certificate or equivalent submitted by a Veterinary Surgeon on the HSI veterinary panel providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Thoroughbred Mares:

All Thoroughbred mares are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Thoroughbred mares will be classified in the Entry class and will be eligible for inspection for classification in the Select class providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Connemara Ponies

Connemara Pony Stallion:

Connemara Pony stallions that are classified as Class 1 in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook in Ireland are eligible to be classified as Approved in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallions must be named with their originating studbook.

Connemara Pony stallions that are classified as Class 2 in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook in Ireland are eligible for inspection for classification in the Irish Sport Horse

Studbook. Such stallion can be presented for Stage 1 inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.2 and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1) providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
- Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2).

Note: Connemara Pony stallions do not have to submit X-Rays as part of the veterinary requirements.

Connemara Pony Mares:

Mares classified in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook are eligible for classification in the Entry class in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: Connemara Ponies that are registered in the main section of a Connemara Pony Studbook outside of Ireland will be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the class whose criteria they meet.

Irish Ponies (Irish Pony Society):

Irish Pony Stallions:

Irish Pony stallions that are registered in the main section of the Irish Pony Society studbook are eligible for inspection for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallion can be presented for Stage 1 inspection outlined in stallion section 1.4.1.2. and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1) providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
- Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2)

Note: Irish Pony stallions do not have to submit X-Rays as part of the veterinary requirements.

Irish Pony Mares:

Irish Pony mares that are registered in the main section of the Irish Pony Society studbook are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and will be classified in the class whose criteria they meet.

Other Pony Breeds:

Pony Stallions:

Pony stallions of breeds other than Connemara Pony and Irish Pony are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as Approved providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following criteria:

- Are 148cm in height or under and are entered in the main section of their originating Studbook with established pedigree;
- Are presented for Stage 1 inspection as outlined in section 1.4.1.2 and meet the veterinary and inspection requirements.

Note: Only pony stallions that meet the requirements to be classified as Approved will be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Pony stallions do not have to submit X-Rays as part of the veterinary requirements.

Pony Mares:

Pony mares of breeds other than Connemara Pony and Irish Pony are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in a class whose criteria they meet providing they are 148cm in height or under and are entered in the main section of their originating studbook with established pedigree.

Full Arab/Anglo Arab:

Full Arab/Anglo Arab Stallions:

Arab/Anglo Arab stallions are eligible for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are presented for Stage 1 inspection as outlined in section 1.4.1.2. Stallions that are presented for Stage 1 inspection will be classified as follows:
 - Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
 - Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1) providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
 - Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2).

Full Arab/Anglo Arab Mares:

Full Arab/Anglo Arab mares that are registered in the main section of a recognised Arab/Anglo Arab Studbook are eligible for classification, in a class whose criteria they meet, in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred:

Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred Stallions:

Stallions that are entered in the main section of the Weatherbys Non-Thoroughbred Studbook are eligible for inspection for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, in a class whose criteria they meet.

Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred Mares:

Mares that are entered in the main section of the Weatherbys Non-Thoroughbred Studbook are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, in a class whose criteria they meet.

Note: In order for stallions to be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as part of the cross breeding programme they must be named with their originating studbook.

Note:

All stallions classified under the cross breeding programme as Not Approved 1 (NA1), except for Irish Draught stallions, can be upgraded to Approved, providing they meet the following criteria:

- Have been presented for linear profiling;
- Have met the veterinary requirements;
- Meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International Level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage
 - OR**
 - Have produced two progeny that have each jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage

Note: Deceased stallions classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1) that have not been linear profiled but meet this performance criteria can be classified as Approved providing the owner submits a declaration stating that the stallion is deceased.

1.3.2 Supplementary Section

To qualify for entry into the supplementary section animals must meet the following criteria:

- Are identified in accordance with the studbook rules;
- Are judged to conform to the breed standard;
- Meet the minimum performance as laid down in the studbook rules;

and

- Have no or partial breeding, or have breeding that does not qualify for automatic entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, and have passed studbook inspection;
- or**
- Are by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA), Preliminary Approved (PA) or Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) or by a stallion that was classified in one those classes at the time of covering and are out of a dam that has a valid identification document;
- or**
- Have a dam that is classified in the supplementary section of the studbook and are not by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA), Preliminary Approved (PA) or Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) or were not sired by a stallion that was classified in one those classes at the time of covering.

1.3.2.1 Divisions of the Supplementary Section

The supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse studbook is divided into classes.

There are four classes for stallions:

- Supplementary Approved (SA)
- Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA)
- Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1)
- Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2)

There are three classes for mares and geldings:

- Supplementary
- Supplementary Select
- Supplementary Entry

There are two classes for foals:

- Supplementary
- Supplementary Entry

Stallions	Mares/Geldings	Foals
Supplementary Approved (SA)	Supplementary	Supplementary
Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA)	Supplementary Select	Supplementary Entry
Supplementary Not Approved 1	Supplementary Entry	

(SNA1)	
Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2)	

1.3.2.3 Eligibility Criteria for Entering Each Class in the Supplementary Section

Stallion Classes:

Supplementary Approved (SA): Stallions that meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Stallions that were classified as Supplementary Approved (SA) prior to 2010 in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register are classified in this class.

OR

- Stallions that are eligible for entry in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, and meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Meet the veterinary requirements and have passed stages 1, 2 and 3 of the official stallion inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.2.

OR

- Have been presented for linear scoring, are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, meet the veterinary requirements and meet at least one of the following performance criteria:

- Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International Level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage
- Have produced two progeny that have each jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage

Note: Stallions classified as Supplementary Approved (SA) will be eligible to be awarded additional merits (i.e. star ratings) in accordance to Horse Sport Irelands Star Rating System.

Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA): stallions that are eligible for classification in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Are aged between 4 and 10 years ;
- Are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook
- Meet the veterinary requirements and have meet the Stage 1 and Stage 2 inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.2;
- Have not met the performance/progeny performance requirements of Stage 3 outlined in section 1.4.1.2.

Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) stallions will have their classification reviewed between the ages of 6 to 10 years annually based on their own performance and/or their progeny performance as outlined under Stage 3 in section 1.4.1.2. Stallions that are considered to have sufficient performance and/or progeny performance will be upgraded to Supplementary Approved (SA). Stallions that are deemed to have insufficient performance and/or progeny performance by the age of 10 years will be classified as Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1). Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) stallions may be required to undergo a veterinary examination in conjunction with a review of their classification.

Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1): stallions that are eligible for classification in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Were classified as Supplementary 1 (U1) in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register prior to 2010
- OR**
- Qualify for entry into the supplementary section in accordance to 1.3.2 and meet the following criteria:
 - Are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook
 - Have met the veterinary requirements;
 - Are presented for linear scoring.

Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2): stallions that are eligible for classification in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Were classified as Supplementary 2 (U2) in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register prior to 2010
- OR**
- Qualify for entry into the supplementary section in accordance to 1.3.2 and meet the following criteria and have not met the veterinary requirements.

Note: Stallions must be named in order to be classified as a stallion in the Supplementary Section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Mare and Gelding Classes:

Supplementary: mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified in the 'Supplementary' class prior to March 2011.

Supplementary Select: Mares and geldings that are eligible for entry in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Are a minimum of three years of age, are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, and have met the veterinary requirements and the inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.2.

OR

- Have met the criteria to achieve a 3* rating in showjumping, eventing or dressage (through their own or progeny performance) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System and are entered in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: Mares and geldings must be named in order to be eligible for classification in the Supplementary Select class.

Supplementary Entry: mares/geldings are classified in this class providing they qualify for entry into the supplementary section in accordance to 1.3.2.

Foal Classes:

Supplementary: foals are entered in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified in the 'Supplementary' class prior to March 2011.

Supplementary Entry: foals are classified in this class providing they qualify for entry into the supplementary section in accordance to 1.3.2

1.3.2.4 Upgrading of Progeny from the Supplementary Section

- The progeny (male and female) of dams that are classified in the supplementary section are eligible for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the Entry class providing they are sired by stallions that are classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA) or Preliminary Approved (PA) or a stallion that was classified as Preliminary Approved (PA) at the time of covering.
- The progeny of stallions classified as Supplementary Approved (SA) are eligible for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the Entry class, providing the dam is entered and classified in the Irish Horse Register.

1.4 Procedures for Inspecting Horses for Classification in the Irish Horse Register

1.4.1 Procedures for Inspecting Stallions for Classification in the Irish Horse Register

1.4.1.1 Inspection of Section 1 (S1) Stallions for Approval

Eligibility for Inspection:

Stallions that were classified as Section 1 (S1) prior to 2010 and are not sired by a stallion classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) or Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) are eligible to be inspected for classification as Approved in 2010 and 2011 providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are Irish Sport Horse or foreign bred sport horse stallions and meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 30 points in competitions under the rules of the Show Jumping Ireland, or the equivalent in show jumping competitions run by an official organisation in another country;
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 15 points in competition under the rules of Eventing Ireland, or the equivalent in eventing competitions run by an official organisation in another country;
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 60 points in competition under the rules of Dressage Ireland, or the equivalent in dressage competitions run by an official organisation in another country.
- Are Irish Draught Horse stallions and meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 10 points in competitions under the rules of the Showjumping Ireland, or the equivalent in show jumping competitions run by an official organisation in another country;
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 5 points in competition under the rules of Eventing Ireland, or the equivalent in eventing competitions run by an official organisation in another country;
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 20 points in competition under the rules of Dressage Ireland, or the equivalent in dressage competitions run by an official organisation in another country.
 - Have undergone 10-12 weeks of training at a Central Performance Test station as selected by HSI.

Note: Stallions that were classified as Section 1 (S1) prior to 2010, other than Irish Sport Horse, foreign bred sport horse or Irish Draught Horses, can also be inspected for classification as Approved in 2010 and 2011 as part of the cross breeding programme.

Inspection Process:

Prior to inspection the stallion owner must submit a completed HSI stallion inspection form along with a completed veterinary report and x-rays taken by a veterinary surgeon listed on the official HSI x-ray panel if x-rays have not previously been submitted to HSI.

Stallions are assessed under the following criteria:

1. Conformation and Movement:
Measurements are taken of the stallion's height, girth and bone. Stallions are assessed on their conformation and movement.
2. Performance:
In general stallions will have their performance assessed by means of a show jumping demonstration. Both the stallion's rider and a test rider jump the stallion over a course of fences. Upon the stallion owner's request a stallion may be assessed through another discipline e.g. dressage.
3. Veterinary:
All stallions must undergo a full clinical examination carried out by the HSI veterinary panel. Blood samples will be taken on the day of inspection for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.), Equine Infectious Anaemia (E.I.A.) and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. The inspection of

stallions that test positive for substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List will be considered invalid.

1.4.1.2 Procedures for Inspecting Stallions for Classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook

Stallions that are eligible for inspection will be inspected following the process outlined below. All stallions must be named prior to inspection.

Stage 1 – Initial Inspection:

Eligible stallions must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for Stage 1 inspection. Prior to inspection the stallion owner must submit a completed and signed application form.

During the inspection stallions are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Veterinary examination:

Prior to inspection all stallions must undergo an endoscopic examination and submit a specified number of X-rays taken by a Veterinary Surgeon listed on the HSI Stallion X-Ray Panel. Stallions that measure 148cm in height or under do not have to submit X-Rays as part of their veterinary examination.

Stallions will undergo a clinical veterinary examination at the inspection by the HSI Veterinary Panel. All stallions will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification. In instances where the measurements of a stallion are disputed, the owner shall have the option to appeal the measurements at the University Veterinary Hospital at his/her own expense.

Blood samples will be taken on the day of inspection for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.), Equine Infectious Anaemia (E.I.A.) and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. The inspection of stallions that test positive for substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List will be considered invalid.

2. Pedigree assessment:

The stallion's pedigree will be assessed based on bloodlines and the performance of those bloodlines.

3. Conformation assessment:

The stallion's conformation will be described using linear scoring profile and will be given an overall score.

4. In hand gait assessment on a hard surface:

The stallion will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed

in walk and trot on a hard surface.

5. In hand gait assessment in indoor arena:
The stallion will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in walk and trot on a triangle in an indoor arena.
6. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:
The stallion's free gaits will be assessed in a jump pen.
7. Free athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen:
The stallion will be required to loose jump in a jumping pen to facilitate an assessment of its athleticism/jumping ability.

Note: Stallions that are aged 4 years or older may be assessed ridden over a course of fences instead of being assessed through loose jumping.

If in the opinion of the inspection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the inspection panel reserves the right to award zero points for their assessment of the stallions athleticism/jumping ability.

Stage 2 –Ridden Gait and Athleticism Assessment:

Eligible stallions must have met the veterinary and inspection requirements of the Stage 1 inspection and be a minimum of four years of age to be presented for Stage 2 inspection. Prior to inspection the stallion owners must submit a completed and signed application form.

Stallions are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Ridden gait assessment in indoor arena:
The stallions walk, trot and canter will be assessed under saddle. Stallions may also be required to undergo an in hand gait assessment as described in 'Stage 1 – Initial Inspection'.
2. Ridden athleticism and jumping assessment:
The stallion's athleticism and jumping ability will be assessed under saddle. The stallion will be jumped over a course of fences by their own rider and by a test rider appointed by HSI. The height of the fences will be determined by the inspection panel appointed by HSI and will be age appropriate.
4. Veterinary Examination:
Stallions will undergo a clinical veterinary examination at the inspection by the HSI Veterinary Panel.

Blood samples will be taken on the day of inspection for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.), Equine Infectious Anaemia (E.I.A.) and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. The inspection of stallions that test positive for substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List will considered invalid.

Stage 3 – Open Competition or Progeny Assessment:

Stallions that are classified as Preliminary Approved (PA) following the Stage 2 stallion inspection will proceed to Stage 3 of the assessment process. This involves an annual review of the stallion's performance in open competition and/or the stallion's progeny's performance between the ages of 6 and 10 years.

1.4.2 Procedures for Inspecting Mares and Geldings for Classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook

Eligible mares and geldings must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for inspection. Mares/geldings must be named prior to their inspection.

During the inspection mares/geldings are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Veterinary examination:
Mares/geldings will undergo a veterinary examination at the inspection carried out by the HSI Veterinary Panel.

Horses will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of mare classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.
2. Pedigree assessment:
Pedigree will be assessed based on bloodlines and the performance of those bloodlines.
3. Conformation assessment:
Conformation will be assessed using linear scoring.
4. In hand gait assessment:
Mares/geldings will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in hand in walk and trot.
5. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:
The mare/geldings free gaits will be assessed in a jump pen.
6. Free athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen:
Athleticism/jumping ability will be assessed by means of loose jumping in a jumping pen.

Note: This element of the inspection is optional for mares.

If in the opinion of the inspection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the inspection panel reserves the right to award a score of zero for their assessment of the horse's athleticism/jumping ability.

Note: HSI reserves the right to terminate any inspection for health and safety reasons. Failure to satisfy the conditions of Studbook inspections may result in a horse being disqualified from inspection/classification.

1.4.3 Re-Presentations/Appeals Procedures for Inspections

Horses that do not meet the Inspection Requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism or riding test requirements):

The owners of horses that do not meet the inspection requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism or riding test requirements) will be given the opportunity to re-present the horse at on one occasion at a subsequent inspection date.

Owners that do not wish to re-present the horse for a second inspection and owners who are not satisfied with the results of the second inspection can make a formal Appeal to Horse Sport Ireland. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- an appeal must be made to HSI within one month of the owner receiving the results of the inspection;
- the animal must be brought to a centre decided by HSI ;
- the animal will be re-examined by a different panel of inspectors;
- the cost of the appeal shall be borne by the stallion owner;
- the decision of the Appeal panel shall be final.

Horses that do not meet the Clinical Veterinary Requirements:

Owners/custodians of horses that do not meet the clinical veterinary requirements may appeal the findings of the veterinary examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- the owner/custodian of the horse must apply to HSI to have the horse re-examined within one month of the original examination;
- the owner/custodian of the stallion shall arrange, at their own expense, to have the stallion examined by the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin, or by a veterinary practice nominated by HSI;
- the re-examination shall only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion originally failed the clinical veterinary examination and the decision of the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin or by a veterinary practice nominated by HSI, in respect of each examination shall be final.

Stallions that do not meet the Radiograph Requirements:

Owners/custodians of stallions that do not meet the radiograph requirements, following the examination of radiographs by the HSI Radiography Veterinary Panel, may appeal the findings of the examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- The owner/custodian of the stallion must apply to HSI to appeal the findings of the radiographic examination, within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them;
- The appeal will involve the examination of the original radiographs by the Appeals Panel in the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin. If deemed

necessary by the Appeals Panel, a new set of radiographs may be taken at the Veterinary Hospital, School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin or by a veterinary practice nominated by HSI;

- The full costs of the re-examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion;
- The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

2 Irish Draught Horse Studbook

2.1 Characteristics of the Breed

The Irish Draught Horse is a versatile, powerful and athletic animal with substance and quality. It has a pleasant head, good bone and a short shin, good spring of rib, strong loins and hindquarters and an active powerful stride. Known for its good temperament, docility and willing nature, it has a robust constitution and is inherently sound. The Irish Draught horse is a foundation breed that, when crossed with other breeds, will produce all types of leisure and performance horses.

Height:

Ideally Irish Draughts should stand between 158cms (15.2hh) and a maximum of 170cms (16.3hh) at maturity.

Bone:

Approximately 23 centimeters (9 inches) of strong, clean, flat bone.

Head:

Should be pleasant, not coarse or hatchet like with plenty of room between the jaw bones. Wide forehead and kind eyes, set well apart, and with large quality ears.

Neck:

Good length of rein with head well set on, neck should be correctly muscled and well shaped.

Front legs:

Long muscular forearms, short cannon bones with plenty of strong clean, flat bone, not back at the knee or tied in below the knee. Pasterns should be in proportion with good hoof pastern axis. Hooves should be of equal size, hard and sound with plenty of room at the heel. They should not be boxy, over large or flat.

Shoulders:

A sloping shoulder neither loaded, nor too heavy, nor too short, with well defined withers well set back.

Body, back and hindquarters: Deep girth with a good spring of rib, strong back, loins and quarters. The croup and buttocks should be long and gently sloping. Hips should not be too wide.

Hind legs:

Strong gaskins, well shaped clean hocks set into short shins. Should not be cow-hocked or wide apart at the hocks.

Action:

Should be straight and free not heavy or ponderous. Movement should be active and strong, showing good flexion of joints and freedom of the shoulders.

Colour:

Any strong whole colour including bay, grey, chestnut, black, brown and dun. Excessive white markings are not desirable.

2.2. Basic Objectives of Selection

To breed Irish Draught Horses with conformation, movement and temperament that conform to the breed standard, which will make good quality, sound and versatile horses.

2.3. Sections of the Studbook

The Irish Draught Horse studbook incorporates a main section and a supplementary section.

2.3.1 Main Section

To qualify for entry into the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook an animal must:

- Be descended from parents that are entered in the main section of the studbook and have a pedigree established according to the rules of the studbook.
- Be identified as a foal at foot in accordance with the rules of the studbook.

2.3.1.1. Division of Main Section

The main section of the Irish Draught Horse studbook is divided into classes.

There are four classes for stallions:

- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3
- Class 4

There are six classes for mares/geldings:

- RID
- ID
- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3
- Class 4

There are two classes for foals:

- ID
- Class 4

Stallions	Mares/Geldings	Foals
Class 1	RID	ID
Class 2	ID	Class 4
Class 3	Class 1	
Class 4	Class 2	

	Class 3
	Class 4

2.3.2 Eligibility Criteria for entering each class in the Main Section

Stallion Classes:

Class 1: Irish Draught Horse stallions are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as 'RID' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook prior to 2010;
- OR***
- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
 - Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
 - Meet the veterinary requirements and studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.1.

Note: Stallions classified as Class 1 will be eligible to be awarded additional merits for their own, and/or their progeny's performance.

Class 2: Irish Draught Horse stallions are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as 'Section 1 (S1)' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook prior to 2010;
- OR***
- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
 - Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
 - Meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.1.

Note: Stallions that were classified as 'Section 1 (S1)' prior to 2010 will be given the opportunity to be inspected for upgrading to Class 1 status. The inspection will follow the process outlined in section 2.5.1, however, such stallions will be exempt from the veterinary aspect of the inspection unless the stallions is presented for inspection with an obvious veterinary condition, as determined by the HSI veterinary panel. Stallions that are presented with an obvious veterinary condition may, at the discretion of the HSI veterinary panel, have to undergo a veterinary examination and may be classified as Class 3 if they do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Stallions that had been classified as Section 1 (S1) can also be inspected under the inspection process outlined in section 1.4.1.1 in 2010 and 2011. Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements will be classified as Class 1. Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Class 3.

Class 3: Irish Draught Horse stallions are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as 'Section 2 (S2)' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook prior to 2010

OR

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Note: The progeny of stallions that are classified in Class 3 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Class 4: Irish Draught Horse stallions are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Have not been presented for the studbook inspection or are not eligible to be inspected.

Note: The progeny of stallions that are classified in Class 4 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Note: Stallions must be named in order to be classified as a stallion in the Main Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

Mare and Gelding Classes:

RID: Irish Draught mares and geldings are eligible for classification in this class if they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as RID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook prior to 2010.

ID: Irish Draught mares and geldings are eligible for classification in this class if they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as ID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook prior to March 2011;

Class 1: Irish Draught Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID, or Grade Up Register;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and the studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.2.

Note: Mares and geldings must be named in order to be classified as Class 1 and will be eligible to be awarded additional merits for their own, or their progeny's performance.

Class 2: Irish Draught Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register;
- Meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.2

Class 3: Irish Draught Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and;
- Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register;
- Do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Note: The progeny of mares that are classified in Class 3 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Class 4: Irish Draught Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Have not been presented for the breed standard inspection or are not eligible to be inspected.

Note: The progeny of mares that are classified in Class 4 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Foal Classes:

ID: Irish Draught foals are eligible for entry into this class if they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as ID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook prior to March 2011.

Class 4: All foals eligible for entry into the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook are classified in Class 4.

2.3.2 Supplementary Section

There are two classes for mares in the Supplementary Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook:

- AID;
- Grade Up Register.

2.3.2.1 Eligibility of Criteria for Entering Each Class in the Supplementary Section

To qualify for entry into the supplementary section animals must meet the following criteria:

- Are identified in accordance with the studbook rules;
- Are judged to conform to the breed standard;
- Meet the minimum performance as laid down in the studbook rules;

AID: Mares are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as AID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook prior to 2010.

Grade Up Register: Mares that meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Are classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following pedigree requirements:
 - Have one parent (either the dam or the sire) classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook as Class1 and one parent that is classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook ;
 - Have three grandparents classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook as Class1 and one grandparent classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as a Thoroughbred, Connemara Pony or Irish Sport Horse of Thoroughbred/Irish Draught/Connemara Pony descent.
- Be judged to conform to the ID breed standard at an official studbook inspection as outlined in section 2.5.2.

Note: Animals that are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook are not eligible for classification in the supplementary section.

Mares that are classified in the supplementary section (Grade Up Register) will retain their original classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and their passports will reflect that they are also classified in the supplementary section (Grade Up Register) of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

Mares classified in the Grade Up register will be awarded additional merits for their own, or their progeny's performance.

2.3.2.2 Upgrading of Progeny from the Supplementary Section

The progeny of AID and Grade Up Register mares by Class 1 or Class 2 Irish Draught stallions are eligible for entry in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse studbook in Class 4 and are eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Progeny of AID and Grade Up Register mares by Class 3 or Class 4 Irish Draught stallions will be eligible for entry in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and will be classified in accordance to the Irish Sport Horse Studbook rules.

2.4 Classification for horses registered in an Irish Draught Horse Studbook outside Ireland

Irish Draught Horse stallions and mares that are registered in an Irish Draught Horse Studbook outside of Ireland are eligible for entry in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland and will be entered in the class whose criteria they meet.

2.5 Procedures for Irish Draught Horse Studbook Inspections

2.5.1. Procedures for Inspecting Stallions for Classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook

Eligible stallions must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for studbook inspection. All stallions must be named prior to the inspection and the owner must submit a completed and signed application form.

During the inspection stallions are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Veterinary examination:

Prior to inspection all stallions must undergo an endoscopic examination and submit a specified number of X-rays taken by a Veterinary Surgeon listed on the HSI Stallion X-Ray Panel.

Stallions will undergo a clinical veterinary examination at the inspection by the HSI Veterinary Panel. All stallions will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification. In instances where the measurements of a stallion are disputed, the owner shall have the option to appeal the measurements at the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital at his/her own expense.

Blood samples will be taken for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.), Equine Infectious Anaemia (E.I.A.) and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. The inspection of stallions that test positive for substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List will be considered invalid.

2. Pedigree assessment:

The stallion's pedigree will be assessed based on the sire and dam lines and genetic diversity measures.

3. Conformation assessment:

The stallions conformation will be described using a linear scoring profile and will be given an overall score.

4. In hand gait assessment on a hard surface and in an indoor arena:

The stallion will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in walk and trot on a hard surface and in walk and trot on a triangle in an indoor arena.

5. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:

The stallion's free gaits will be assessed in a jump pen.

6. Free athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen:

The stallion will be required to loose jump in a jumping pen to facilitate an assessment of its athleticism/jumping ability.

Note: If in the opinion of the inspection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the inspection panel reserves the right to award a score of zero for their assessment of the stallion's athleticism/jumping ability.

Optional Inspection for Bronze Merit in Showjumping

Stallions that qualify for classification in Class 1 may at the owners discretion be assessed jumping a course of fences at 1.00m level under saddle as a 4 year old or older. Stallions that meet the athleticism/jumping requirements under saddle will be awarded a Bronze merit for their own performance in the discipline of showjumping.

2.5.2. Procedures for Inspecting Mares and Geldings for Classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook

Eligible mares and geldings must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for inspection. Mares/geldings must be named prior to being presented for inspection. During the inspection mares/geldings are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Veterinary examination:

Mares/geldings will undergo a veterinary examination at the inspection carried out by the HSI Veterinary Panel.

Horses will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of mare classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

2. Pedigree assessment:

Pedigree will be assessed based on sire and dam lines and genetic diversity measures.

3. Conformation assessment:

Conformation will be described using a linear scoring profile and will be given an overall score.

4. In hand gait assessment:

Mares/geldings will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in hand in walk and trot.

5. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:

The mare/geldings free gaits will be assessed in a jump pen.

Note: This element of the inspection is optional for mares.

Optional Inspection for Bronze Merit in Showjumping

Mares and geldings that qualify for classification in Class 1 may, at the owners discretion, be assessed loose jumping in a jumping pen. Mares and geldings that meet the athleticism/jumping requirements will be awarded a Bronze merit for their own performance in the discipline of showjumping.

Note: If in the opinion of the inspection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the inspection panel reserves the right to award a score of zero for their assessment of the stallion's athleticism/jumping ability.

HSI reserves the right to terminate any inspection for health and safety reasons.

Failure to satisfy the conditions of Studbook inspections may result in a horse being disqualified from inspection/classification.

2.5.3 Re- Presentation/Appeals Procedures for Inspections

Horses that do not meet the Inspection Requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism or riding test):

The owners of horses that do not meet the inspection requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism or riding test) will be given the opportunity to re-present the horse on one occasion at a subsequent inspection date.

Owners that do not wish to re-present the horse for a second inspection and owners who are not satisfied with the results of the second inspection can make a formal Appeal to Horse Sport Ireland. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- an appeal must be made to HSI within one month of receiving the results of the inspection;
- the animal must be brought to a centre decided by HSI ;
- the animal will be re-examined by a different panel of inspectors;
- the cost of the appeal shall be borne by the stallion owner;
- the decision of the Appeal panel shall be final.

Horses that do not meet the Clinical Veterinary Requirements:

Owners/custodians of horses that do not meet the clinical veterinary requirements may appeal the findings of the veterinary examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- the owner/custodian of the horse must apply to HSI to have the horse re-examined within one month of the original examination;
- the owner/custodian of the stallion shall arrange, at their own expense, to have the stallion examined by the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin, or by a veterinary practice nominated by HSI;
- the re-examination shall only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion originally failed the clinical veterinary examination and the decision of the

School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin or by a veterinary practice nominated by HSI, in respect of each examination shall be final.

Stallions that do not meet the Radiograph Requirements:

Owners/custodians of stallions that do not meet the radiograph requirements, following the examination of radiographs by the HSI Radiography Veterinary Panel, may appeal the findings of the examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- The owner/custodian of the stallion must apply to HSI to appeal the findings of the radiographic examination, within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them;
- The appeal will involve the examination of the original radiographs by the Appeals Panel in the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin. If deemed necessary by the Appeals Panel, a new set of radiographs may be taken at the Veterinary Hospital, School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin or by a veterinary practice nominated by HSI;
- The full costs of the re-examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion;
- The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

3 Genetic Evaluation System

Estimated breeding values for stallions and mares based on showjumping and inspection data are calculated each year by Horse Sport Ireland and reflect the genetic ability of a horse to pass on a certain trait to their progeny.

4 Procedures for Registering Horses in the Irish Horse Register

4.1. Registering Foals

4.1.1. Registering a foal with full breeding recorded (sire and dam recorded):

- 4.1.1.1 Once a mare is covered by a stallion registered in the Irish Horse Register the stallion owner submits a signed and completed covering certificate to Horse Sport Ireland. On receipt of this covering certificate a foal kit (including a marking chart with the sire and dam recorded on it, a DNA kit and an explanatory note) is issued automatically to the owner in the year of foaling.
- 4.1.1.2 When the foal is born the breeder must get the foal marked by a veterinary surgeon when the foal is between 2 and 4 months of age. The veterinary surgeon must also microchip the foal with a HSI foal microchip (the microchip number must be recorded on the marking chart) and take a sample of the foal's hair for the DNA kit.
- 4.1.1.3 The owner must then send the completed marking chart with the appropriate fee to Horse Sport Ireland and the DNA kit to the approved laboratory (Weatherbys Ireland).
- 4.1.1.4 On receipt of the completed marking chart, registration fee and confirmation of pedigree from the Approved Laboratory Horse Sport Ireland will then issue the passport.

4.1.2 Registering a foal with partial breeding recorded (sire or dam only recorded):

- 4.1.2.1 If the dam is the only parent known the owner must write to Horse Sport Ireland Horse Sport Ireland stating that their mare is in foal, or has a foal at foot, and the sire of the foal is unknown. Horse Sport Ireland will then send a foal kit to the owner (including a

marking chart with the dam recorded on it, a DNA kit and an explanatory note). Proceed as outlined above in 4.1.1.2 to 4.1.1.4.

- 4.1.2.2 If the sire is the only parent known the owner must contact the owner of the stallion and ask him/her to send a covering certificate to Horse Sport Ireland stating that his/her stallion covered an unregistered mare. The owner must also contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a foal kit. The owner must proceed with the steps outlined above in 4.1.1.2 to 4.1.1.4.

4.1.3 Naming foals:

Only individuals who have a prefix registered with the Irish Horse Register can name a foal on registration (see section 4.3.5.). If a breeder does not have a prefix registered they must wait until the animal is two years of age before they name it in the Irish Horse Register.

4.2 Registering Yearlings:

4.2.1. Registering a yearling with breeding (sire and dam recorded):

- 4.2.1.1. If the owner has a foal kit for the yearling which he/she failed to use when the yearling was a foal the owner may use this kit as outlined in above in 4.1.1.2 to 4.1.1.4, however they will have to pay an increased fee for registering a yearling.

- 4.2.1.2. If the owner does not have a foal kit for the yearling they must contact Horse Sport Ireland for a marking chart and the Approved Laboratory for a DNA kit. The owner must get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip into the yearling and take a sample of the yearlings hair for the DNA kit. The owner then sends the completed marking chart to Horse Sport Ireland and the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory. The Approved Laboratory, at the owners expense, will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items along with a signed and completed covering certificate from the stallion owner Horse Sport Ireland will issued a passport for the yearling.

4.2.2. Registering a yearling with partial breeding (sire or dam recorded):

- 4.2.2.1. If the dam is the only parent known the owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a marking chart. The owner must also contact the Approved Laboratory requesting a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip, and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit. The owner then sends the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory. The Approved Laboratory, at the owners expense, will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland is in receipt of these items a passport will be issued for the yearling.
- 4.2.2.2. If the sire is the only parent known the owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a marking chart. They must also contact the Approved Laboratory requesting a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking

chart, insert a HSI microchip and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit. The owner then sends the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory, at their own expense. The Approved Laboratory will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items along with a signed and completed covering certificate from the stallion owner Horse Sport Ireland will issued a passport for the yearling.

4.2.3. Naming yearlings:

Only individuals who have a prefix registered with the Irish Horse Register can name a yearling on registration (see section 4.3.5.). If a breeder/owner does not have a prefix registered they must wait until the animal is two years of age before it can be named in the Irish Horse Register.

4.3. Registering Adult Horses (2 years and older):

4.3.1. Registering an adult horse with breeding (sire and dam recorded):

4.3.1.1. The owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland for a marking chart and the Approved Laboratory for a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit.

4.3.1.2. The owner must then send the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory at their own expense. The Approved Laboratory will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart, including a choice of four names, and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items along with a signed and completed covering certificate from the stallion owner Horse Sport Ireland will issued a passport for the horse.

4.3.2. Registering an adult horse with partial breeding (sire or dam recorded):

4.3.2.1. If the dam is the only parent known the owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a marking chart. He/she must also contact the Approved Laboratory for a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit. The owner must then send the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory at their own expense. The Approved Laboratory will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart, including a choice of four names, and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items Horse Sport Ireland will issued a passport for the horse.

4.3.2.2. If the sire is the only parent known the owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a marking chart. They must also contact the Approved Laboratory requesting a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit. The owner then sends the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory at their own expense. The Approved Laboratory will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the

owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart, including a choice of four names, and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items along with a signed and completed covering certificate from the stallion owner Horse Sport Ireland will issue an identification document for the horse.

Note: In certain circumstances where it is not possible for the owner of a horse to obtain a covering certificate for an animal a passport may be issued with recorded pedigree at the discretion of the Breeding Manager of HSI.

4.3.3. Naming Adult Horses

Horses (other than those named as a foal/yearling with a prefix) can be named after they reach two years of age. In order to name a horse the owner must send in the passport that the horse was issued as a foal, along with a choice of four names for the horse and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. There is no duplication of names in the Irish Horse Register. If the owners choices of names for the horse have already been taken Horse Sport Ireland may contact the owner to agree upon a different name that has not yet been used. Horse Sport Ireland will then send the passport back to the owner with the name of the horse recorded on it.

4.4. **Registering a Prefix**

Breeders can register a prefix with the Irish Horse Register. A once-off fee of €50 is required to register the prefix with the Central Prefix Register in the United Kingdom to ensure that there is no duplication of prefixes in the Irish Horse Register.

The benefits of owning a prefix include:

- A prefix entitles a breeder to name their foals on registration.
- A breeders prefix cannot be used by another breeder/owner unless written consent is given by the prefix owner.
- An animal that has been named with a prefix cannot have its name changed without the written consent of the prefix owner.

4.5. **Endorsing Passports**

4.5.1. Endorsing passports for mares for inclusion in the Irish Sport Horse Cross Breeding Programme:

Horse Sport Ireland will endorse the passports of mares eligible for the Irish Sport Horse Crossbreeding programme (see section 1.3.1.3.). Owners must send the mare's passport, with must include a completed marking cart, and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland will then enter the details of the mare (pedigree etc.) into the Irish Horse Register and will return the passport to the owner.

4.5.2. Endorsing passports for stallions:

Horse Sport Ireland will endorse passports for stallions that are eligible for inclusion in the cross breeding programme. Owners must send the stallion's passport, with must include a completed marking cart, and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. The stallion must also be named with its originating studbook. Horse Sport Ireland will then record the details of the stallion (pedigree etc.) and will return the passport to the owner.

4.6. Covering certificates

A book of covering certificates are automatically issued to all stallions that are classified in the Irish Horse Register and are actively breeding at the start of each breeding season. An active stallion is defined as a stallion that produced a registered foal in the previous two years. Stallions that are not automatically issued with covering certificated can request covering certificates by applying directly to HSI:

All stallion owners are obliged to do the following with regard to covering certificates:

- Record in the Covering Book, full details of all coverings to mares registered in the Irish Horse Register;
- Submit the Certificates provided in the Covering Books of all mares covered by the stallion by 1st October in the year of covering;
- Return the Covering to HSI upon request;
- Notify HSI of the death of the stallion.

4.7. Duplicate Passports

Duplicate Passports will be issued in accordance with article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC No54/2008).

Where a passport is lost, stolen or destroyed the owner can apply to HSI for a replacement passport. The following is required to issue a replacement passport:

- A signed declaration from the owner confirming that the initial passport was lost/stolen or destroyed. If the current owner is not the recorded owner in the IHR, then a statement is required from the owner as recorded on IHR that they agree to have the passport issued to the applicant for the replacement passport.
- Replacement passport fee;
- If the animal is micro chipped, then a signed declaration from a veterinary surgeon confirming the microchip number in the animal is required;
- If the animal is not micro chipped a new set of markings must be taken by a veterinary surgeon and the animal must be microchipped;
- If the markings do not match the original markings on file in the IHR then DNA confirmation is required.

4.8. Change of ownership on passport

When an animal transfers ownership, the new owner must return the passport and the appropriate fee to HSI with his/her contact details. HSI will record the new owner's details in the IHR and return the passport to the new owner.

5.0. Identification Numbers used in the Irish Horse Register

All animals registered in the Irish Horse Register are identified by a Unique Equine Life Number (UELN). This UELN identifies the country and Studbook where the horse was first registered and the registration number within the studbook. All UELN numbers contain 15 digits. The first three digits of animals registered in the Irish Horse Register are 372 which is the code for

Ireland, the next three digits are 414 which is the code for the Irish Horse Register and the remaining 9 digits form the registration number used to identify the animal in the Irish Horse Register.

Microchips issued to veterinary surgeons by Horse Sport Ireland contain the UELN.

An animal registered in another studbook retains its original identification number as issued by the approved studbook keeping authority when classified in the Irish Horse Register.

6.0. Non-discrimination

Horse Sport Ireland shall operate in a non-discriminatory fashion in all studbook/registration matters.

7.0 Appeals Procedures for Studbook/Registration matters (not including appeals relating to studbook inspections)

The objective of this procedure is to provide an owner/keeper, who has a grievance with Horse Sport Ireland with regard to a studbook/registration matter, an opportunity to have the grievance examined and resolved at the earliest practical time and at the most local level possible. Please note that this Appeals Procedure does not include appeals relating to studbook inspections, an express provision for all studbook inspection/veterinary examination appeals is provided under sections 1.4.3 and 2.5.3) and that an application fee of €100 will apply for this appeals process.

In this Rule: "Director" shall mean the Director of Breeding and Programmes of Horse Sport Ireland.

"owner/keeper" shall mean the person or persons (if any) accepted by Horse Sport Ireland as having the full property interest at all relevant times in the whole of the horse the subject to the stud book/registration matter.

"stud book/registration matter" and "studbook registration/business" shall not include any matter or business which in the opinion of the Director (which opinion shall be binding upon the owner) was dealt with or could have been appropriately dealt with by appeal in due time under Rule 1.4.3 or Rule 2.5.3.

While the matter is being considered under the Appeals Procedures, the operation of Horse Sport Ireland cannot be interrupted. The owner raising the matter shall continue to comply with the rules of Horse Sport Ireland during the course of the examination of the matter in question. By so doing he/she will not create any precedent nor will his/her transactions with HSI be prejudiced in any way in relation to the matter being processed.

The procedure to apply shall be as follows:-

Stage 1

An owner/keeper who feels aggrieved in relation to any matter pertaining to studbook/registration business may, in the first instance, write to the Director, making it clear that Stage 1 of the Appeals Procedures is being invoked and outlining the details of the grievance in full and enclosing the fee of €100. The owner/keeper shall in addition furnish such further information and documentation as may be requested by the Director. The Director will reply as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any case within 30 days from receipt of the letter (or as appropriate from the receipt of such information or documentation requested) from the appellant.

Stage 2

If the grievance is not resolved at Stage 1, or a reply is not forthcoming from the Director within the relevant 30 day period, the owner/keeper may request to make an oral presentation to a panel consisting of the chair of the breeding sub-board of Horse Sport Ireland, Horse Sport Ireland's nominee to the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses and the CEO of Horse Sport Ireland. The owner/keeper shall furnish such information and respond to such queries as the panel may require. The panel will consider the matter and communicate its decision to the owner within 30 days of the hearing.

Stage 3

If the owner/keeper is unhappy with the outcome of Stage 2 the matter subject to prior written consent of and upon such terms as may be agreed by both the owner and Horse Sport Ireland may be referred to arbitration by an Arbitrator to be agreed by the parties or in default of agreement to be appointed on the application of either party by the President for the time being of the Law Society of Ireland and such arbitration shall be held pursuant to the Arbitration Act 2010 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force. The award of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties. Unless agreed to the contrary in writing by both parties the Tribunal shall consist of one Arbitrator; the location of the arbitration shall be in Dublin, the language of the arbitration shall be English and the governing law of the arbitration shall be the substantive law of Ireland.