

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PROPOSED NEW IRISH SPORT HORSE BREEDING POLICY 2010 - 2015



*Mo Chroi (ISH) – 1997 by Cruising (ISH) out of Into The Blue (ISH) by Mister Lord (TB),
bred by Claire McDonnell, Ballymoney Park Stud, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow. Rider: Capt. David O’ Brien (IRL).*



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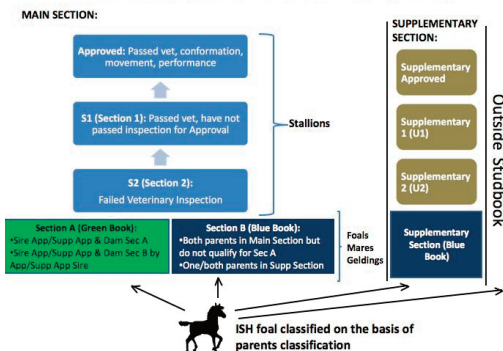
A recent study carried out by UCD estimated that:

- The Sport Horse Industry is worth €400 million annually to the Irish economy
- It provides employment to approx. 20,000 individuals on a full-time and part-time basis
- There are 53,000 participants in the equestrian sector
- The Sport Horse population is approx. 110,000 in Ireland, with a mare herd of approx. 12,000 which produces approx. 9,500 foals annually

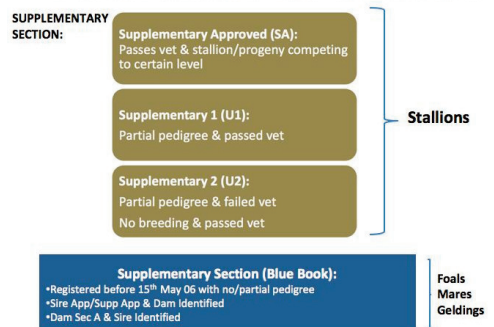
Breeding Statistics for Foals registered in IHR in 2008

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| Number of IHR breeders | 12,000 |
| Total number of foals registered in IHR | 9,536 |
| Average number of foals per breeder | 2 |
| Maximum number of foals per breeder | 27 |
| Total number of stallions registered in IHR | 1,640 |
| Average number of foals per sire | 10 |
| Maximum number of foals per sire | 204 |

Current ISH Classification System



Current ISH Classification System Contd.





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WBFSH RANKINGS

WBFSH World Ranking List by Studbook up to May 2009

Show Jumping

| | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Français du Cheval Selle Français (SF) |
| 2 | Koninklijk Warmblood Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN) |
| 3 | Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes (HOLST) |
| 4 | Belgisch Warmbloedpaard (BWP) |
| 5 | Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch (WESTF) |
| 6 | Hannoveraner Verband e.v. (HANN) |
| 7 | Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (OLDBG) |
| 8 | Stud-book Zangersheide (ZANG) |
| 9 | Swedish Warmblood Association (SWB) |
| 10 | Danish Warmblood Society (DWB) |
| 11 | <i>Irish Sport Horse (ISH)</i> |
| 12 | Landesverband Bayerischer Pferdezüchtere (BAVAR) |
| 13 | Stud-book sBs, le Cheval de Sport Belge (SBS) |
| 14 | Verband Hessischer Pferdezüchter (HESS) |
| 15 | Rheinisches Pferdestammbuch (RHEIN) |

Eventing

| | |
|----|---|
| 1 | <i>Irish Sport Horse (ISH)</i> |
| 2 | Français du Cheval Selle Français (SF) |
| 3 | Hannoveraner Verband e.v. (HANN) |
| 4 | Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch (WESTF) |
| 5 | Koninklijk Warmblood Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN) |
| 6 | Stud-book Français du cheval Anglo-Arab (AA) |
| 7 | Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (SHBGB) |
| 8 | Trakehner Abstammung (TRAK) |
| 9 | Pferdezuchtverband Baden-Württemberg (BAD-W) |
| 10 | Swedish Warmblood Association (SWB) |
| 11 | Swiss Warmblood-CH Sportpferde (CH) |
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WBFSH Horse Ranking List up to May 2009

Show Jumping

| RANKED 1-200 | NAME OF HORSE | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 48 | Flexible | Cruising Flex |
| 95 | Calover | Cavalier Kilnamac Dawn |
| 195 | Transmission | Cavalier Gina XIV |



Flexible (ISH) – 1996 by Cruising out of Flex, bred in County Kildare by Catherine Doyle. Rider: Rich Fellers (USA).

Eventing

| RANKED 1-200 | NAME OF HORSE | |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Ringwood Cockatoo | Peacock Bailey's Folly |
| 12 | My Boy Bobby | Unknown Unknown |
| 35 | Annestown Emperor | Frankfort Boy Queens Servant |
| 39 | Fernhill Clover Mist | |
| 45 | Mr. Medicott | |
| 66 | Twinkle Bee | |
| 70 | Connaught | |
| 73 | ESB Irish Justice | |
| 82 | Call Again Cavalier | |
| 89 | Lenamore | |
| 111 | Imperial Cavalier | |
| 111 | Kilpatrick River | |
| 111 | Sofarsogood | |
| 118 | Old Road | |
| 127 | Rossbeigh | |
| 150 | Stafford Novalis | |
| 161 | The Cointreau Challenge | |
| 181 | Glenhill Gold | |
| 181 | Ringwood Magister | |
| 192 | Esker Riada | |



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The current Breeding Policy for the Irish Sport Horse Studbook has been in place for a number of years and with market and competition demands constantly changing, it is timely to review the policy.

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook has been awarded leading studbook for the production of Eventing horses by the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) for the past 14 consecutive years which is a tremendous achievement. However, in the sport of Show Jumping we are producing fewer horses that have achieved top-level performances in recent years, eg: only three Irish-bred show jumping horses rank in the top 200 WBFSH rankings. A taskforce is considering what steps are necessary to return Ireland to its place as renowned producers of world-class international show jumpers. These findings will feed into the Breeding Policy.

Following a lengthy and extensive consultation process, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) is planning to implement a progressive new Breeding Policy for the Irish Sport Horse in January 2010, with the overall aim of rapidly improving the quality of the Irish Sport Horse population.

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Number of Coverings and Foals born by Classification of Stallion

| <i>Classification of Stallion</i> | <i>Number of Stallions Classified</i> | <i>Number of Coverings 2007</i> | <i>Number of Foals 2008</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Approved | 816 | 7272 | 5248 |
| Supplementary Approved | 1 | 30 | 26 |
| Section 1 | 557 | 2687 | 1891 |
| Section 2 | 221 | 781 | 470 |
| Supplementary 1 | 10 | 154 | 112 |
| Supplementary 2 | 35 | 287 | 174 |
| Totals | 1,640 | 11,211 | 7,921 |



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TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

Recommended for Breeding

Stallion has demonstrated the required standard in **ALL** elements of the inspection process:

- Veterinary Examination
- Conformation & Movement
- Athleticism & Competition Performance
- Progeny

Additional Merits:

Stallions can be rated 1* to 5*
Based on their own performance or
performance of their progeny

Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding

Stallion has demonstrated the required standard in:

- Veterinary Examination
- Initial Conformation / Movement
- Initial Athleticism

However the stallion has to complete either:

- Riding and/or Competition Requirements

NOT Recommended for Breeding

Did not demonstrate the required standard in one or more of the following:

- Veterinary Examination
- Conformation & Movement
- Athleticism & Competition Performance
- Progeny



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PRINCIPLES OF THE PROPOSED BREEDING POLICY FOR IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK 2010-2015

The principles of the new Breeding Policy are:

- Maximise the Agri-business potential of the Sport Horse breeding sector.
- Build breeder confidence in the stallion inspection process by having an open, transparent and public stallion selection process carried out by a trained inspection panel.
- A simplified classification system for stallions using the new “Traffic Light System” and “Star Ratings”.
- Assist breeders in making informed breeding decisions by maximising the amount of information available, including inspection results and pedigree, performance and progeny information.
- Introduce a mare classification system.

ADDITIONAL MERITS FOR STALLIONS - STAR RATINGS (DRAFT)

‘Recommended for Breeding (RB)’ stallions that progress to being successful performance horses or as progenitors will be awarded star ratings. The star rating will range from one star to five stars as follows:

- * Stallions that jump 2 clear rounds at National Grand Prix level or produce 2 progeny that jump 2 clear rounds at 1.40m National level.
- ** Stallions that jump 2 clear rounds at CSI2* level or produce 2 progeny that jump 2 clear rounds at National Grand Prix level.
- *** Stallions that jump 2 clear rounds at CSI3* level or produce 2 progeny that jump 2 clear rounds at CSI2* level.
- **** Stallions that jump 2 clear rounds at CSI4* / CSIO4* level or produce 2 progeny that jump 2 clear rounds at CSI3* / CSIO3* level.
- ***** Stallions that jump 2 clear rounds at CSI5* / CSIO5* level or produce 2 progeny that jump 2 clear rounds at CSI4* / CSIO4* level.



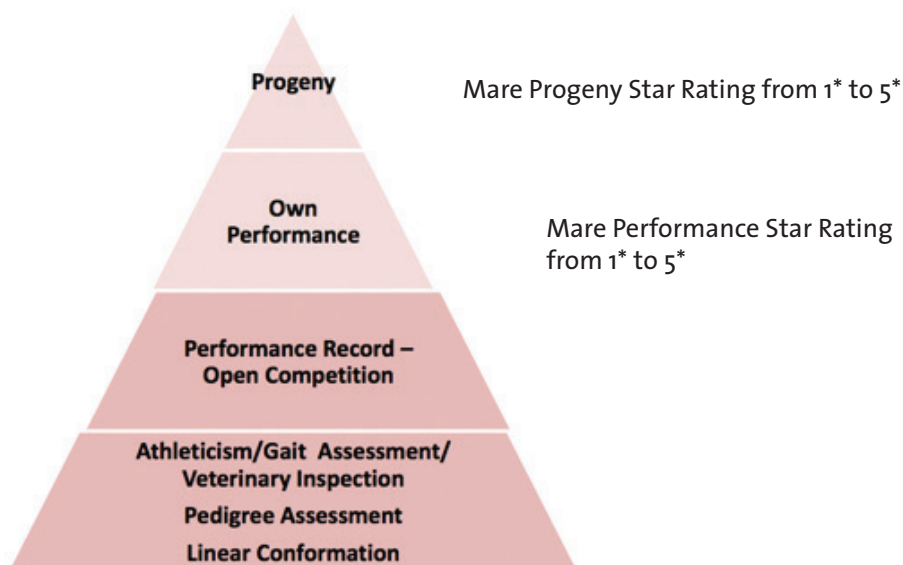
Cruising (ISH) – 1985 by Sea Crest (RID) out of Mullacrew (ISH) by Nordlys (TB). Owned by Ms Mary McCann. Rider: Trevor Coyle (IRL).

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MARE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Mare inspections will be introduced in 2010 where mare owners will be offered an evaluation of their breeding stock. Irish Sport Horse mares of all ages will be invited for inspection where they will be assessed on their pedigree, gaits, conformation and athleticism. A clinical veterinary examination will be carried out on the mares, however, mare owners can opt to submit x-rays for mares in order to receive extra merits for the mare and her progeny. Conformation will be assessed using Linear Scoring, similar to the stallion profile, and mare owners will be given a detailed description of their mare's conformational strengths and weaknesses which will be invaluable when making future breeding decisions.

A star rating system for mares will provide additional merits for above-average mares. Star ratings will range from one star to five star and will be based on the mare's own performance or her progeny. This will assist mare owners with demonstrating the added value of their mare when selling them or their progeny.



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NEW CRITERIA FOR THE APPROVAL/USE OF HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPETITION STALLIONS AVAILABLE OVERSEAS

The new criteria has been adopted by the HSI Breeding Sub Board to encourage the use of top-quality performance stallions from abroad on the performance mares in Ireland.

High performance stallions (other than Irish Sport Horse stallions) standing in Ireland are eligible for approval in the ISH Studbook provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Have finished in the top 15 (individual) at the Olympic Games (in show jumping, eventing or dressage) and are 'approved' in one of the WBFSH studbooks.

Or meet the following criteria:

2. Have been approved in one of the following studbooks: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Oldenburger Studbook or Westphalian Studbook.

And:

Have competed successfully in show jumping at Grand Prix CSI5* or Nations' Cup level at CSIO5* (or the equivalent in eventing or dressage).

Or:

Have at least two progeny that have competed successfully in show jumping at Grand Prix CSI5* or Nations' Cup level at CSIO5* (or the equivalent in eventing or dressage).

Stallions that meet these criteria will not be restricted to an annual covering limit.

Darco (Belgian Warmblood) – 1980 by Lugano van la Roche out of Occucha, the top-rated show jumping stallion in the WBFSH 2008 rankings. Rider: Ludo Philippaerts (BEL).

