

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/ Breed Standard

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 1.51m to 1.61m

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 seven classes for stallions:

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

- Entry (ENT)

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
Recognised	Select	Entry
Preliminary Recognised (PR)	Entry	
Not Approved 1 (NA1)		
Not Approved 2 (NA2)		
Entry (ENT)		

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**
- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
 - Meet the veterinary requirements and meet the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 stallion inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.1.

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 12 years old;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 and Stage 2 inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.1;
- Have not met the performance/progeny performance requirements of Stage 3 outlined in section 1.4.1.1.
- Have met the Stage 1 inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.1 and have finish in the top 3 places in the 6 or 7 year old ISH Showjumping League or in the top 10 of the 6 or 7 year old finals in FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses or the FEI World Championships for Young Eventing Horses.

Preliminary Approved (PA) stallions will have their classification reviewed annually between the ages of 6 to 12 years on the basis of their own performance and/or their progeny performance as outlined under Stage 3 in section 1.4.1.1. 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 12 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;

- 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**
- Irish Sport Horse stallions that are entered in the main section of the studbook and do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Entry: Stallions are entered in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Have been entered in the main section in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register but have not been inspected for classification as a stallion.

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;
- 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 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.

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 Draught Sport Horses, Irish Pony (Irish Pony Society), Connemara Pony, Thoroughbred, Full Arab, Anglo Arab, Shagya Arabs, Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred, Clydesdales, studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) at the time of application and sport horses registered in studbooks that are Approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland. 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 Standing in Ireland:

Foreign bred sport horse stallions will undergo the same inspection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 1.4.1.1. Following inspection foreign bred stallions will be classified in the same manner as Irish Sport Horse stallions as described in 1.3.1.2.

Foreign Bred Stallions Standing Abroad:

Recognised: Foreign bred performance stallions standing outside of Ireland that are registered in the main section of a studbook that is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) can be classified as Recognised 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 CS15* 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 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 or Westphalian Studbook.

Stallions that meet these criteria will be classified as Recognised providing they are named in their originating studbook.

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

Preliminary Recognised: Foreign bred performance stallions aged between 4 and 12 years old, standing outside of Ireland that do not meet the criteria for classification in the Recognised class and are registered in the main section of a studbook that is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) can be classified as Preliminary Recognised (PR) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they meet the following criteria:

- Have been classified in the top section of the following studbook: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes, Zangersheide or Westphalian Studbook

AND

- Have met all the requirements for "Approval" in the main section of the relevant studbook

AND

- Have been placed 1st-3rd in either the final of the national championship for showjumping or eventing in the country of origin of the relevant studbook or in the final of the WBFSH Young Horse Championships.

Preliminary Recognised (PR) stallions will have their classification reviewed annually between the ages of 6 to 12 years on the basis of their own performance and/or their progeny performance. Stallions that are considered to have sufficient performance and/or progeny performance will be upgraded to Recognised status. Stallions that are deemed to have insufficient performance or progeny performance by the age of 12 years will have their will be classified in the Entry class.

Note: Only stallions standing outside of Ireland are eligible for classification in the Recognised or Preliminary Recognised (PR) classes. If such a stallion stands in Ireland he will be classified in the 'Entry' class and will be invited to undergo the same inspection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 1.4.1.1.

Entry: Stallions that are registered in the main section of studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) are classified in this class on submission of a DNA profile provided they meet the following criteria:

- Have established studbook pedigree;
- Have not been inspected for classification as a stallion in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

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. 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	n/a	Select
ID	n/a	Section A or Section B
Class 1	Approved or Not Approved 1 (NA1) (See note below)	Select
RID(GB)/RID(CAN)	Approved or Not Approved 1 (NA1) (See note below)	n/a
G2(GB)/S1(CAN)	Approved or Not Approved 1 (NA1) (See note below)	n/a
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, Class 2, RID(GB), RID(CAN), G2(GB) or S1 (CAN) 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 at classes with a minimum prize fund of €250 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 that are registered in 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.

Irish Draught Sport Horses:

Irish Draught Sport Horse Stallions:

Irish Draught Sport Horse stallions registered by the Irish Draught Horse Societies in Canada and Great Britain with recorded pedigree are eligible for classification in the Entry stallion class. Such stallions are eligible to undergo the same inspection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 1.4.1.1. and will be classified in the same manner as Irish Sport Horse stallions as described in 1.3.1.2.

Irish Draught Sport Horse stallions registered by the Irish Draught Horse Societies in Canada and Great Britain with recorded pedigree are eligible for classification as Approved providing they have met the inspection requirements of the IDHS(GB) or IDHSC and have met the additional veterinary and performance requirements. Stallions that have met the inspection requirements of the IDHS(GB) or IDHSC and have met the additional veterinary but have not met the performance requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1).

Irish Draught Sport Horse mares:

Irish Draught Sport Horse mare registered by the Irish Draught Horse Societies in Canada and Great Britain with recorded pedigree are eligible for classification in the Entry class and are eligible for inspection for classification in the Select class.

Irish Draught Sport Horse mare registered by the Irish Draught Horse Societies in Canada and Great Britain with recorded pedigree that have met the inspection requirements of the IDHS(GB) or IDHSC will be classified as Select.

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 1.4.1.1. 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;
 - Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1);
 - 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 105 or over can be classified as Approved upon completion of linear profiling and submission of an ITBA wind soundness certificate or equivalent submitted by a Veterinary Surgeon on the HSI veterinary panel.
- Thoroughbred stallions that have not been previously classified in the Irish Horse Register that have at least 5 progeny that are winners under the rules of racing can be classified as Approved upon completion of linear profiling and submission of an ITBA wind soundness certificate or equivalent submitted by a Veterinary Surgeon on the HSI veterinary panel;

- Thoroughbred stallions standing outside of Ireland can be classified as Recognised in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they meet the following criteria and submit a declaration from their studbook of approval 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 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 or Westphalian Studbook.

Such stallions will be invited to be presented for linear profiling.

- Thoroughbred stallions aged between 4 and 12 years old, standing outside of Ireland that do not meet the criteria for classification in the Recognised class and are approved by a studbook that is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) can be classified as Preliminary Recognised (PR) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they meet the following criteria:
 - Have met all the requirements for “Approval” in the main section of 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

AND

 - Have been placed 1st-6th in either the final of the national championship for showjumping or eventing in the country of origin of the relevant studbook or in the final of the WBFSH Young Horse Championships.
- Thoroughbred stallions that have not been previously classified in the Irish Horse Register and who do not meet the criteria to be classified in the Approved, Preliminary Approved (PA), Recognised, Preliminary Recognised (PR), Not Approved 1 (NA1) or Not Approved 2 (NA2) may be classified in the Entry stallion class of 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.

Connemara Ponies

Connemara Pony Stallions:

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. Such stallions must be named with their originating studbook.

Connemara Pony classes that are not classified as Class 1 in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook in Ireland are eligible for classification in the 'Entry' class. Such stallions are eligible for inspection and can be presented for Stage 1 inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.1 and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1);
- 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 classification in the 'Entry' class of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallion can be presented for Stage 1 inspection outlined in stallion section 1.4.1.1. and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1);
- 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 'Entry' class in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Such stallion can be presented for Stage 1 inspection outlined in stallion section 1.4.1.1. and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1);
- Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2).

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/Shagya Arab:

Full Arab/Anglo Arab/Shagya Arab Stallions:

- Arab/Anglo Arab/Shagya Arab stallions are eligible for classification in the Entry class in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallions are eligible for Stage 1 inspection as outlined in section 1.4.1.1. 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;
 - Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1);
 - Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2).

Note: Arab stallions that are Approved with an official Arab Society can be classified as Approved in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook upon application.

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 classification in Entry class of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallions are eligible for studbook inspection and will undergo the same inspection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 1.4.1.1. Following inspection stallions will be classified in the same manner as Irish Sport Horse stallions as described in 1.3.1.2..

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. Mares will be classified in the Entry class and will be eligible for inspection for classification in the Select class.

Sport horses registered in studbooks that are Approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland

Sport Horse Stallions:

Sport horse stallions that are registered in studbooks that that are Approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland are eligible for classification in the Entry class. Such stallions are eligible for studbook inspection and will undergo the same inspection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 1.4.1.1. Following inspection stallions will be classified in the same manner as Irish Sport Horse stallions as described in 1.3.1.2.

Sport Horse Mares:

Sport horse mares that are registered in studbooks that that are Approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Mares will be classified in the Entry class and will be eligible for inspection for classification in the Select class.

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 these performance and veterinary 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 either passed studbook inspection 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;

or

- Are by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA), Recognised, Preliminary Approved (PA), Preliminary Recognised (PR) 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), Recognised, Preliminary Approved (PA), Preliminary Recognised (PR) 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 (SNA1)	Supplementary Entry	
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 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 1.4.1.1.

OR

- Have been presented for linear scoring, meet the veterinary requirements and meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - o 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
 - o 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 12 years ;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and meet the Stage 1 and Stage 2 inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.1;
- Have not met the performance/progeny performance requirements of Stage 3 outlined in section 1.4.1.1.

Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) stallions will have their classification reviewed between the ages of 6 to 12 years annually based on their own performance and/or their progeny performance as outlined under Stage 3 in section 1.4.1.1. 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 12 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:
 - 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 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), Recognised Preliminary Approved (PA), Preliminary Recognised (PR) or a

stallion that was classified as Preliminary Approved (PA) or Preliminary Recognised (PR) 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. 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.

Stallion owners have the option of having their stallions clinical veterinary examination carried out at a HSI designated veterinary clinic prior to inspection or having their stallion undergo a clinical veterinary examination on the day of inspection by the HSI Veterinary Panel. Stallions that have met the veterinary requirements prior to the inspection following an examination at a HSI designated clinic will be subject to a soundness trot-up on the day of inspection and will be referred to the University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital if they are presented with an obvious veterinary condition.

All stallions will be measured 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:

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 be considered invalid.

Stage 3 – Open Competition or Progeny Assessment:

Stallions that are classified as Preliminary Approved (PA) 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 12 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 and geldings.

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 at the next available inspection date ;
- 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, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital, 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, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital 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, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital. If deemed necessary by the Appeals Panel, a new set of radiographs may be taken at the Veterinary Hospital, School of Agriculture, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, 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.

1.4.4 Appeals Procedures for the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System and Classifications based on performance results

Owners that are not satisfied with the classification of a horse which is based on performance results or the results of the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System 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 classification or additional merits;
- the owner must provide documentary evidence of relevant performances verified by the national or international governing body for the discipline involved;
- the performance record of the animal and its relatives, where appropriate, will be examined by a panel of three inspectors who were not involved in the original classification/star rating process;
- the full costs of the appeal must be borne by the owner of the animal;
- the decision of the Appeal panel shall be final.

Note: Appeals relating to inspections must be dealt with under the procedures outlined in section 1.4.3.

2 Irish Draught Horse Studbook

2.1 Characteristics of the Breed/ Breed Standard

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 seven classes for stallions:

- Class 1
- Registered Irish Draught Great Britain (RID GB)
- Registered Irish Draught Canada (RID CAN)
- Class 2
- Grade 2 Great Britain (G2 GB)
- Section 1 Canada (S1 CAN)
- 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
RID GB	ID	Class 4
RID CAN	Class 1	
Class 2	Class 2	
G2 GB	Class 3	
S1 CAN		
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;
- OR**
- Stallions that have been classified as Class 1 by the IDHSGB from 2010 onwards and stallions that have been classified as Class 1 by the IDHSC from 2012 onwards.
- OR**
- Stallions that had been classified as RID by the IDHSGB prior to 2010 and stallions that have been classified as 'RID' by the IDHSC prior to 2012 can be classified as 'Class 1' providing they meet the additional veterinary requirements.
- OR**
- For the year 2017-2021 meet the Irish Draught amnesty requirements (see below)
- 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.

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

- Were classified as Registered Irish Draught in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain from 2001 to 2010 and are dead, gelded or named below:

Appledark Thumbs Up	Avanti Amorous Archie	Balinmore Ballyhoo
Balinmore Irish Rebel	Ballineen Blue Mountain	Blackwater
Bridgeford Ferryman	Caerba Legacy	Classic Scot
Coilldarach Scirocco	Diamond Lodge	Euro
Hillviewfarm Trevelyan	Kelston Blue Max	Kensons High Prospect
Munfin Midnight Rebel	Pembroke Royal Blue	Skip and Sea
Snowford Mount Western	Soldier of Fortune	Tullys Court

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

Note: Stallions classified as RID GB will be treated in the same manner as stallions that are classified in Class 1 in terms of registration/classification and the progeny of stallions classified as RID GB will be treated in the same manner as the progeny of stallions that are classified in Class 1 in terms of registration/classification.

RID(CAN):

Stallions that have been classified in the RID class of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook maintained by the IDHSC are eligible for classification in this class.

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

Note: Stallions classified as RID (CAN) will be treated in the same manner as stallions that are classified in Class 1 in terms of registration/classification and the progeny of stallions classified as RID(CAN) will be treated in the same manner as the progeny of stallions that are classified in Class 1 in terms of registration/classification.

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;
- OR**
- Stallions that have been classified as Class 2 by the IDHSGB from 2010 onwards and stallions that have been classified as Class 2 by the IDHSC from 2012 onwards
- OR**
- Stallions that had been classified as Grade 2 by the IDHSGB prior to 2004 and stallions that have been classified as 'S1' by the IDHSC prior to 2004 can be classified as 'Class 2'
- OR**
- Stallions that had been classified as Grade 2 by the IDHSGB between 2004 and 2010 and stallions that have been classified as 'S1' by the IDHSC prior between 2004 and 2012 can be classified as 'Class 2' providing they meet the additional veterinary requirements

OR

- For the year 2017-2021 meet the Irish Draught amnesty requirements (see below)
- 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.

G2 GB:

Stallions that have been classified as 'Grade 2' by the IDHSGB between 2004 and 2010 are eligible for classification as 'G2 GB'.

Note: Stallions classified as G2 GB will be treated in the same manner as stallions that are classified in Class 2 in terms of registration/classification and the progeny of stallions classified as G2 GB will be treated in the same manner as the progeny of stallions that are classified in Class 2 in terms of registration/classification.

S1 CAN:

Stallions that have been classified as 'S1' by the IDHSC between 2004 and 2012 are eligible for classification as 'S1 CAN'.

Note: Stallions classified as S1 CAN will be treated in the same manner as stallions that are classified in Class 2 in terms of registration/classification and the progeny of stallions classified as S1 CAN will be treated in the same manner as the progeny of stallions that are classified in Class 2 in terms of registration/classification.

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;

OR

- Stallions that have been classified as Class 3 by the IDHSGB from 2010 onwards and stallions that have been classified as Class 3 by the IDHSC from 2012 onwards

OR

- Stallions that have been classified as Grade 3 by the IDHSGB prior to 2010 and stallions that have been classified as S2 by the IDHSC prior to 2012

OR

- For the year 2017-2021 meet the Irish Draught amnesty requirements (see below)
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.

Stallions that are classified as 'Class 4' by the IDHSGB from 2010 onwards and stallions that are classified as 'Class 4' by the IDHSC from 2012 onwards will also be eligible for classification in Class 4.

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 or in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain prior to 2010 or in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Canada.

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 or in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain prior to 2010 or in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Canada.

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, Grade Up Register or ID, providing the ID mare is by a stallion that is classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register;

OR

- For the year 2017-2021 meet the Irish Draught amnesty requirements (see below)

AND

- Meet the veterinary requirements and the studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.2.

Mares and geldings classified as Class 1 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain from 2010 onwards and mares and geldings that are classified as Class 1 in the Irish Draught Studbook in Canada from 2012 onwards are eligible for classification as 'Class 1'.

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, Grade Up Register or ID, providing the ID mare is by a stallion that is classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register;

OR

- For the year 2017-2021 meet the Irish Draught amnesty requirements (see below)

AND

- Meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.2;

Mares and geldings classified as Class 2 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain from 2010 onwards and mares and geldings that are classified as Class 2 in the Irish Draught Studbook in Canada from 2012 onwards are eligible for classification as 'Class 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, Grade Up Register or ID, providing the ID mare is by a stallion that is classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register;

OR

- For the year 2017-2021 meet the Irish Draught amnesty requirements (see below)

AND

- Do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Mares and geldings classified as Class 3 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain from 2010 onwards and mares and geldings that are classified as Class 3 in the Irish Draught Studbook in Canada from 2012 onwards are eligible for classification as 'Class 3'.

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.

Mares and geldings classified as Class 4 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain from 2010 onwards and mares that are classified as Class 4 in the Irish Draught Studbook in Canada from 2012 onwards are eligible for classification as 'Class 4'.

- **Note:** Irish Draught Inspection amnesty:

For the year 2017-2021, by means of an amnesty stallions and mares that are by a Class 4 Irish Draught stallion or are out of a Class 4 Irish Draught mare, are also deemed eligible to be presented for inspection for Classes 1, 2, and 3 in the Irish Draught horse studbook.

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.

Foals classified as Class 4 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain from 2010 onwards and foals that are classified as Class 4 in the Irish Draught Studbook in Canada from 2012 onwards are eligible for classification as 'Class 4'

Note: Horses registered/inspected by Irish Draught Horse Studbooks outside of Ireland, other than the Studbooks in Great Britain and Canada, will be classified on an individual basis and will be classified in accordance with the criteria they meet. The classification of horses registered/inspected by the Irish Draught Horse Studbooks of Great Britain and Canada as described above will cease should these studbooks fail to operate an inspection/classification system which is not in accordance with the principals of the Irish Draught studbook of origin.

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.
- Were classified as AID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Great Britain prior to 2010 or in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Canada prior to 2012.

Note: Mares classified as AID will be awarded additional merits for their own, or their progeny's performance.

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 in Class1 or RID GB 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, RID GB 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:
2. 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.
3. Stallion owners have the option of having their stallions clinical veterinary examination carried out at a HSI designated veterinary clinic prior to inspection or having their stallion undergo a clinical veterinary examination on the day of inspection by the HSI Veterinary Panel. Stallions that have met the veterinary requirements prior to the inspection following an examination at a HSI designated clinic will be subject to a soundness trot-up on the day of inspection and will be referred to the University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital if they are presented with an obvious veterinary condition.
4. All stallions will be measured 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.
5. 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.

6. Pedigree assessment:

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

7. Conformation assessment:

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

8. 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.

9. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:

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

10. 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.

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 spring inspection. Eligible mares and geldings must be a minimum of two years of age to be presented for autumn 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 owner's 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 at the next available inspection date ;
- 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, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital, 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, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital 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, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital. If deemed necessary by the Appeals Panel, a new set of radiographs may be taken at the Veterinary Hospital, School of Agriculture, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin Veterinary Hospital 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.

2.5.4 Appeals Procedures for Inspections for Additional Merits

Owners that are not satisfied with the additional merits awarded to a horse 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 classification or additional merits;
- the owner must provide documentary evidence of relevant performances verified by the national or international governing body for the discipline involved;
- the performance record of the animal and its relatives, where appropriate, will be examined by a panel of three inspectors who were not involved in the original classification/star rating process;

- the full costs of the appeal must be borne by the owner of the animal;
- the decision of the Appeal panel shall be final.

Note: Appeals relating to inspections must be dealt with under the procedures outlined in section 2.5.3.

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 a completed covering certificate should be submitted 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, covering certificate, 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 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.

4.2 Registering Yearlings and Older Horses:

The procedures for registering a yearlings and older horses are the same as process described in 4.1 expect the owner of the animal must contact HSI in order to request a DNA kit and the DNA (hair) sample should be returned to HSI rather than Weatherbys.

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 Naming

Ponies/horses can be named from birth. In order to name a pony the owner must send in the passport that the pony was issued as a foal, along with a choice of four names for the pony and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. There is no duplication of names in the HSI pedigree database. If the owner's choices of names for the pony 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 pony recorded on it.

Note: the registration of clones is permitted in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such animals will follow the same procedures regarding registration and inspection/classification as other animals registered in the Studbook. The identification documents of cloned animals will clearly state that the animal is a clone.

4.3 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.

4.4. Endorsing Passports

4.4.1. 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 (or contain a microchip number) 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.

4.4.2. 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.

4.5. 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.

4.6. 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 recorded on the database 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.

4.7. 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 or the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System)

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 or 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.

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