



## Irish Cob Mare/Gelding Studbook Inspections Procedures and Guidelines



### Applications

Application forms for Cob inspections are available from the HSI website and office. Applications for inspection must contain the following:

- Completed and signed application form and accompanying documentation if necessary;
- Relevant Inspection Fee (€18).

Incomplete entries will not be accepted.

Following the receipt of completed applications HSI will contact Cob Mare/gelding owners with the details of the inspection and a schedule of events.

Irish Cob mares must be a minimum of 1 year of age to be presented for inspection.

The inspection panel consists of up to two inspectors.

The inspection will take place over one day and will include the following elements:

1. Veterinary
2. Conformation and Breed Type assessment
3. Gait Assessment

### Check In

All owners must report to a HSI representative upon arrival at the centre in order to check in.

The entry numbers provided by HSI must be used at all times during the inspection.

Entrants must ensure they reach the inspection site in plenty of time in order to check in their mare(s).

Please note mares/geldings that have not been checked in cannot be presented at the inspection.

### 1. Veterinary

On presentation to the veterinary surgeon the identification of the mare/gelding will be checked by comparing the mare's/gelding's markings to the markings on its passport. The mare/gelding will also be scanned to confirm its microchip number. Height & bone measurements will be taken from all mares/geldings.

Horse Sport Ireland will take DNA sample from all mares/geldings presented for inspection. This DNA sample will be stored by the Approved Laboratory (Weatherbys Ireland) and will be used to verify the parentage of future progeny registered in the Irish Cob Studbook.

Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to take a blood sample from mares/geldings presented for inspection in order to test the presence of disease (e.g. CEM, EVA, EIA) and prohibited substances.

### Presentation

All mares/geldings are expected to be presented at show standard and must be sufficiently trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection. The mare/gelding should be in good condition, be well groomed and have well maintained hooves.

Each mare/gelding must be presented in a correctly fitted bridle.

If there is a foal present with the mare a leather head collar and canvas or leather lead should be used.

Handlers are required to dress neatly. Comfortable footwear must be worn in order to present the animal correctly. In the case where an owner has more than one horse on the premises, sufficient handlers must be on site to cater for each animal. All handlers must be dressed appropriately.

### 2. Conformation & Breed Type Assessment

Handlers must present mares/geldings to the inspectors in the arena for their conformation and breed type assessment. Mares/geldings must be able to stand correctly and quietly in order for the inspectors to make their assessment. No boots or leg wraps of any description are permitted at this stage of inspection.

Mares/geldings will be assessed on their 'breed type' (i.e. how closely they adhere to the breed standard outlined in the Irish Cob Studbook rules.

### 3. In Hand Gait Assessment in the Arena

When requested the handler will move the mare/gelding in walk and then in trot. The handler must always lead from the left side of the horse. Overuse of the whip is not permitted; the animal should be trained to show correctly.

Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to terminate any inspection for health and safety reasons.



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### 4. Classification Following Irish Cob Studbook Inspections

- Mares/geldings that qualify for classification in the Main Elite Class following will have their passports updated to reflect their classification in the Main Elite Class. Mares/geldings that do not qualify for classification in the Main Elite mare/gelding Class following inspection will retain their original classification in the Irish Cob Studbook.
- Females/males that meet the inspection requirements for the Supplementary Basic Register will be classified in this class of the Irish Cob Studbook.
- Mares/geldings that are inspected under the Irish Cob Studbook Cross Breeding Programme that meet the inspection requirements will be classified in the Main Basic Register. Mares/geldings that do not meet the inspection requirements for the Cross Breeding Programmes will not be classified in the Irish Cob Studbook.

### Appeals Procedure

The owners of animals that do not meet the inspection requirements will be given the opportunity to re-present the animal again at the next available inspection date.



## MARE/GELDING INSPECTION SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOUR: \_\_\_\_\_

RESULT OF INSPECTION	<i>√ in appropriate box</i>					MINIMUM POINTS REQUIRED
	5	4	3	2	1	BREED:
1. EXCELLENCE OF BREED TYPE						Must score at least 4 to be approved
2. PRESENCE						Must score at least 4 to be approved
3. TOPLINE						Must score at least 4 to be approved
4. HEAD AND MOUTH						Must score at least 4 to be approved
5. NECK						Must score at least 3 to be approved
6. WITHERS						Must score at least 3 to be approved
7. SHOULDERS						Must score at least 3 to be approved
8. BACK						Must score at least 4 to be approved
9. HINDQUARTERS						Must score at least 4 to be approved
10. CHEST						Must score at least 3 to be approved
11. BODY						Must score at least 4 to be approved
12. FORELEGS & FEET						Must score at least 4 to be approved
13. HIND LEGS & FEET						Must score at least 4 to be approved
14. LEG FEATHERING						Must score at least 4 to be approved
15. MANE & TAIL						Must score at least 3 to be approved
16. MOVEMENT <u>WALK – 2pts</u> <u>TROT – 3pts</u> 3 pts may only be given for Trot where step/action is present						Must score at least 3 to be approved
<b>TOTAL POINTS SCORED</b>						
<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>TEMPERAMENT /BEHAVIOUR</b>  Aggressive & threatening behaviour such as ears back, kicking, biting, rearing and not being under the control of the handler, will result in expulsion from ICS Inspection					
<b>HEAVY</b>						
Signature of two ICS Inspectors:					Date & Stamp:	