



HORSE SPORT

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BREEDING PROGRAMME FOR THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

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SECTION 1 OVERVIEW OF BREEDING PROGRAMME

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook is the Studbook of origin for the **Irish Sport Horse** breed. Horse Sport Ireland is recognised by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine as a breed society and approved to operate a breeding programme for the improvement of the Irish Sport Horse breed and is approved as a Delegated Body/Passport Issuing Organisation. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook was originally maintained by Bord na gCapall as part of The Irish Horse Register and was established in 1971. The breeding programme shall operate in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

1.2 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this breeding programme, the following definitions will apply:

‘Agent’ A person who has been appointed by an owner giving full authority to act on behalf of the owner and who can be in all respects treated as the owner for the purpose of dealing with the studbook. The agent shall normally be appointed to act for the duration of a breeding season. The appointment of an agent by an owner requires a written instruction of the owner and must be transmitted by post or email to the studbook.

‘AIM’ The Animal Identification and Movement database maintained by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

‘Biothermo microchip’ these microchips contain a patented built-in temperature biosensor which can measure a horse’s temperature at the implantation site. These are radio-frequency Identification (RFID) systems which offer unique and unalterable identification for horses. The microchip is a passive transponder, with a unique 15-digit identification number compatible with ISO Standards 11784 and 11785.

‘Approved Stallion (APP)’ A horse entered in the main section of the studbook which has completed a selection or approval process in accordance with the rules and procedures of the studbook in force at the time and the horse has met all the veterinary and selection requirements to achieve the approved standard. Approved stallions are eligible for Star Ratings, based on their own performance or their progeny’s performance in FEI disciplines.

‘Breeder’ A person(s) or entity which is recorded in the studbook as the owner of a mare at the time of foaling, shall be recorded as the breeder of the foal. This may be varied in certain circumstances when a signed agreement has been submitted to and accepted by the studbook confirming that another arrangement has been agreed regarding the registration of the breeder of a foal. In circumstances where the owner of a mare at the time of foaling is in doubt, the keeper of the mare shall be recorded as the breeder of the foal.

‘Breeding and Production Equine’ An equine identified in line with all legislative provisions but that has not been entered in a studbook

‘CEM’ Contagious equine metritis (CEM) is an acute, highly contagious venereal disease of horses (and experimentally of donkeys) characterized by a profuse, mucopurulent vaginal discharge and early return to oestrus in most affected mares. Infected stallions and chronically infected mares show no clinical signs.

‘Classification’ The class within a section of the Studbook in which a horse is entered and the process by which this is determined

‘Competent Authority’ The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine are the current recognised competent Authority.

‘Covering Certificate’ Certification provided in writing or in electronic format by the owner (or agent) of a stallion which confirms that the named stallion mated with an identified mare. The certificate must also show the mare owner details, the first and last date that the stallion and mare were mated and identify if the mating is through AI.

‘DNA Laboratory’ The HSI-appointed DNA analysis and storage laboratory, currently Weatherbys Scientific, Unit F1, M7 Business Park, Newhall, Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland. W91 VX86.

‘Duplicate Identification Document’ An identification document issued where the original identification document is lost, and the identity of the animal can be established, through the microchip or alternative reliable method of identity verification; or the animal has not been identified within the time limits, provided that the covering certificate is available and the biological dam is identified or, the competent authority has proof that certain identification details in the existing identification document do not match the corresponding equine animal.

‘EIA’ Equine infectious anaemia or swamp fever is a classical bloodborne infection and the virus is transmitted by biting flies (mainly horse flies) and contaminated needles and other

instruments. All infected horses remain virus carriers for life and can serve as a source of infection for other horses.

‘Endorsement’ Process by which horses entered in the main section in a different Studbook are entered into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook via the rules of the ISH cross-breeding programme. The progeny of these horses may then be eligible for registration in the ISH Studbook.

‘Entered’ Horses entered in the ISH Studbook include all horses entered in the main section of the ISH Studbook and all horses endorsed into the ISH Studbook via the Crossbreeding Programme.

‘E-passport’ is the digital version of the horse’s identification document.

‘Equine Premises Numbers’ (EPN) relate to the premises where the animal is kept are compulsory on all Republic of Ireland (ROI) Applications. Applications cannot be processed without a valid EPN. EPN numbers are issued by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, [click here](#) for more detail.

‘Recorded’ Horses recorded in the supplementary section of the ISH studbook includes all horses recorded in the supplementary section of the ISH studbook.

‘Entry (ENT)’ Classification of horse qualifying for entry into the main section of the studbook.

‘EVA’ Equine Viral Arteritis is primarily spread by venereal infection of mares by stallions during mating or when artificially inseminated by a carrier stallion. Infected mares but they may shed virus in all her bodily fluids for up to 24 days after exposure and can infect other horses by direct contact or by aerosol. Stallions that are exposed to virus may become long term or permanent venereal shedders and may infect every mare they cover. EVA is a Notifiable disease in Ireland.

‘Fee’ The amounts quoted in the fee schedules produced by Horse Sport Ireland.

‘FEI’ The Fédération Équestre Internationale (International Federation for Equestrian Sports) is the international governing body of equestrian sports.

‘FEI disciplines’ The FEI recognises eight disciplines: show jumping, eventing, dressage, combined driving, endurance, para-equestrian, reining and equestrian vaulting. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook focuses on the disciplines of show jumping and eventing.

‘FFS’ Fragile Foal Syndrome is a hereditary disease with symptoms of hyperextensible and abnormally fragile skin, as well as hyperextensibility of articulations. The skin of new-born foals lacks tensile strength due to large spaces between deep dermal fibres. Also, lesions occur across the body and limb joints are extremely lax and hyperextensible. These abnormalities require euthanasia just after delivery. The defect is caused by a gene mutation.

‘Germinal product’ Germinal products include semen, oocytes, *in vivo* derived embryos and *in vitro* derived embryos.

‘Identification Document’ It is a legal requirement that all horses have an identification document issued within a year of birth and the document should always accompany the horse. The Identification document is a single lifetime document for a horse and contains the described particulars of the animal and includes the year of birth, sex, registration dates and microchip information as an aid to its identification and for maintaining a medical record. The document also contains the owner information but is not a certificate of legal ownership and cannot be construed as such. The Identification document remains the property of the Issuing Authority and must be surrendered upon request.

‘IHR online’ This is a web-based data resource which provides information on horses in the database known as the ‘Irish Horse Register’ as maintained and administered by HSI. Animals included in this database are those entered and recorded in the studbooks maintained and administered by HSI, equines issued with breeding and production documents, equines endorsed into a HSI studbook for breeding purposes and those equines that require to be notified to the central equine database (movement notification). Information on pedigree, progeny and performance detail of horses are entered and recorded in the Irish Horse Register where relevant. The database is publicly available to breeders, registered owners, and registered users.

‘Issuing Authority’ Horse Sport Ireland is the issuing authority for the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

‘Keeper’ A person(s) or entity which is recorded in the studbook as the keeper of a horse following submission to and acceptance by the studbook of a completed form or notification including the relevant fee.

‘Main section’ The section of a studbook that caters for horses that have met all the rules for entry as outlined in the breeding programme.

‘Microchip’ An electronic device encoded with a unique 15-digit number and encased in biocompatible glass called a transponder. The transponder has no internal power source and remains passive and harmless when implanted in the animal. When a microchip scanner is passed over an animal it sends radio waves to the transponder which gives it sufficient power to transmit a unique signal back to the scanner. The scanner decodes this signal and displays the 15-digit number.

‘Operator’ Any natural or legal person having equine animals under his or her responsibility, including for a limited duration of time, but excluding veterinarians and defined in EU CIR 2021/963. Termed ‘keeper’ in previous legislation and Irish Statutory Instruments and in HSI documents.

‘Owner’ A person(s) or entity having completed an ownership declaration on the animal registration form or having completed a ‘Transfer of ownership’ form, and the form has been accepted as accurate, and the relevant fee has been paid will be recorded in the studbook as the owner of a horse.

‘Passport’ An alternative term for an equine’s identification document.

‘Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO)’ An organisation recognised by the Competent Authority to issue Identification documents for horses.

‘Preliminary Approved (PA)’ Classification awarded to a stallion entered in the main section of the studbook which has completed a selection or approval process in accordance with the rules and procedures of the studbook in force at the time and the horse has met the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 & Stage 2 selection requirements but has not met the Stage 3 requirements.

‘Preliminary Recognised (PR)’ Foreign bred performance stallions aged between 4 and 14 years old, standing outside of Ireland and are registered in the main section of a WBFSH-member studbook and meet specified performance and studbook criteria can qualify for Preliminary Recognised classification.

‘Radiology Panel’ A studbook-appointed panel of appropriately qualified radiologists which provide veterinary advise and expertise to the Studbook in respect of the interpretation of radiographs of studbook animals.

‘Recognised (REC)’ Foreign bred performance stallions standing outside of Ireland that are registered in the main section of a WBFSH-member studbook and have met specified

performance / progeny performance criteria and submit a declaration from their originating studbook stating that they have met the veterinary requirements for that studbook can qualify for Recognised classification. Recognised stallions are eligible for Star Ratings, based on their own performance or their progeny's performance in FEI disciplines.

'Registration' Process by which horses receive an Irish Sport Horse Studbook identification document and are entered into the main section or recorded in the supplementary section of the Studbook.

'Replacement Identification document' An identification document is issued where the original identification document is lost, and the identity of the animal cannot be ascertained and there is no evidence that an identification document had been issued previously by a PIO.

'Section A' Historical studbook classification.

'Section B' Historical studbook classification.

'Select (SEL)' Classification of horse entered in the main section of the studbook which has completed a Mare Selection and met the selection requirements for 'Select' classification in the studbook or has achieved a defined performance level through their own performance or the performance of progeny in FEI disciplines. Select mares are eligible for Star Ratings, based on their own performance or their progeny's performance in FEI disciplines. Geldings may also be classified as Select and are eligible for Star Ratings based on their own performance in FEI disciplines.

'Stage 1 (ST1)' Classification awarded to a stallion aged up to 14 years, entered in the main section of the studbook which has completed a selection or approval process in accordance with the rules and procedures of the studbook in force at the time and the horse has met the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 selection requirements but has not met the Stage 2 or Stage 3 requirements.

'Star Rating System' A series of graduated ratings awarded to Approved and Recognised stallions and Select mares entered in the Studbook which have achieved a defined performance level through their own performance or the performance of progeny in FEI disciplines.

'Studbook' The Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

'Supplementary Approved (SA)' A horse entered in the supplementary section of the studbook which has completed a selection or approval process in accordance with the rules and

procedures of the studbook in force at the time and the horse has met all the veterinary and selection requirements to achieve the approved standard. Supplementary Approved stallions are eligible for Star Ratings, based on their own performance or their progeny's performance in FEI disciplines.

'Supplementary Entry (SENT)' Classification of horse qualifying for entry into the supplementary section of the studbook.

'Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1)' Classification awarded to a stallion entered in the supplementary section of the studbook which has completed a selection or approval process in accordance with the rules and procedures of the studbook in force at the time and the horse has met the veterinary requirements but has not met the selection requirements.

'Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2)' Classification awarded to a stallion entered in the supplementary section of the studbook which has completed a selection or approval process in accordance with the rules and procedures of the studbook in force at the time and the horse has not met the veterinary requirements.

'Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA)' Classification awarded to a stallion entered in the supplementary section of the studbook which has completed a selection or approval process in accordance with the rules and procedures of the studbook in force at the time and the horse has met the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 & Stage 2 selection requirements but has not met the Stage 3 requirements.

'Supplementary Section (SUPP)' The section of a studbook that caters for horses eligible to entered in that studbook but that are not eligible for entry in the main section.

'Supplementary Select (SSEL)' Classification of horse entered in the supplementary section of the studbook which has completed a Mare Selection and met the selection requirements for 'Select' classification in the studbook or has achieved a defined performance level through their own performance or the performance of progeny in FEI disciplines. Supplementary Select mares are eligible for Star Ratings, based on their own performance or their progeny's performance in FEI disciplines. Geldings may also be classified as Supplementary Select and are eligible for Star Ratings based on their own performance in FEI disciplines.

'Supplementary Stage 1 (SST1)' Classification awarded to a stallion aged up to 14 years, entered in the supplementary section of the studbook which has completed a selection or approval

process in accordance with the rules and procedures of the studbook in force at the time and the horse has met the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 selection requirements but has not met the Stage 2 or Stage 3 requirements.

‘Traditional Irish Horse (TIH)’ A TIH is defined as an equine which is registered in the Main Section of the studbook and has only the following breeds recorded in their pedigree: Irish Sport Horse, Irish Draught, Thoroughbred, Connemara Pony and do not have any foreign ancestors recorded in their pedigree and have no unknown ancestors in the first two generations and all Irish Sport Horse ancestors from the second generation back with unknown/partial pedigree must have been born before 1982. Since 2017 all TIH foals registered in the studbook will have ‘Traditional Irish Horse (TIH)’ referenced on their identification documents.

‘UELN’ The Unique Equine Life Number which contains 15 digits. The first three digits of the UELN represent the country of origin (372 is the code for Ireland); the next three digits represent the registration authority (414 is the code for the Horse Sport Ireland database); with the remaining 9 digits forming the registration number used to identify the animal.

‘Veterinary Surgeon’ A qualified Veterinary Surgeon who shall not be the breeder, owner or agent of a horse to which a markings certificate, blood sample or microchip implantation relates. A Veterinary Surgeon must be listed on the Veterinary Council of Ireland database.

‘Veterinary Committee’ A studbook-appointed panel of Veterinary Surgeons which provide veterinary advice and expertise to the Studbook.

‘WBFSH’ The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.

SECTION 2 NAME OF THE BREED

The name of the breed is the Irish Sport Horse breed (ISH).

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook is the studbook of origin for this breed.

SECTION 3 AIM OF THE IRISH SPORT HORSE BREEDING PROGRAMME

The aim of the breeding programme for the Irish Sport Horse is the improvement of the breed in line with the detailed breeding objective (3.3).

3.1 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 ideal 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

Colour:

Any colour is acceptable

3.2 DETAILED BREEDING OBJECTIVE

The detailed objective of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook is:

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. There are two specific breeding directions of show jumping performance and eventing performance.

This objective can be achieved through several mechanisms, including the annual studbook mare and stallion selections. Studbook selections assess studbook animals, or animals wishing to enter the studbook, through the 37-trait linear profile and upper beam scores (see appendix 3). Studbook

breeders/owners are provided with their own results following selections in the form of their linear profile bar chart and their upper beam scores. This allows breeders to evaluate their studbook horses' qualities against any potential mating pair. The Studbook provides linear profiles of Studbook Stallions through the selection results page online and in the Stallion book.

Further to this, the studbook monitors breed performance outputs nationally and internationally and the inclusion of such detail in the IHR Online, genetic indexing projects, and through the studbook classification system. Estimates breeding values (EBV) are generated through this data, based on a horses' lifetime performance rating in show jumping. This indicates the heritability of certain traits related to show jumping and the potential of these breeding animals to pass these heritable qualities to their progeny.

The above combined data supports studbook breeder decision making toward breed improvement with an application on soundness and performance via the selection and performance information made available.

SECTION 4 GEOGRAPHICAL TERRITORIES

The breeding programme shall operate in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

SECTION 5 DIVISION OF THE STUDBOOK

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

5.1 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 a breeding book of the same breed i.e. ISH breed.
- Have a pedigree established according to the rules set out in the breeding programme

- Be identified in accordance with the Equine Passport Regulations¹ and in accordance with the rules of the studbook (See section 6 on Entry into the Studbook)
- In the case of entry into the Union of an animal, the animal shall be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate issued in accordance with the Animal Breeding Regulations²
- Where an animal is produced from a germinal product which is traded or which is entered into the Union, it must be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate in accordance with the Animal Breeding Regulations².

The main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook is divided into classes in accordance with their merits of which they meet. There are eight classes for stallions:

- Approved
- Preliminary Approved (PA)
- Stage 1 (ST1)
- Recognised
- Preliminary Recognised (PR)
- Not Approved 1 (NA1)
- Not Approved 2 (NA2)
- Entry (ENT)

There are four classes for mares and geldings:

¹ **COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/963 of 10 June 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429, (EU) 2016/1012 and (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the identification and registration of equine animals and establishing model identification documents for those animals**

² **COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/1012 of 8 June 2016 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof and amending Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Council Directives 89/608/EEC and 90/425/EEC and repealing certain acts in the area of animal breeding ('Animal Breeding Regulation')**

- Section A (Historical Classifications)
- Section B (Historical Classifications)
- Select
- Entry

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

- Section A (Historical Classifications)
- Section B (Historical Classifications)
- Entry

All animals remain in the 'Entry' Class of the breeding book unless they meet the criteria and procedures which require a purebred breeding animal to undergo assessment or meet equivalent criteria as described in the breeding programme.

5.1.1 STALLION CLASSES

5.1.1.1 APPROVED

Stallions entering this class must meet the following criteria:

1. Have been classified as Approved in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook prior to 2010;
OR
2. a) Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
AND
b) Meet the veterinary requirements and meet the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 stallion selection requirements outlined in section 7.1.

Irish Sport Horse stallions entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and classified as Preliminary Approved (PA), Stage 1 (ST1) or Not Approved 1 (NA1) can be upgraded to Approved, providing they meet the following criteria:

1. Have been presented for linear profiling;
AND
2. Have met the veterinary requirements;

AND

3. Meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - a) 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

- b) 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.

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.

Stallions classified as Approved are eligible to be awarded additional merits (i.e. star ratings) in accordance to the Horse Sport Ireland's Star Rating System (see Appendix 2).

5.1.1.2 PRELIMINARY APPROVED (PA)

Irish Sport Horse stallions that do not qualify for Approved status but meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

1. Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are aged between 4 and 14 years old;

AND

2. a) Meet the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 and Stage 2 selection requirements outlined in section 7.1;

OR

- b) Have met the Stage 1 selection requirements outlined in section 7.1 and finished in the top 3 places in the 6 or 7-year-old DAFM Studbook Series Show jumping or Eventing 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 14 years on the basis of their own performance and/or their progeny performance as

outlined under Stage 3 in section 7.1. 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 and/or progeny performance by the age of 14 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 review.

5.1.1.3 STAGE 1 (ST1)

Irish Sport Horse stallions that do not qualify for Approved status but meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

1. Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are aged between 4 and 14 years old;

AND

2. a) Meet the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 selection requirements outlined in section 7.1.

Stage 1 (ST1) stallions will have their classification reviewed annually between the ages of 6 to 14 years on the basis of their own performance and/or their progeny performance as outlined under Stage 3 in section 7.1. 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 and/or progeny performance by the age of 14 years will be classified as Not Approved 1 (NA1). Stage 1 (ST1) stallions may be required to undergo a further veterinary examination in conjunction with their classification review.

5.1.1.4 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 Sport Horse Studbook prior to 2010

OR

- Irish Sport Horse stallions that do not qualify for Approved status, Preliminary Approved (PA) or Stage 1 (ST1) status are classified in this class provided they meet the following criteria:
 - Are presented for linear scoring;

- Meet the veterinary requirements.

5.1.1.5 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 Sport Horse Studbook prior to 2010

OR

- Irish Sport Horse stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements following selection as outlined in section 7.1.

5.1.1.6 ENTRY

Stallions are entered in this class providing they meet the criteria for entering the breeding book (Section 5.1) and have not been presented for classification as a stallion.

5.1.2 MARE AND GELDING CLASSES

5.1.2.1 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.

5.1.2.2 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.

5.1.2.3 SELECT

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

- Are a minimum of three years of age and have been named and meet the veterinary requirements and the selection requirements outlined in section 7.2.

OR

- Are a minimum of three years of age and have been named 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 show jumping, eventing or dressage (through their own or progeny performance) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System (see Appendix 2).

Mares and geldings classified in the Select class are eligible to be awarded additional merits (i.e. star ratings) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System.

5.1.2.4 ENTRY

- Irish Sport Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class provided they meet the requirement for entry into the breeding book and have not been presented for the official studbook selection

OR

have been presented for the official studbook selection but did not meet the veterinary and/or selection requirements outlined in section 7.2.

5.1.3 FOAL CLASSES

5.1.3.1 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.

5.1.3.2 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.

5.1.3.3 ENTRY

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

- Qualify for entry in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

5.2 SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

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

- Are identified in accordance with the Equine Passport Regulations and in accordance with the rules of the breeding programme (See section 6 on Entry into the Studbook);
 - Are judged to conform to the characteristics of the breed through assessment at selection
- OR**
- through sport results proving their capability to succeed in FEI disciplines,
 - and meet the minimum performance as laid down in the studbook rules **which are:**

- o Have no or partial breeding, for automatic entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and have either passed studbook selection or have met the criteria to achieve a 1* rating in show jumping, eventing or dressage (through their own or progeny performance) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System (see Appendix 2);

OR

- o Are by a stallion entered as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA), Recognised, Preliminary Approved (PA), Preliminary Recognised (PR) or recorded as Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) and are out of a dam who is entered in a studbook as listed in the ISH cross breeding programme.

OR

- o Have a dam that is recorded in the supplementary section of the ISH studbook and is not by a stallion entered as Approved, Supplementary Approved (SA), Recognised, Preliminary Approved (PA), Preliminary Recognised (PR) or recorded as Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA).

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

There are five classes for stallions:

- Supplementary Approved (SA)
- Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA)
- Supplementary Stage 1 (SST1)
- 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

5.2.1 STALLION CLASSES

5.2.1.1 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROVED (SA)

Stallions that meet the following criteria are recorded in this class:

- Stallions that were classified as Supplementary Approved (SA) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook prior to 2010;

OR

- Stallions that:
 - Meet the veterinary requirements and have passed stages 1, 2 and 3 of the official stallion selection outlined in section 7.1.

OR

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

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 (see Appendix 2).

5.2.1.2 SUPPLEMENTARY PRELIMINARY APPROVED (SPA)

Stallions that meet the following criteria are recorded in this class:

- Are aged between 4 and 14 years;

- Meet the veterinary requirements and meet the Stage 1 and Stage 2 selection requirements outlined in section 7.1;
- Have not met the performance/progeny performance requirements of Stage 3 outlined in section 7.1.

Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) stallions will have their classification reviewed annually between the ages of 6 to 14 years. 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 14 years will be recorded as Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1). Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) stallions may be required to undergo a further veterinary examination in conjunction with their classification review.

5.2.1.3 SUPPLEMENTARY STAGE 1 (SST1)

Stallions that meet the following criteria are recorded in this class:

- Are aged between 4 and 14 years;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and meet the Stage 1 selection requirements outlined in section 7.1;
- Have not met the performance/progeny performance requirements of Stage 2 or Stage 3 outlined in section 7.1.

Supplementary Stage 1 (SST1) stallions will have their classification reviewed annually between the ages of 6 to 14 years. 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 14 years will be recorded as Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1). Supplementary Stage 1 (SST1) stallions may be required to undergo a further veterinary examination in conjunction with their classification review.

5.2.1.4 SUPPLEMENTARY NOT APPROVED 1 (SNA1)

Stallions that meet the following criteria are recorded in this class:

- Were recorded as Supplementary 1 (U1) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook prior to 2010;

OR

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

5.2.1.5 SUPPLEMENTARY NOT APPROVED 2 (SNA2)

Stallions that meet the following criteria are recorded in this class:

- Were recorded as Supplementary 2 (U2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook prior to 2010

OR

- Are presented for linear scoring and
- have not met the veterinary requirements.

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

5.2.2 MARE AND GELDING CLASSES

5.2.2.1 SUPPLEMENTARY

Mares and geldings are recorded in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were recorded in the 'Supplementary' class in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook prior to March 2011.

5.2.2.2 SUPPLEMENTARY SELECT

Mares and geldings are recorded in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are a minimum of three years of age and have met the all selection and veterinary requirements outlined in section 7.2.

OR

- Have met the criteria to achieve a 3* rating in show jumping, eventing or dressage (through their own or progeny performance) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System (see Appendix 2).

5.2.2.3 SUPPLEMENTARY ENTRY

Mares and geldings that meet the following criteria are recorded in this class:

- Have met the criteria for entry as outlined in Section 5.2.

OR

- Have met the criteria to achieve a 1* rating in show jumping, eventing or dressage (through their own or progeny performance) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System (see Appendix 2).

Mares and geldings must be named in order to be eligible for recording in the Supplementary Section of the Studbook.

5.2.3 FOAL CLASSES

5.2.3.1 SUPPLEMENTARY

Foals are recorded in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were recorded in the 'Supplementary' class in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook prior to March 2011.

5.2.3.2 SUPPLEMENTARY ENTRY

Foals are recorded in this class providing they qualify for recording into the supplementary section in accordance to section 5.2.

5.2.4 UPGRADING OF PROGENY FROM THE SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

The progeny of dams that are recorded into 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 entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook or recorded as Supplementary Approved (SA) or Supplementary Preliminary Approved (SPA) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

5.3 CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME

The ISH breeding programme carries out a cross-breeding programme (appendix 1). Animals that are entered in the main section of the Studbooks listed in Appendix 1, with established pedigree, are eligible to enter the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the class that corresponds to their merits to take part in the cross-breeding programme, under the conditions outlined below for

the following breeds: Irish Draught Horse, Connemara Pony, Thoroughbred, Irish Sport Pony and studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) at the time of application. Animals that are recorded in the supplementary section of the Studbooks listed in Appendix 1 are eligible to be recorded in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook to take part in the cross-breeding programme.

Ponies that are entered and registered in the main section of the following studbooks: Belgian Riding Pony (BWPRP), British Riding Pony (BRP), British Spotted Pony Society (BSPS), Coloured Horse and Pony Society (CHPS), German Riding Pony (DR), Nederlands Rijpaarden en Pony Stamboek (NRPS), Poney Francais de Selle (PSF), Sports Pony Society Studbook (SPSS) studbooks are eligible for the cross-breeding programme.

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

5.3.1 IRISH DRAUGHT STALLIONS

Irish Draught stallions classified as 'RID' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland prior to 2020 will be classified as Approved (APP) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

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. If the Irish Draught horse stallion meets the following criteria, they will be classified as 'Approved' in the Irish Sport Horse studbook. The below are equivalent to the Irish Draught Horse Studbook merits of Gold or Silver based on achievements in show jumping, eventing or dressage:

- *Show Jumping:* A stallion that achieves four double clear rounds under SJI rules at 1.20m in classes with a minimum of ten entries **Or** produces three progeny that each achieve two double clear rounds at 1.20m in classes with a minimum of ten entries;
- *Eventing:* A stallion that has completed three events at CNC* level or above with a clear round show jumping 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 show jumping 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 show jumping 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 show jumping 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.

Irish Draught stallions classified in Class 3 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook will be classified as Not Approved 2 (NA2) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Irish Draught stallions classified in Class 4 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook will be classified as Entry in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Irish Draught Horses that are entered in an Irish Draught Horse Studbook outside of Ireland may be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the class whose criteria they meet.

5.3.2 FOREIGN BRED SPORT HORSE STALLIONS

Stallions that are entered in the main section of studbooks which are approved /listed in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and 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 on submission of a DNA profile and zootechnical certificate under the following conditions:

5.3.2.1 FOREIGN BRED SPORT HORSE STALLIONS STANDING IN IRELAND

Foreign bred sport horse stallions will undergo the same selection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 7.1. Following selection foreign bred stallions will be classified in the same manner as Irish Sport Horse stallions as described in section 5.1.1.

5.3.2.1.1 FOREIGN BRED STALLIONS STANDING ABROAD

5.3.2.1.1.1 RECOGNISED

Foreign bred performance stallions standing outside of Ireland that are entered in the main section of a studbook which is approved /listed in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and 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 provide evidence from their originating studbook stating that they are named in their originating studbook and that they have met the veterinary requirements for stallion classification in that studbook:

- Have finished in the top 10 (individual or team (with a counted score)) at the Olympic Games OR World Championships OR European Championships (in Show jumping, Eventing or Dressage) and are approved in a studbook that is a full member of the WBFSH;

OR

- Have competed successfully in show jumping at Grand Prix CSI3* (i.e. placed or achieved a double clear round) or Nations Cup (i.e. placed with a counted score or a double clear round) at CSIO-EEF3* OR placed inside the Top 10 or jumped double clear in a two phase competition of a height of at least 1.50m (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, DSP - Deutsches Sportpferd, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes, Zangersheide or Westphalian Studbook;

OR

- Have at least two progeny that have competed successfully in show jumping at Grand Prix CSI3* (i.e. placed or achieved a double clear round) or Nations Cup (i.e. placed with a counted score or double clear round) at CSIO-EEF3* OR placed inside the Top 10 or jumped double clear in a two phase competition of a height of at least 1.50m (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, DSP - Deutsches Sportpferd, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes or Westphalian Studbook.

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 (see Appendix 2).

If a Recognised stallion stands in Ireland, he will be classified in the 'Entry' class and will be invited to undergo the same selection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 7.1.

5.3.2.1.1.2 PRELIMINARY RECOGNISED

Foreign bred performance stallions aged between 4 and 14 years old, standing outside of Ireland that do not meet the criteria for classification in the Recognised class and are entered in the main section of a studbook which is approved /listed in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and 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:

1. Have been classified in the top section of the following studbook: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood,

Danish Warmblood, DSP - Deutsches Sportpferd, Verband der züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes, Zangersheide or Westphalian Studbook;

AND

2. Have been placed 1st-3rd in either the final of the national championship for show jumping 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 14 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 14 years will be classified in the Entry class.

If a Preliminary Recognised (PR) stallion stands in Ireland, he will be classified in the 'Entry' class and will be invited to undergo the same selection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 7.1.

5.3.2.1.1.3 ENTRY

Stallions that are entered in the main section of studbooks which are approved /listed in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and 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:

1. Have established studbook pedigree;

AND

2. Have not been selected for classification as a stallion in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

AND

3. Stallions must be named in their originating studbook in order to be classified in a stallion class in the Main Section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook

5.3.3 THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS

Thoroughbred stallions are eligible for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook on submission of a DNA profile and zootechnical certificate providing they meet one of the following criteria:

5.3.3.1 THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS STANDING IN IRELAND

Thoroughbred stallions standing in Ireland may seek approval through either the selection or Timeform process as follows:

5.3.3.1.1 SELECTION PROCESS FOR THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS STANDING IN IRELAND

Thoroughbred stallions may be presented for Stage 1 selection as outlined in section 7.1.

Thoroughbred stallions that are presented for Stage 1 selection will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and selection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the selection 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).

5.3.3.1.2 TIMEFORM PROCESS FOR THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS STANDING IN IRELAND

Thoroughbred stallions that have not been previously classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and that have a Timeform rating of 105 or over can be classified as Approved upon completion of a linear profile and submission of an ITBA wind soundness certificate or equivalent submitted by a Veterinary Surgeon on the HSI veterinary panel and submission of clean 'EVA', 'EIA' and 'CEM' certificates and payment of the prescribed fee.

5.3.3.2 THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS STANDING ABROAD

5.3.3.2.1 RECOGNISED

Thoroughbred stallions standing outside of Ireland can be classified as Recognised in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they meet the following criteria and provide evidence that they have met the veterinary requirements for stallion classification in that studbook:

- Have finished in the top 10 (individual or team (with a counted score)) at the Olympic Games OR World Championships OR European Championships (in Show jumping, Eventing or Dressage) and are approved in a studbook which is approved /listed in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and is a full member of the WBFSH;

OR

- Have competed successfully in show jumping at Grand Prix CSI3* (i.e. placed or achieved a double clear round) or Nations Cup (i.e. placed with a counted score or a double clear round) at CSIO-EEF3* OR placed inside the Top 10 or jumped double clear in a two phase competition of a height of at least 1.50m (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, DSP - Deutsches Sportpferd, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes, Zangersheide or Westphalian Studbook;

OR

- Have at least two progeny that have competed successfully in show jumping at Grand Prix CSI3* (i.e. placed or achieved a double clear round) or Nations Cup (i.e. placed with a counted score or double clear round) at CSIO-EEF3* OR placed inside the Top 10 or jumped double clear in a two phase competition of a height of at least 1.50m (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, DSP - Deutsches Sportpferd, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes or Westphalian Studbook.

5.3.3.2.2 PRELIMINARY RECOGNISED

Thoroughbred stallions aged between 4 and 14 years old, standing outside of Ireland that do not meet the criteria for classification in the Recognised class and are approved by a studbook which is approved /listed in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and 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:

1. 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, DSP - Deutsches Sportpferd, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes, Zangersheide or Westphalian Studbook

AND

2. Have been placed 1st-6th in either the final of the national championship for show jumping or eventing in the country of origin of the relevant studbook or in the final of the WBFSH Young Horse Championships.

5.3.3.2.3 ENTRY

Thoroughbred stallions that have not been previously classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook 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.

5.3.4 IRISH SPORT PONY STALLIONS

Irish Sport Pony stallions that are classified as Approved, Approved Over Height or Preliminary Approved in the main section of the Irish Sport 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.

Other Irish Sport Pony stallions in the main section of the Irish Sport Pony Studbook in Ireland are eligible for classification in the 'Entry' class. Such stallions are eligible for selection and can be presented for Stage 1 selection outlined in section 7.1 and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and selection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the selection 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).

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

5.3.5 CONNEMARA PONY AND OTHER PONY BREED 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 stallions that are not classified as Class 1 in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook and stallions registered in other pony studbooks eligible as listed in Appendix 1 for the cross-breeding programme are eligible for classification in the 'Entry' class. Such stallions are eligible for selection and can be presented for Stage 1 selection outlined in section 7.1 and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and selection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the selection 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).

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

5.3.6 FULL ARAB/ANGLO ARAB/SHAGYA ARAB/PART-BRED ARAB STALLIONS:

Arab stallions that are entered in the main section with an official Arab Society are eligible to be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallions must be named with their originating studbook.

Arab/Anglo Arab/Shagya Arab/Part-bred Arab stallions are eligible for classification in the Entry class in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallions are eligible for Stage 1 selection as outlined in section 7.1. Stallions that are presented for Stage 1 selection will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and selection requirements are eligible for classification as Approved;
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the selection 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).

5.3.7 OTHER STALLIONS ENTERED OR RECORDED IN OTHER STUDBOOKS LISTED IN THE CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME

Other stallion breeds not referred to above and listed in Appendix 1 that are entered in main section or recorded in the supplementary section of studbooks and which are named with their originating studbook are eligible for classification in the Entry or Supplementary Entry class, as appropriate.

Such stallions are eligible for studbook selection and will undergo the same selection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 7.1. Following selection stallions will be classified in the same manner as Irish Sport Horse stallions as described in section 5.1.1 or section 5.2.1.

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:

1. Have been presented for linear profiling;

AND

2. Have met the veterinary requirements for stallion classification;

AND

3. Meet at least one of the following performance criteria:

- a) 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

- b) 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.

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.

5.3.8 IRISH DRAUGHT MARES

Irish Draught mares classified as 'RID' or 'Class 1' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland, Canada, Great Britain or North America will be classified as Entry in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Irish Draught mares classified as 'ID' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland and entered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as either 'Section A' or 'Section B' prior to March 2011 will retain this classification.

Irish Draught mares classified as 'Class 2', 'Class 3' or 'Class 4' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook will be classified as Entry in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Irish Draught Horses that are entered 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.

5.3.9 FOREIGN BRED SPORT HORSE MARES

Mares that are entered in the main section of studbooks which are approved /listed in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and 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 selection in their originating studbook will be classified in the Select class. Mares that have not passed or have not been presented an official studbook selection in their originating studbook will be classified in the Entry class and will be eligible for selection for classification in the Select class.

5.3.10 THOROUGHBRED MARES

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 selection for classification in the Select class.

5.3.11 IRISH SPORT PONY MARES AND OTHER PONY MARES

Irish Sport Pony mares that are classified as Select, Select Over Height or Preliminary Select in the main section of the Irish Sport Pony Studbook in Ireland are eligible to be classified as Select in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such mares must be named with their originating studbook.

Irish Sport Pony mares that are entered in other classes in the main section of the Irish Sport Pony Studbook will be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the Entry class.

Other pony studbook mares are eligible for classification, as part of the cross-breeding programme, in a class whose criteria they meet, in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

5.3.12 CONNEMARA PONY MARES

Mares classified in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook are eligible for the cross-breeding programme are eligible for classification, in a class whose criteria they meet, in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

5.3.13 FULL ARAB/ANGLO ARAB/SHAGYA ARAB/PART-BRED ARAB MARES

Full Arab/Anglo Arab/Shagya Arab/Part-bred Arab mares that are entered 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.

5.3.14 MARES ENTERED OR RECORDED IN OTHER STUDBOOKS LISTED IN THE CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME

Mares that are entered in main section or recorded in the supplementary section of studbooks listed in Appendix 1 and which are named are eligible for classification in the Entry or Supplementary Entry class, as appropriate. Such mares are eligible for studbook selection and will undergo the same selection process as Irish Sport Horse mares as outlined in section 7.2.

SECTION 6 SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING IRISH SPORT HORSES AND RECORDING PEDIGREES

This section details the required procedures for Registering equines in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Irish Sport Horse identification documents must be returned to the issuing authority when, a transfer of ownership is to be recorded, the animal to which it refers dies or is destroyed, or the owner / keeper is requested to do so by the issuing authority.

6.1 REGISTERING OF FOALS

6.1.1. REGISTERING A FOAL WITH FULL BREEDING RECORDED (SIRE AND DAM RECORDED):

6.1.1.1. Initiation of process:

- Once a mare is covered by a stallion entered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook a completed covering certificate should be submitted by the stallion owner to Horse Sport Ireland.

OR

- The Mare owner can initiate the process by providing a Mare Declaration to Horse Sport Ireland.

OR

- The owner of offspring from germinal products (e.g. embryos, oocytes from donor females, semen from fertilising sires) can initiate the process by contacting HSI and providing a zootechnical certificate for the embryo or an embryo transfer certificate and

a zootechnical certificate, for both the donor male and the donor female where relevant if either are entered in another studbook.

OR

- From June 2024 the mare owner/keeper/breeder submits a foal registration application once the foal is born. In the case of germinal products the owner/keeper/breeder of the surrogate mare.

On receipt of the relevant documentation outlined above, a foal kit (which includes an HSI marking chart with the sire and dam recorded on it, a DNA kit and an explanatory note) is issued to the breeder in the year of foaling. Foal kits may be supplied to the keeper of the foal, if different to the breeder, only when written instructions to this effect have been received by HSI from the breeder.

- 6.1.1.2 The breeder should arrange to have the foal marked by a veterinary surgeon when the foal is between 8 days and 1 month old. The veterinary surgeon is also required to microchip the foal with transponder issued by a PIO approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, record the microchip number on the marking chart and take a sample of the foal's hair for the DNA kit. In certain cases, dam and or sire hair samples may be required. This may vary in other jurisdictions depending on national legislation for Equine Identification in place.
- 6.1.1.3 The keeper should complete the necessary declarations on the form and send the completed marking chart with the appropriate fee to Horse Sport Ireland. The keeper may also name the foal for an additional fee.
- 6.1.1.4 The keeper should send the DNA kit to the Horse Sport Ireland (not the DNA laboratory). DNA is also required for germinal products and for sires and dams breeding through Embryo Transfer (ET), Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) and other artificial methods.
- 6.1.1.5 On receipt of the completed marking chart, a covering certificate from the Stallion owner, registration fee and confirmation of pedigree from the DNA Laboratory, Horse Sport Ireland will process the registration, issue the identification document to the applicant and enter the foal in the appropriate section of the studbook. A zootechnical certificate shall also be provided in respect of purebred animals entered in the main section of the studbook . Where animals are recorded into the supplementary section, pedigree information in a supplementary section certificate is recorded in the non-statutory section of the passport.

6.1.1.6 Where in extenuating circumstances, the sire's specific genetic markers (DNA profile) is unattainable or being withheld by the stallion owner/agent/controller, the Head of Breeding, Innovation and Development of HSI reserves all rights related to the issuance of an identification document to the respective progeny, subject to the submission of a covering certificate and receipt of the progeny's specific genetic markers (DNA profile). Such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis by Head of Breeding, Innovation and Development of HSI with the sole objective of discharging the functions of a studbook.

6.2 REGISTRATION OF OTHER HORSES:

The procedures for registering yearlings and older horses with sire and dam recorded are the same as the process described in section 6.1 except the horse is not identified as a foal at foot, the owner of the animal must contact HSI in order to request a DNA kit and the DNA sample should be returned to HSI rather than the DNA Laboratory.

In certain circumstances where it is not possible for the keeper/owner of a horse to obtain a covering certificate for an animal, an identification document may be issued with recorded pedigree where the horse is identified by DNA analysis at the discretion of the Head of Breeding, Innovation and Development of HSI. The derogation to enter purebred breeding animals by identification based on DNA analysis has been authorised by the competent authority.

6.2.1 REGISTERING A HORSE WITH PARTIAL BREEDING RECORDED

Horses with partial breeding (sire or dam only) that have not been entered in another Studbook and have been judged to conform to the characteristics of the breed as outlined in section 6 may be registered and recorded in the supplementary entry section of the studbook where they meet the relevant criteria (see section 5.2) with partial breeding recorded (sire or dam only recorded).

6.1.2.1 If the dam is the only parent known the owner can complete a declaration indicating that the dam of the selected horse is known, and the sire of the horse is unknown. Horse Sport Ireland will send a foal kit to the owner. The foal kit includes an HSI marking chart with the dam recorded on it, a DNA kit for the foal and dam (if required), and an explanatory note. The procedure outlined above in section 6.1.1.2 to section 6.1.1.5 is then followed.

6.1.2.2 If the sire is the only parent known, the owner should contact the owner of the stallion to provide a covering certificate to Horse Sport Ireland stating that the stallion covered a

breeding and production mare whose identity could not be established by them. The horse owner must also contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a foal kit (which includes an HSI marking chart with the sire recorded on it, a DNA kit and an explanatory note). The procedure outlined above in section 6.1.1.2 to section 6.1.1.5 is then followed.

6.2.2 UPGRADING OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Breeding and production horses with no known breeding that have not been entered in another Studbook and have been judged to conform to the characteristics of the breed as outlined in section 6.2 may be registered and recorded in the supplementary entry section of the studbook where they meet the relevant criteria (see section 5.2) with no breeding recorded.

6.3 REGISTRATION OF CLONES

The registration of clones is permitted in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such animals will follow the same procedures regarding registration and entering the Studbook and selection/classification as other animals registered and entered in the Studbook. The identification documents of cloned animals will clearly state that the animal is a clone by the suffixing of their name with the term (CLONE).

6.4 SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING ANIMALS IN THE STUDBOOK

6.4.1 IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS USED IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

All animals registered in the Irish sport horse studbook are uniquely 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 Sport Horse Studbook are 372 which is the code for Ireland; the next three digits are 414 which is the code for the Horse Sport Ireland database, their identification document and their e-passport (where relevant) and the remaining 9 digits form the registration number used to identify the animal in the Horse Sport Ireland database.

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

6.4.2 NAMES USED IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

Horses can be named from birth. To (re)name a horse, the owner must send in the identification document that the horse was issued as a foal, along with a choice of four names for the horse and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. There is no duplication of names of horses registered in the Horse Sport Ireland database. All horses registered as yearlings or older must be named at the time of registration. If the owner's choices of names for the horse have already been taken Horse Sport Ireland may contact the owner to agree upon a different name that has not yet been used. Horse Sport Ireland will then send the identification document back to the owner/keeper/nominated party with the name of the horse recorded on it.

Intended names will be checked against a number of criteria, and any other matters considered relevant, and the following exclusions will apply: names including prefix should be no more than 30 characters including spaces; names should not be too similar to another animal's name; no brand or company names are allowed; names of people living or dead are not allowed; vulgar or obscene words are also excluded as are words that may be offensive to religious, political or ethnic groups. Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to refuse to register any name for any reason if deemed undesirable and reserves the right to cancel any animal's registered name for any reason if deemed necessary.

6.4.3 PREFIX REGISTRATION

Breeders and owners can register a prefix with the Irish Sport Horse Studbook upon application and subject to the prescribed fee. Prefixes are subject to the rules of naming as outlined in section 6.4.2.

Unless an owner has registered a prefix formally with Horse Sport Ireland, there is no protection from other breeders using the same or similar identifiers in front of horse's names. Further other studbooks may have similar prefixes already in use.

The benefits of owning a prefix include:

- A breeder prefix cannot be used by another breeder/owner within the HSI studbooks unless written consent is given by the prefix owner.
- An animal that has been named with a prefix cannot have its prefix removed/changed without the written consent of the prefix owner.
- Owners are made aware of the FEI General Regulations prior to purchasing a prefix as follows:

HSI, as the National Federation in Ireland, is obliged to follow the FEI regulations on naming and cannot refuse to change a name when registering a horse with the FEI on the grounds that the horse is registered with a prefix in the IHR.

The FEI General Regulations outline the rules for naming horses registered with the FEI in Article 138 'Names of Horses'.

- 1. In principle, the first registered name of a Horse entered in the passport shall be the original name under which it was originally registered by its studbook/NF, and this name must remain permanently in the passport.*
- 2. The first registered name may not be the name of a commercial company or product. If this name is considered to be the name of a commercial company or product, a new first registered name must be entered and remain permanently in the passport.*
- 3. A commercial prefix or suffix may be added to the name mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 above and must be entered in the passport. However, at Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC, such prefix or suffix cannot appear in a programme or be used in any other way.*
- 4. If a new first name shall be used and entered in the passport and/or the commercial prefix/suffix be changed, the Horse must carry the new name and/or the new prefix/suffix for the next twelve (12) months as follows: new name and/or new prefix/suffix ex previous name/prefix/ suffix (see VRs)."*

6.4.4 MICROCHIPS USED IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

All horses registered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook are required to be microchipped with a transponder (microchip) issued by a PIO and implanted by a veterinary surgeon as part of the registration process. Microchips issued to veterinary surgeons by Horse Sport Ireland contain the last nine digits of the UELN. This number is documented by the veterinary surgeon on the marking chart, recorded in Horse Sport Ireland's database and printed on the horse's identification document and entered on the horse's e-passport. Microchips must comply with ISO standard 11784. Only microchips supplied by a PIO approved by DAFM are permitted to be implanted in horses identified in Ireland. Microchips can only be implanted in horses by veterinary surgeons. Veterinary surgeons are required to take all appropriate measures to ensure that a horse has not been microchipped previously.

6.4.5 MARKING CHARTS USED IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

All horses registered in the Irish Cob Studbook are required to have a marking chart completed by a veterinary surgeon as part of the registration process. Marking charts are supplied to mare owners or vets as part of a HSI foaling kit. Markings are documented by the veterinary surgeon on the marking chart, recorded in Horse Sport Ireland's database and printed on the horse's identification document and digitally on the e-passport.

6.4.6 DNA VERIFICATION OF PEDIGREE IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

All horses registered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as required to undergo DNA verification of parentage as part of the registration process. A DNA kit and an explanatory note are issued to the owner as part of a foal kit. The veterinary surgeon marking a foal will take a sample of the foal's hair for the DNA kit in some cases a dam hair sample may be required. The owner should send the DNA kit Horse Sport Ireland (not the DNA Laboratory). For yearlings and older horses, the DNA sample should also be returned to HSI rather than the DNA Laboratory. Confirmation of pedigree from the DNA Laboratory is required for Horse Sport Ireland to issue the identification document.

The HSI-appointed DNA analysis and storage laboratory is currently Weatherbys Scientific, Unit F1, M7 Business Park, Newhall, Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland. W91 VX86. Information on DNA profiles is recorded in Horse Sport Ireland's database.

6.5 SYSTEM OF RECORDING PEDIGREE

Pedigrees of horses entered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook are recorded in Horse Sport Ireland's electronic database. For each horse entered on the database, the following information is recorded where applicable: name of the horse, UELN, studbook of registration, date and country of birth, parents and known ancestors, sex, microchip number, DNA profile details, markings, human consumption status, name and contact details of breeder, name and contact details of keeper, name and contact details of owner, name and contact details of agent, section and class of the studbook, classification in other studbooks managed by HSI, insemination or covering information, links to performance results, details including date of death, slaughter or export, other relevant information to the registration process.

The database complies with all the requirements of Animal Identification and Movement database maintained by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

6.5.1 IHR ONLINE

IHR online is a web-based data resource of animals entered or recorded in the HSI database and includes animals entered in HSI studbooks. It provides information on the pedigree, progeny, and performance information to breeders. The classification of horses following selection is also provided to enable breeders to make informed breeding decisions. See Section 1.2 for full definition of IHR.

6.6 PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING ANIMALS UNDER THE CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME (ENDORSEMENT)

6.6.1 ENDORSING IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR MARES FOALING IN IRELAND FOR INCLUSION IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME:

Horse Sport Ireland will endorse the identification documents of mares eligible for the Irish Sport Horse Cross-Breeding programme (see section 5.1.2). Owners must send the mare's identification document and zootechnical certificate which must include a completed marking chart (or contain a microchip number) and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. If eligible, Horse Sport Ireland will enter/record the details of the mare into the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and will return the identification document to the owner. Details of the entry into the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Cross-Breeding Programme may be entered on the "Other Breeding Society Registrations" page of the mare's identification document, if available.

6.6.2 ENDORSING IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR STALLIONS STANDING IN IRELAND FOR INCLUSION IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME:

Horse Sport Ireland will endorse identification documents for stallions standing in Ireland that are eligible for inclusion in the cross-breeding programme. Owners must send the stallion's identification document and zootechnical certificate, which must include a completed marking chart, and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. The stallion must also be named with its studbook of origin. Horse Sport Ireland will record the details of the stallion and will return the identification document to the owner. Details of the entry into the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Cross-Breeding Programme may be entered on the "Other Breeding Society Registrations" page of the stallion's identification document, if available.

6.6.3 ENTERING DONOR MALES AND FEMALES OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME:

Horse Sport Ireland will enter into the Studbook donor males and donor females that are eligible for inclusion in the cross-breeding programme. Owners of the offspring resulting from the purchase of germinal products must send in the appropriate zootechnical certificates, which must include a completed marking chart, and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Additional administration fees may apply in cases where incomplete documentation is submitted. The fertilising male and/or donor female must also be named with its studbook of origin. Details of stallions eligible for the cross-breeding programme (Appendix 1) and standing outside of Ireland may also be included in the Studbook, database and publications for breeder information and progeny evaluation purposes. Fertilising males and donor females are not required to meet any additional performance testing or genetic evaluation criteria in addition to the eligibility criteria for the cross-breeding programme.

6.7 COVERING CERTIFICATES

HSI provides a facility to participating stallion owners to record stallion online covering certificates using a secure login facility to the HSI website at <https://breeding.horsesportireland.ie/Person/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fCovering%2fCoverings.aspx>.

As an alternative, a book of covering certificates can be issued to stallions that are entered or recorded in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook 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 issued with covering certificates can request covering certificates by applying directly to HSI.

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

- Record full details of all coverings to mares entered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
- Submit the Certificates of all mares covered by the stallion by 1st October in the year of covering;
- Return a Covering Book to HSI upon request;
- Notify HSI of the death of the stallion.
- In cases where a mare is inseminated using Artificial Insemination techniques, a veterinary declaration of insemination identifying the stallion and the mare and showing the date of

insemination may be accepted in place of a covering certificate. A zootechnical certificate must be provided where the donor is entered in another breeding book.

In cases involving *in vitro* derived embryos, the zootechnical certificate relating to the embryo may be accepted in place of a covering certificate.

Agents of stallions must register with the Irish Sport Horse Studbook for each stallion in order to be an authorised signature for covering certificates. An 'Application for agents to declare covering certificates' form is available from the Horse Sport Ireland Registration Unit.

In cases where germinal products (for example, semen, oocytes or embryos) have been traded, zootechnical certificates and proof of purchase may comprise the covering certificate.

In certain circumstances where it is not possible for the owner of a horse to obtain a covering certificate for an animal an identification document may be issued with recorded pedigree based on DNA analysis at the discretion of the Head of Breeding, Innovation and Development of HSI.

6.8 MARE DECLARATIONS

A mare owner may complete an online Mare Declarations by recording the details of a covering between their mare and the covering stallion. By submitting a mare declaration, the mare owner will receive the foaling kit in time. Any issues that might delay the process can also be resolved using mare declarations online. Should a change of ownership be needed for your mare, this can be requested when submitting your mare declaration.

6.9 SUBMISSION OF ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATES FOR GERMINAL PRODUCTS

An owner may declare an embryo by submitting a zootechnical certificate for germinal products (if they are registered in a different studbook), prior to the birth of the resulting foal. By submitting the zootechnical certificate(s) in advance, the owner will receive the foaling kit in time. Any issues that might delay the process can also be resolved.

6.10 PROCEDURE FOR THE PROVISION OF DUPLICATE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

If the identification document is lost, the loss should be reported immediately to the Issuing Authority and the procedure to obtain a duplicate identification document should be initiated.

Duplicate identification documents will be issued in accordance with Article 25 of Commission Regulation (EC No 2021/963) laying down rules pursuant to Council Regulations 2016/429, 2016/1012 and 2019/6 as regards the methods for the identification of Equidae.

Where an identification document is lost, stolen or destroyed and the identity of the animal can be established the owner can apply to HSI for a duplicate identification document. The following is required to issue a duplicate identification document:

- A signed declaration from the owner recorded on the database confirming that the initial identification document was lost. 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 duplicate identification document issued to the applicant.
- The prescribed fee;
- A new set of markings must be taken by a veterinary surgeon and the animal must be microchipped if a microchip is not already present;
- In certain circumstances the Studbook may require that DNA confirmation of the animal's identity is required.

6.11 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

Transfer of ownerships will be conducted in accordance with S.I. 201 of 2016.

When an animal transfers ownership, the new owner is legally obliged within 30 days of purchase, to return the identification document and the appropriate fee to the issuing authority with his/her contact details and a completed Transfer of Ownership form. HSI will record the new owner's details in their database and return the identification document to the new owner.

The identification document is issued as an identifying document of the equine and is not a certificate of legal ownership and should not be construed as such. The identification document remains the property of the studbook and must be surrendered to the studbook upon request.

If the identification document / Identity document is lost, the loss should be reported immediately to the Issuing Authority and the procedure to obtain a duplicate identification document should be initiated.

6.12 ISSUING OF ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATES

Zootechnical certificates are issued by the breed society for horses entered in the main section in the model format outlined in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1940³ and are provided in addition to the identification document to breeders at the point of entry into the breeding book. The certificates are also available to owners online from the Horse Sport Ireland website. Zootechnical certificates will distinguish where horses are entered in the main section of the studbook. Horses recorded in the supplementary section will receive a supplementary certificate at the back of their identification documents.

6.13 DEROGATION CONCERNING ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATES FOR GERMINAL PRODUCTS

HSI has been authorised a derogation by the Competent Authority to permit the listed semen collection and storage centres issue zootechnical certificates based on the information received from the society.

Information regarding these facilities is provided on the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine [website](#):

- Centres authorised to issue zootechnical certificates for germinal products for equines: Approved semen storage centres for intra-Community trade in approved semen collection centres for intra Community trade in semen of domestic animals of the equine species (Regulation (EU) 2016/429)
- Equine Semen Storage Centres: Approved semen storage centres for intra-Community trade in semen of domestic animals of the equine species (Regulation (EU) 2016/429)

Zootechnical certificates are required to accompany germinal products when traded and when the offspring produced from these germinal products are intended to be entered in another breeding book. For example, when semen from breeding animals has been exported to other Member States it must be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate where the offspring is to be entered in another breed book of that Member State. The model form for semen is set out in Commission Implementing

³ COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2017/1940 of 13 July 2017 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the content and format of zootechnical certificates issued for purebred breeding animals of the equine species contained in a single lifetime identification document for equidae

Regulation (EU) 2020/602⁴. It will be noticed the zootechnical certificate for semen is in two parts with Part A providing information on the donor male and Part B on the identification of the semen.

SECTION 7 PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSING HORSES IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

The Studbook shall operate assessments of breeding animals including performance testing at selection, performance testing in sport and genetic evaluation of breeding animals as part of the classification process in the main and supplementary sections of the breeding book.

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

7.1 PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING STALLIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

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

Stage 1 – Initial Selection:

Eligible stallions must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for Stage 1 selection. Prior to selection the stallion owner must submit a completed and signed application form, and must provide a veterinary report, a set of x-rays and any additional tests as required including tests for EVA, EIA, CEM and FFS and shall form part of a completed application.

During the selection stallions are assessed by a selection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Veterinary examination:

Prior to selection all stallions must undergo a clinical veterinary examination and an endoscopic examination and submit a specified number of X-rays taken by a

⁴ COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/602 of 15 April 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717 as regards the model forms of zootechnical certificates for breeding animals and their germinal products

Veterinary Surgeon listed on the HSI Stallion X-Ray Panel. The x-rays will be examined by the HSI appointed Radiology Panel who have the authority to report that the stallion meets or does not meet the veterinary x-ray requirements for the studbook. Where the stallion does not meet the veterinary requirements, the owner shall have the option to appeal the findings under the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions.

Stallion owners have the option of having their stallion's clinical veterinary examination carried out at an HSI designated veterinary clinic prior to selection or having their stallion undergo a clinical veterinary examination on the day of selection by the HSI Veterinary Panel. Stallions that have met the veterinary requirements prior to the selection following an examination at an HSI designated clinic will be subject to a soundness trot-up on the day of selection. Where the stallion does not meet the veterinary requirements of the selection or is presented with an obvious veterinary condition, the owner shall have the option to appeal the findings under the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions.

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, a second measurement may be taken following completion of the selection. The measurement must be taken on the same day. The owner shall have the option to appeal the measurements under the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions.

Blood samples may be taken on the day of selection and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. The selection of stallions that test positive for substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List will be considered invalid. Fees paid in respect of the selection will be forfeited.

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 (see Appendix 3).

4. In hand gait assessment on a hard surface:

The stallion will be required to stand for a visual assessment 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 assessment 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.

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

8. Upper Beam Scores:

Stallions completing a linear assessment will be awarded scores by the selection panel which will provide an overall score for Conformation and an overall score for Movement and an overall score for Athleticism. The minimum score requirements to meet the Stage 1 requirements in the Main and Supplementary section of the Studbook are as follows: Conformation: 70, Movement (Walk, Trot): 65, Athleticism (Canter, Reflexes, Technique, Scope) is: 75.

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

Stage 2 –Ridden Gait and Athleticism Assessment:

Stallions must have met the veterinary and selection requirements of the Stage 1 selection and be a minimum of four years of age to be presented for Stage 2 selection. Prior to selection the stallion owners must submit a completed and signed application form, and must provide a veterinary report,

and any additional tests as required including tests for EVA, EIA, CEM and FFS (if the result is unknown/uncertified) shall form part of a completed application.

Stallions are assessed by a selection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Veterinary Examination:

Stallion owners have the option of having their stallion's clinical veterinary examination carried out at an HSI designated veterinary clinic prior to selection or having their stallion undergo a clinical veterinary examination on the day of selection by the HSI Veterinary Panel. Stallions that have met the veterinary requirements prior to the selection following an examination at an HSI designated clinic will be subject to a soundness trot-up on the day of selection. Where the stallion does not meet the veterinary requirements of the selection or is presented with an obvious veterinary condition, the owner shall have the option to appeal the findings under the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions.

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, a second measurement may be taken following completion of the selection. The measurement must be taken on the same day. The owner shall have the option to appeal the measurements under the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions.

Blood samples may be taken on the day of selection and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. The selection of stallions that test positive for substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List will be considered invalid. Fees paid in respect of the selection will be forfeited.

2. 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 Selection'.

3. 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 selection

panel appointed by HSI and will be age appropriate. The minimum score requirements for the Stage 2 athleticism selection: 75.

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.

Stallions that are classified as Preliminary Approved (PA) will be upgraded to Approved (APP) status provided they meet at least one of the following performance criteria:

c) 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

d) 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.

7.2 PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING 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 selection as part of the classification process for the main and supplementary sections of the breeding book. Mares/geldings must be named prior to their selection. Although not breeding animals, geldings may be presented for selection to add value for their owner and to provide extra information for the studbook.

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

1. Veterinary examination:

Mares/geldings will undergo a clinical veterinary examination on the day of selection by the HSI Veterinary Panel. Where the horse does not meet the veterinary requirements of the selection or is presented with an obvious veterinary condition, the owner shall have the option to appeal the findings under the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions.

In instances where the examining veterinary surgeon considers it appropriate that x-ray(s) be taken in order to confirm or exclude a veterinary condition, the owner/keeper will have 30 days to provide the relevant x-ray(s) taken by a member of the HSI Stallion X-Ray Panel. The x-rays will be examined by the HSI appointed Radiology Panel who have the authority to report that the horse meets or does not meet the veterinary requirements for the studbook. Where the horse does not meet the veterinary requirements, the owner shall have the option to appeal the findings under the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions. If, after 30 days, the relevant x-ray(s) have not been provided, the horse will be deemed to have not met the veterinary requirements.

Horses will be measured at the selection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of classification. In instances where the measurements are disputed, a second measurement may be taken following completion of the selection. The measurement must be taken on the same day. The owner shall have the option to appeal the measurements the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions.

Blood samples may be taken on the day of selection and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. The selection of horses that test positive for substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List will be considered invalid. Fees paid in respect of the selection will be forfeited.

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 (see Appendix 3).

4. In hand gait assessment:

Mares/geldings will be required to stand for a visual assessment and will be assessed in hand in walk and trot using linear scoring.

5. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:

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

6. Free athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen:

Athleticism/jumping ability will be assessed by means of loose jumping in a jumping pen using linear scoring. This element of the selection is optional for mares and geldings.

7. Upper Beam Scores:

Mares / geldings completing a linear assessment will be awarded scores by the selection panel which will provide an overall score for Conformation and an overall score for Movement. The minimum score requirements to achieve a select status in the Main and supplementary sections of the Studbook are as follows: conformation: 70, movement (Walk, Trot, Canter): 65. Mares / geldings which are eligible to be awarded a Select classification may complete an athleticism/jumping assessment. The minimum score requirements to achieve a 1* status for athleticism (Reflexes, Technique, Scope) is: 80.

The minimum score requirements to achieve a Supplementary Entry status in the Supplementary section of the Studbook are as follows: conformation: 50, movement (walk, trot, canter): 50.

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

7.3 RE-PRESENTATIONS AND APPEALS PROCEDURES FOR SELECTIONS

The owners of horses that do not meet the selection requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism or riding test requirements) will be given the opportunity to re-apply for selection by completing the appropriate forms and fees and to present the horse on one occasion at a subsequent selection date in accordance with the procedure in section 7.1 or section 7.2 as appropriate.

Appeals relating to selections must be dealt with under the procedures outlined in the [Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions](#).

7.4 PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSMENT OF SPORT PERFORMANCE AND STAR RATINGS IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook assesses sport performance for classification and rating purposes in line with its breeding objective. The criteria for Approved, Recognised, Preliminary Recognised, Supplementary Approved stallion classes and Select and Supplementary Select mare and gelding classes involve the assessment of sport performance vis-à-vis the breeding objective. All assessments of sport performance are made using the Horse Sport Ireland star rating criteria as shown in Appendix 2.

The assessment of sport performance is based on objective, verifiable results from a combination of official sources. The main source of international performance results is the FEI database which includes results from 2006. The main source of national performance results is the Show Jumping Ireland and Eventing Ireland databases which includes results from the 1990s. Where appropriate, national governing body and sport organisations databases are used, e.g. the British Eventing database, the British Show Jumping database, the German FN database. Sport results retrieved by Horse Sport Ireland personnel, contractors and supplied by owners and breeders is considered. Details of each assessment are made available to owner and breeders on request. Re-assessments are carried out annually for active breeding stallions and mares and on request from an owner.

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 may appeal the outcome as outlined in the Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Inspection Terms and Conditions.

7.5 GENETIC EVALUATION SYSTEM

Estimated breeding values for stallions and mares based on show jumping are calculated frequently by Horse Sport Ireland and reflect the genetic ability of a horse to pass on show jumping ability to their progeny.

Genetic evaluation is a scientific objective, statistical assessment of the genetic merit of horses. The results are published as Breeding Values (BVs) which are predictions of the genetic advantage that a horse will pass on to its offspring for a particular trait. A horse's breeding value measures the difference between its genetic ability and the average of the population. HSI carries out a genetic evaluation for show jumping horses in Ireland on an annual basis. Breeding Values for show jumping ability at international level are produced which measures the difference between each horse's

genetic ability for international level show jumping and the average genetic ability for show jumping for the Irish population. The model used employs a BLUP Animal model and the dependent variable is each horse's lifetime performance rating.

Breeding values are calculated using information from a horse's own performance and from all its relatives, including parents and progeny. Three sources of information are used in the genetic evaluation: pedigree, own performance and progeny performance.

Breeding values are expressed as an index with an average value of 100. This baseline value of 100 reflects the average genetic merit of active breeding Irish Sport Horse mares. Approximately two-thirds of horses will have breeding values between 80 and 120 and are considered average for the breed. Horses with breeding values of over 120 are of high genetic merit and are breed improvers. Horses with breeding values over 130 are superior breed improvers.

Breeding values are estimates of genetic merit and their reliability value should always be taken into account when interpreting the results of a genetic evaluation. Breeding values change every year as more data becomes available, for example, as the number of a stallion's progeny competing increases. The reliability value reflects the amount and type of information used in the calculation of a breeding value and can range from 0 to 100%. Breeding values with a reliability of over 50% have satisfactory reliability but those with a reliability between 30% and 50% should be considered to have a poor reliability. Breeding values with a reliability below 30% are not published.

The most up-to-date breeding values are printed on the zootechnical certificate at the date of issue for the breeding animal. They are also available to breeders on request.

Detailed information is available on: <https://www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding/>

SECTION 8 TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

The calculation of the ISH genetic evaluation (breeding value) including the assessment of sport performance and related matters is completed by the Horse Sport Ireland geneticist at genetics@horsesportireland.ie

APPENDIX 1 LIST OF APPROVED STUDBOOKS IN IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME

- Irish Draught Horse
- Irish Draught Sport Horses registered by the Irish Draught Horse Societies in Canada, Great Britain and North America
- Irish Riding Pony (Irish Pony Society)
- Irish Sport Pony
- Connemara Pony
- Belgian Riding Pony
- British Riding Pony
- British Spotted Pony Society
- Coloured Horse and Pony Society
- German Riding Pony
- Nederlands Rijpaarden en Pony Stamboek
- Poney Francais de Selle
- Sports Pony Society Studbook (SPSS) studbooks
- Thoroughbred
- Irish Cob
- Irish Cob Part-bred
- Irish Piebald and Skewbald
- Warmblood Studbook of Ireland
- Full Arab
- Anglo Arab
- Shagya Arab
- Part-bred Arab
- Cleveland Bay
- Part-Bred Cleveland Bay
- Welsh Pony and Cob Society
- All Studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) at the time of application. As of July 2020, this includes:
 - ACE Studbook (ACE)
 - American Hanoverian Society (AHS)

- American Holsteiner Horse Association (AHHS)
- American Trakehner Association Inc. (ATA)
- American Warmblood Registry (AWR)
- Anglo European Studbook (AES)
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Warmblutzucht in Österreich (AWÖ)
- Asociacion Argentina de Fomento Equino (AAFE)
- Asociación Española de Criadores de Caballos Anglo-árabes (AECCAá)
- Asociación Nacional De Criadores De Caballos de Pura Raza Española (ANCCE)
- Associacao Brasileira de Criadores do Cavalo de Hipismo (B-H)
- Associação Brasileira De Criadores do Cavalo Puro Sangue Lusitano (ABPSL)
- Associacao Portuguesa De Criadores de Racas Selecta (APCRS)
- Associação Portuguesa De Criadores do Cavalo Puro Sangue Lusitano (APSL)
- Australian Warmblood ACE Studbook Inc.
- Australian Warmblood Horse Association Ltd. (AWHA)
- Belgisch Warmbloedpaard v.z.w. (BWP)
- Breeders Elite Studbook for Irish & European Sporthorses Limited (BESIES)
- British Hanoverian Horse Society (BHHS)
- Bulgarian Sport Horse Association (BSH)
- Caballo de Deporte Español (CDE)
- Canadian Sport Horse Association (CSHA)
- Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association (CWHBA)
- Criadores de Caballos Deportivos Mexicanos, A.C. (CCDM)
- Croatian Association of Breeders of Sport Horses
- Czech Warmblood Breeders Association (CZEWB)
- Danish Warmblood Society (DWB)
- Estonian Sport Horse Breeders Society / Eesti Sporthoubuste Kasvatatjate Selts (ESHKS)
- East Bulgarian Horse Association
- The Finnish Horse Breeding Association, Suomen Hippos ry (FWB)
- Hannoveraner Verband e.V
- Hanoverian Horse Society of Australia (HHSa)
- Hungarian Sport Horse Breeders Association
- International Sporthorse Studbook Australia

- International Sporthorse Registry, Inc. & Oldenburg Registry North America (ISR-OLD NA)
- Italian Sport Horse Stud Book (MIPAAF)
- Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN)
- KWPN of North America, Inc.
- Landesverband Bayerischer Pferdezüchter e.V. (DSP) previously BAVAR
- Latvian Horse Breeders Association (LWB)
- Lithuanian Horse Breeders Association (LHBA)
- Nederlands Rijpaarden en Pony Stamboek (NRPS)
- New Zealand Hanoverian Society (NZHS)
- New Zealand Warmblood Association (NZWA)
- Norwegian Danish Warmblood Society (NDWB)
- Norwegian Warmblood Association (NWB)
- Pferdezuchtverband Baden-Württemberg e.V. (DSP) previously (BAD-WÜ)
- Pferdezuchtverband Brandenburg-Anhalt e.V. (DSP) previously (BRAND)
- Pferdezuchtverband Rheinland Pfalz Saar e.V. (DSP) previously (ZWEIB)
- Pferdezuchtverband Sachsen-Thüringen e.V. (DSP) previously (SATHÜ)
- Rheinisches Pferdestammbuch e.V. (RHEIN)
- The Slovak Warmblood Studbook
- South African Warmblood Society (SAWHS)
- Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (SHBGB)
- Springpferdezuchtverband Oldenburg-International e.V. (OS)
- Studbook Cheval Suisse
- Stud Book du Cheval de Selle Français (ANSF)
- Stud-book de Cheval de Selle Luxembourgeois (SCSL)
- Studbook for Polish Half Bred Horses - Polish Horse Breeders Association (PZHK)
- Studbook for Polish Malopolska Horses - Polish Horse Breeders Association (PZHK)
- Studbook for Polish Wielkopolska Horses - Polish Horse Breeders Association (PZHK)
- Studbook for Slovenian Warmblood Horses
- Studbook La Silla
- Stud-book sBs, Le Cheval de Sport Belge
- Studbook Zangersheide (ZANG)
- Swedish Warmblood Association (SWB)

- Trakehner Avlsforbundet i Danmark (TAF)
- Verband der Pferdezüchter Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V. (MECKL)
- Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes e.V. (HOLST)
- Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. (OLDBG)
- Verband der Züchter und Freunde des Ostpreussischen
- Warmblutpferdes Trakehner Abstammung e.V. (TRAK)
- Warmblood Breeders Studbook - UK
- Warmblood Studbook of Ireland
- Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch e.V. (WESTF)
- Zuchtverband CH-Sportpferde ZVCH (Swiss Warmblood)
- Zuchtverband für Deutsche Pferde e.V.

Irish Sport Horse Stallions Star Ratings

Approved Stallions

	Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level[#]				
Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
Stallion performance – Showjumping	2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 5* level in FEI GP or Nations' Cup competitions with a fence height at least 1.60m ¹	2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* or CSI/CSIO 4* level in FEI competitions (GP or Nations' Cup class fence height at least 1.50m or equivalent ²) or higher	2 of the following: Double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* level in FEI competitions or Double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes ¹⁴ at a fence height of at least 1.50m at CSI/CSIO level or higher	2 of the following: Double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level in FEI competitions or Double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or Double clear rounds at National 1.50m level ³ or higher	2 of the following: Double clear rounds at National 1.40m level or equivalent ⁴ or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level

	Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level[#]				
Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
Stallion performance – Eventing	2 MERs ¹⁵ at: CCI 4* ¹⁰ level up to 2018 or CCI 5*-L level from 2019	2 MERs ¹⁵ at: CCI 3* level ¹¹ up to 2018 or CCI 4*-L level from 2019 or higher	2 MERs ¹⁵ at: EI120 level or CIC3* level up to 2018 or CCI 4*-S level from 2019 or higher	2 Top 25% finishes at: CCI 2* level ¹² up to 2018 or CCI 3*-L from 2019 or higher	2 Top 10% finishes at: EI115 level or CIC 2* level up to 2018 or CCI3*-S from 2019 or higher
Stallion performance- Dressage	2 placings at CDI/CDIO5*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 placings at Prix St Georges or Intermediate I level with a score of 65% or higher

<p>Stallion progeny – Showjumping</p>	<p>2 progeny each with 2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 4* level in FEI competitions (GP or Nations’ Cup class fence height at least 1.50m or equivalent²) or higher</p>	<p>2 progeny each with 2 of the following: Double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* level in FEI competitions or Double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.50m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p>	<p>2 progeny each with 2 of the following: Double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level in FEI competitions or Double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or Double clear rounds at National 1.50m level³ or higher</p>	<p>2 progeny each with 2 of the following: Double clear rounds at National 1.40m level or equivalent⁴ or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p>	<p>2 progeny each with 2 double clear rounds at National 1.30m level or equivalent⁵ or higher</p>
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	Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level[#]				
Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
Stallion progeny – Eventing	2 progeny each with 2 MERs ¹⁵ at: CCI 3* level ¹¹ up to 2018 or CCI4*-L from 2019 or higher	2 progeny each with 2 MERs ¹⁵ at: EI120 level or CIC3* level up to 2018 or CCI4*-S level from 2019 or higher	2 progeny each with 2 Top 25% finishes at: CCI 2* level ¹² up to 2018 or CCI3*-L level from 2019 or higher	2 progeny each with 2 Top 10% finishes at: EI115 level or CIC 2* level up to 2018 or CCI3*-S level from 2019 or higher	2 progeny each with 2 Top 25% finishes at: CCI 1* level ¹³ up to 2018 or CCI2*-L level from 2019 or higher
Stallion progeny – Dressage	2 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 progeny each with 2 placings at Prix St Georges or Intermediate I level or higher	2 progeny each with 2 placings at National Advanced level with a score of 65% or higher

¹ Equivalent includes a Top 4 placing at CSI/CSIO 5* Grand Prix or major championships. Also includes top 4 placings and double clear rounds at Olympic Games, World Championships and European Championships.

² Equivalent includes FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.50m run according to one of the following FEI articles: 238.2.2, 264 (Nations Cup), 273 (Competitions over two rounds), 274 (Competitions in two phases), 275 (Competitions in groups with a winning round), 276 (Competitions with winning round), 277 (Derby – only those with jump-off).

³ Includes at all CSI/CSIO 1* and National affiliated classes with two rounds or one round and a jump-off at 1.50m or above

⁴ Includes all National affiliated classes with two rounds or one round and a jump-off at or above 1.40m

¹⁰ Includes Olympic Games and World Championships

¹¹ Includes European Championships

¹² Includes European Young Rider (U21) Championships

¹³ Includes European Junior Rider (U18) Championships

¹⁴ Includes FEI competitions run according to one of the following FEI articles: 238.2.1, 239, 263 (Hunting competitions or Speed and Handiness Competitions)

¹⁵ MERs are the Minimum Eligibility Requirements as set out by the FEI. For 2010, MERs are set out in Article 506 of the FEI Rules for Eventing. In summary, a minimum eligibility requirement (MER) is achieved by completing a competition within minimum parameters of all round performance. As follows:

Dressage Test: not more than 75 penalty points. Cross-Country Test: a clear round (0 penalties) at obstacles for short format events and maximum 20 penalties at a long format event and not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time (120 seconds at 4* events). Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

FEI competitions include only those that are eligible for ranking points. For competitions taking place in 2010 and earlier, see the FEI “Rules for the Calculation of Points for the Rolex Rankings” on the FEI website. Competitions taking place from 2011 onwards, the set of rules for the calculation of points that is in place at the time of the competition will be used. Young horse classes are not included for stallions.

Irish Sport Horse Mares

Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level

Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
Mare performance – Showjumping	2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 4* level (Grand Prix or Nations’ Cup class or equivalent ²⁾ or higher	2 of the following: Double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO3* level ⁶ or Double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher	2 double clear rounds at National 1.30m level ⁵ or higher	Be entered in Select class and Jump 4 double clear rounds at National 1.20m level ⁷ or higher	Be entered in Select class and jump 3 double clear rounds at National 1.10m ⁸ or higher or On selection pass the clinical veterinary, conformation and movement assessments and achieve an athleticism score of at least 80 or Be classified as a ‘Premier Broodmare’

Irish Sport Horse Mares					
Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level					
Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
Mare performance – Eventing	2 MERs ¹⁵ at: CCI 3* level ¹¹ up to 2018 or CCI4*-L level from 2019 or higher	2 MERs ¹⁵ at: EI120 level or CIC3* level up to 2018 or CCI4*-S level from 2019 or higher	2 of the following: Top 25% finishes at CCI 1* level ¹³ up to 2018 or Top 25% finishes at CCI 2* level ¹³ up to 2018 or Top 25% finishes at CCI2* L level ¹³ from 2019 or Top 25% finishes at CCI3* L level ¹³ from 2019 or Top 10% finishes at EI115 level or Top 10% finishes at CIC2* level up to 2018 or Top 10% finishes at CCI3* S level from 2019 or higher	Be entered in Select class and have 2 of the following: Top 10% finishes at CIC 1* level up to 2018 or Top 10% finishes at CCI2*-S level from 2019 or higher	Be entered in Select class and have 2 of the following: Top 10% finishes at EI110 level or higher

Irish Sport Horse Mares					
Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level					
Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
Mare performance – Dressage	2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 placings at National Advanced level with a score of 65% or higher	Be entered in Select class and have 2 placings at National Medium level with a score of 65% of higher	Be entered in Select class and have 2 placings at National Elementary level with a score of 65% or higher
Mare progeny – Showjumping	1 progeny with 2 of the following: Double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* level ⁶ or Double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least	2 progeny with 2 of the following: Double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level ⁹ or Double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least	2 progeny with 2 double clear rounds at National 1.30m level ⁵ or higher	Be entered in Select class and have 2 progeny with 2 double clear rounds at National 1.20m level ⁷ or higher	Be entered in Select class and have 2 progeny with 2 double clear rounds at National 1.10m ⁸ or higher

Irish Sport Horse Mares					
Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level					
Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
	1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher	1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or Double clear rounds at National 1.45m level ³ or higher			
Mare progeny – Eventing	1 progeny with 2 MERs ¹⁵ at: EI120 level or	2 progeny each with 2 of the following: Top 25% finishes at CCI 2* level ¹² up to 2018 or	2 progeny each with 2 of the following: Top 25% finishes at CCI 1* level ¹³ up to 2018 or	Be entered in Select class and have 2 progeny each with 2 of the following:	Be entered in Select class and have 2 progeny each with 2 Top 10% finishes at EI110 level or higher

Irish Sport Horse Mares					
Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level					
Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
	CIC3* level up to 2018 or CCI4*-S level from 2019 or higher	Top 25% finishes at CCI3*-L level from 2019 or higher	Top 25% finishes at CCI2*- L level from 2019 or Top 10% finishes at EI115 level or Top 10% finishes at CIC2* level up to 2018 or Top 10% finishes at CCI3*- S level from 2019 or higher	Top 10% finishes at CIC1* level up to 2018 or Top 10% finishes at CCI2*-S level from 2109 or higher	
Mare progeny – Dressage	1 progeny with 2 placings at CDI/CDIO3* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 progeny each with 2 placings at National Advanced level with a score of 65% or higher	Be entered in Select class and have 2 progeny each with 2 placings at National Medium	Be entered in Select class and have 2 progeny each with 2 placings at National Elementary level with

Irish Sport Horse Mares

Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level

Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
				level with a score of 65% of higher	a score of 65% or higher

Irish Sport Horse Mares

Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level

Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*

Irish Sport Horse Mares

Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level

Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*

<p>Mare damline – Showjumping</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Be entered in Select Class and have</p> <p>Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with</p> <p>2 of the following:</p> <p>Double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level⁹ or</p> <p>Double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or</p> <p>Top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or</p>	<p>Be entered in Select Class and have</p> <p>Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with</p> <p>2 double clear rounds at National 1.40m level or equivalent⁴ or higher</p>	<p>Be entered in Select Class and have</p> <p>Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with</p> <p>2 double clear rounds at National 1.30m⁵ or higher</p>
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Irish Sport Horse Mares

Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level

Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
			Double clear rounds at National 1.45m level ³ or higher		

<p>Mare damline - Eventing</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Be entered in Select Class and have Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with 2 of the following: Top 25% finishes at CCI 2* level¹² up to 2018 or Top 25% finishes at CCI3*-L level from 2019 or higher</p>	<p>Be entered in Select Class and have Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with 2 of the following: Top 10% finishes at EI115 level or Top 10% finishes at CIC2* level up to 2018 or Top 10% finishes at CCI3*-S level from 2019 or higher</p>	<p>Be entered in Select Class and have Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with 2 of the following: Top 25% finishes at CCI 1* level¹³ up to 2018 or Top 25% finishes at CCI2*-L level from 2109 or higher</p>
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Irish Sport Horse Mares					
Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level					
Rating Type	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
Mare damline – Dressage	n/a	n/a	Be entered in Select Class and have Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with 2 placings at CDI2* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	Be entered in Select Class and have Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with 2 placings at Prix St Georges or Intermediate I level with a score of 65% or higher	Be entered in Select Class and have Dam or have the same Dam as a horse with 2 placings at National Advanced level with a score of 65% or higher

APPENDIX 3 SAMPLE LINEAR PROFILE SHEET

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE:

1: _____

2: _____

		a b c d e f g h i										Comments
CONFORMATION/TRAIT		Obvious	Average	Obvious								
Condition												<input type="checkbox"/> fat <input type="checkbox"/> poor
Mouth												<input type="checkbox"/> underbite <input type="checkbox"/> overbite
Head												<input type="checkbox"/> convex profile <input type="checkbox"/> coarse <input type="checkbox"/> long
1. Body shape	rectangular	<input type="checkbox"/>	square									
2. Body direction	uphill	<input type="checkbox"/>	downhill									
3. Head neck connection	light	<input type="checkbox"/>	heavy									
4. Length of neck	long	<input type="checkbox"/>	short									
5. Position of neck	vertical	<input type="checkbox"/>	horizontal									
6. Muscling of neck	heavy	<input type="checkbox"/>	poor									
7. Height of withers	high	<input type="checkbox"/>	flat									
8. Position of shoulder	sloping	<input type="checkbox"/>	straight									
9. Line of back	roached	<input type="checkbox"/>	weak									
10. Line of loins	roached	<input type="checkbox"/>	weak									
11. Shape of croup	sloping	<input type="checkbox"/>	flat									
12. Length of croup	long	<input type="checkbox"/>	short									
13. Stance of forelegs	over at knee	<input type="checkbox"/>	back at knee									
												<input type="checkbox"/> tied in <input type="checkbox"/> standing under
14. Stance of hind legs	sickle	<input type="checkbox"/>	straight									
												<input type="checkbox"/> cow hooked <input type="checkbox"/> tied in <input type="checkbox"/> abnormal hook <input type="checkbox"/> abnormal stifle
15. Stance of pastern	weak	<input type="checkbox"/>	upright									

IRISH SPORT HORSE INSPECTION SHEET

Pedigree Bonus Points:	Conformation:	Movement:	Athleticism: OPTIONAL
Conf. 70 Mov. 65 OPT. Athl. 80 (for 1*)		Walk: Trot: Canter:	Reflexes: Technique: Scope:
Bonus Points:			
Total Score:			

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16. Shape of feet	wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	narrow	<input type="checkbox"/> different								
17. Heels	high	<input type="checkbox"/>	low									
18. Quality of legs	lean	<input type="checkbox"/>	blurred									
19. Substance of legs	heavy	<input type="checkbox"/>	fine									

Movement/trait		Obvious	Average	Obvious		Comments
20. Walk: length of stride	long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	short
21. Walk: correctness	toed in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	toed out
22. Trot: length of stride	long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	short
23. Trot: elasticity	elastic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	stiff
24. Trot: impulsion	powerful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	weak
25. Trot: balance	carrying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	pushing
26. Canter: length of stride	long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	short
27. Canter: impulsion	powerful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	weak
28. Canter: balance	carrying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	pushing

Athleticism/trait		Obvious	Average	Obvious		Comments
29. Take off: direction	upwards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	forwards
30. Take off: quickness	quick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	slow
31. Technique: forelegs	bent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	stretched
32. Technique: back	rounded	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	hollow
33. Technique: haunches	open	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	tight
34. Scope	much	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	little
35. Elasticity	supple	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	stiff
36. Care	careful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	not careful
37. Attitude	much	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	little

APPENDIX 4 CLASSIFICATION TABLE



IRISH SPORT HORSE

ID	Sire Class	Dam Class	Foal Class
217	-	-	UNKNOWN
4	Approved	Entry	Entry
2	Approved	Section A	Entry
3	Approved	Section B	Entry
5	Approved	Select	Entry
6	Approved	Supplementary	Entry
8	Approved	Supplementary Entry	Entry
7	Approved	Supplementary Select	Entry
47	Entry	Entry	Entry
44	Entry	Section A	Entry
45	Entry	Section B	Entry
46	Entry	Select	Entry
161	ISH Stage 1	Entry	Entry
158	ISH Stage 1	Section A	Entry
159	ISH Stage 1	Section B	Entry
160	ISH Stage 1	Select	Entry
33	Not Approved 1	Entry	Entry
30	Not Approved 1	Section A	Entry
31	Not Approved 1	Section B	Entry
32	Not Approved 1	Select	Entry
40	Not Approved 2	Entry	Entry
37	Not Approved 2	Section A	Entry
38	Not Approved 2	Section B	Entry
39	Not Approved 2	Select	Entry
11	Preliminary Approved	Entry	Entry
9	Preliminary Approved	Section A	Entry
10	Preliminary Approved	Section B	Entry
12	Preliminary Approved	Select	Entry
13	Preliminary Approved	Supplementary	Entry
15	Preliminary Approved	Supplementary Entry	Entry
14	Preliminary Approved	Supplementary Select	Entry
26	Preliminary Recognised	Entry	Entry
23	Preliminary Recognised	Section A	Entry
24	Preliminary Recognised	Section B	Entry
25	Preliminary Recognised	Select	Entry
27	Preliminary Recognised	Supplementary	Entry
29	Preliminary Recognised	Supplementary Entry	Entry
28	Preliminary Recognised	Supplementary Select	Entry
19	Recognised	Entry	Entry
16	Recognised	Section A	Entry
17	Recognised	Section B	Entry
18	Recognised	Select	Entry
20	Recognised	Supplementary	Entry
22	Recognised	Supplementary Entry	Entry
21	Recognised	Supplementary Select	Entry
56	Supplementary Approved	Entry	Entry
53	Supplementary Approved	Section A	Entry

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ID	Sire Class	Dam Class	Foal Class
54	Supplementary Approved	Section B	Entry
55	Supplementary Approved	Select	Entry
57	Supplementary Approved	Supplementary	Entry
59	Supplementary Approved	Supplementary Entry	Entry
58	Supplementary Approved	Supplementary Select	Entry
423	Supplementary Elite Stallion Class	Entry	Supplementary Entry
169	Supplementary Entry	Entry	Entry
166	Supplementary Entry	Section A	Entry
167	Supplementary Entry	Section B	Entry
168	Supplementary Entry	Select	Entry
170	Supplementary Entry	Supplementary	Supplementary Entry
172	Supplementary Entry	Supplementary Entry	Supplementary Entry
171	Supplementary Entry	Supplementary Select	Supplementary Entry
70	Supplementary Not Approved 1	Entry	Entry
67	Supplementary Not Approved 1	Section A	Entry
68	Supplementary Not Approved 1	Section B	Entry
69	Supplementary Not Approved 1	Select	Entry
71	Supplementary Not Approved 1	Supplementary	Supplementary Entry
73	Supplementary Not Approved 1	Supplementary Entry	Supplementary Entry
72	Supplementary Not Approved 1	Supplementary Select	Supplementary Entry
176	Supplementary Not Approved 2	Entry	Entry
173	Supplementary Not Approved 2	Section A	Entry
174	Supplementary Not Approved 2	Section B	Entry
175	Supplementary Not Approved 2	Select	Entry
177	Supplementary Not Approved 2	Supplementary	Supplementary Entry
179	Supplementary Not Approved 2	Supplementary Entry	Supplementary Entry
178	Supplementary Not Approved 2	Supplementary Select	Supplementary Entry
63	Supplementary Preliminary App	Entry	Entry
60	Supplementary Preliminary App	Section A	Entry
61	Supplementary Preliminary App	Section B	Entry
62	Supplementary Preliminary App	Select	Entry
66	Supplementary Preliminary App	Supplementary	Entry
65	Supplementary Preliminary App	Supplementary Entry	Entry
64	Supplementary Preliminary App	Supplementary Select	Entry
183	Unclassified in ISH studbook	Entry	Unclassified in ISH studbook
180	Unclassified in ISH studbook	Section A	Unclassified in ISH studbook
181	Unclassified in ISH studbook	Section B	Unclassified in ISH studbook
182	Unclassified in ISH studbook	Select	Unclassified in ISH studbook
184	Unclassified in ISH studbook	Supplementary	Unclassified in ISH studbook
186	Unclassified in ISH studbook	Supplementary Entry	Unclassified in ISH studbook
185	Unclassified in ISH studbook	Supplementary Select	Unclassified in ISH studbook