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# Autumn Mare Selections 2019

Horse Sport Ireland will be holding Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse mare inspections throughout the country in September and October. Mares that have identification documents (white books) currently, on inspection, may be eligible for studbook entry. Subject to meeting the criteria their progeny may be eligible for studbook entry.

**NOTE:**

**HSI is running a number of mare selections in Autumn 2019. Every effort will be made to accommodate entries at their desired venue, however this cannot be guaranteed. Venues & dates are PROVISIONAL, dependent on sufficient entries and may be subject to change.**



SELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE	VENUE
24th September	Tubberbride Stables, Co. Sligo
25th/26th September	Galway Equestrian Centre, Co. Galway
30th September	Warrington Topflight Equestrian Centre, Co. Kilkenny
1st October	Coilog Equestrian Centre, Co. Kildare
3rd October	Ballybrack Equestrian Centre, Co. Cork
9th October	Portmore Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh

Please see the HSI website for further information

<https://www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding/mare-inspections/>

## 3 & 4 Year Old Filly Loose Jumping Championships for Horses and Ponies Autumn/Winter 2019

Horse Sport Ireland is delighted to announce that the 3 & 4 Year Old Filly Loose Jumping Championships will take place again in the Autumn/Winter of 2019.

The competitions will take place in Cavan Equestrian Centre, Tubberbride Stables and in Warrington Top Flight Equestrian Centre. The Championships are open to any 3&4 year old horse or pony filly that is registered in a DAFM-approved Studbook.

**A prize fund of €18,000 is available for these Championships with €15,000 being awarded for horses and a further €3,000 being awarded to ponies.**

SELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE	VENUE
13th November	Cavan Equestrian Centre, Co. Cavan
21st November	Tubberbride Stables, Co. Sligo
25th November	Warrington Topflight Equestrian Centre, Co. Kilkenny



# Irish Sport Horses

## – eventing world’s first five-star champions



CCI5\* Badminton Horse Trials Winner 2019– Vanir Kamira (ISH) with rider Piggy French (GBR). Photo: Irish Eventing Times

Irish Sports Horses got this year’s international eventing calendar off to the best possible start when *Cooley Master Class* (ISH) and *Vanir Kamira* (ISH) won Kentucky and Badminton.

Wicklow-bred *Cooley Master Class* carved his name in history books too by becoming the first winner of a CCI 5\* (plus the other iconic five-star events of Luhmuehlen, Burghley, Pau and Adelaide).

A search through Horse Sport Ireland’s 2005 foal book sees the young *Cooley Master Class* listed amongst the late *Ramiro B*’s 28 recorded offspring that year. Bred in Two Mile Water by John Hagan, the Angela Hislop-owned Irish-bred and British rider Oliver Townend became just the fourth

### By SUSAN FINNERTY

combination to record back-to-back Kentucky wins.

*Ramiro B* was bred in Belgium by Ludo Janssens and first stood with the late Michael Earls before being acquired for Nina Barbour’s Harthill Stud. *Cooley Master Class* is out of the Master Imp mare, *The Swallow*, bred in New Ross by Thomas Norris. She bred two foals for John before a fatal injury, and her *Cavalier Royale* dam, Milbrook also produced the two-star eventer *Cavardo*, by *Ricardo Z*.

*Cavalier Royale*, sire of the 2007 Rolex Kentucky winner *Ben Along Time*, bred in Monaghan by Ann Marie Jamieson-Reynolds, again features in the back

breeding of fourth-placed *Quarrycrest Echo*, owned by Jayne McGivern.

At 12, this *Clover Echo* gelding is already a veteran of a European championship (Strzegom, 2017) and World Equestrian Games (Tryon, 2018). He and Piggy French were on the victorious British WEG team and placed 10th individually.

Although John Hagan has now retired from horse-breeding, Donegal-based John Dooley planned to cover *Quarrycrest Echo*’s *Cavalier Royale* dam, *Royal China* with the thoroughbred stallion *Road To Happiness* this year.

### BADMINTON GLORY

French went on to record her first Badminton win shortly afterwards with another Irish Sport Horse, *Vanir Kamira*.



# Breeding Initiatives 2019 - 2020

**H**orse Sport Ireland is continuing to support the embryo transfer (ET) scheme under their *Reaching New Heights* initiative. The scheme began in 2017 under funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine and advocates the usage of artificial insemination (AI) and ET to accelerate the dissemination of superior genes. This year, a further €40,000 in funding has been targeted for ET, €15,000 of which has been allocated specifically for Traditional Irish Sport Horse foals.

The scheme is designed to support owners of top performance mares who face the dilemma of maintaining their mare in sport or withdrawing her for breeding purposes. This scheme allows the mare to remain in competition



*An equine embryo as viewed under the microscope*

while also contributing to the breeding of top sport horses in Ireland.

The scheme is open to mares that are three years or older, registered in a DAFM approved studbook and meet

the 4\* or 5\* performance or progeny/full sister performance requirements (see application form for details). The embryo transfer must take place at a designated clinic after the 1st March 2019 and an application must be submitted before the 30th August 2019. A payment of €600 per embryo will be payable to the owner upon submission of a veterinary declaration confirming that the recipient has been scanned in foal after 60 days. Owners must register the foal within 12 months of birth, otherwise they will be deemed ineligible for future grant applications. Semen used for the embryo transfers must be from stallions which are approved in a WBFSH studbook or a pony studbook approved by DAFM.

Mare owners can apply for funding for up to 4 embryos under the 2019 scheme. Thus owner/breeders have the chance to use different mare – stallion pairings, facilitating assessment of continental and traditional offspring. The ET scheme allows owner/breeders to produce diverse progeny suitable for commercial, sporting and line improvement purposes.

“We have used the embryo transfer scheme since its inauguration in 2017 and believe it is an excellent resource for Irish breeders. It has allowed us to reduce the generation gap between our top performance mares and the next crop while maintaining the dam in competition. The grant allows us to achieve multiple pregnancies at an affordable rate maintaining the commercial value and superior quality of our young-stock. We have a number of mares enlisted in the scheme and have been extremely happy with the results. We would strongly recommend the HSI embryo transfer scheme to Irish breeders looking to take the next step in breeding a globally renowned sport horse.”

**Cheryl Broderick,  
GBBS International Ltd**



Photo: Alison Corbally

# Thoroughbred Percentage Initiative

Our winter/spring 2019 article heavily featured the call for increased thoroughbred percentages to improve the blood elements required for the sporting demands of eventing and showjumping. Analysis of foal registration over the previous 4 years demonstrates that only 5% of foals produced in Ireland are more than 75% Thoroughbred (TB) blood. At the HSI Eventing Breeding Conference (2018) top-level event riders and trainers emphasised the need for more TB blood for the production of eventers. Pdraig McCarthy and Chris Bartle emphasised the need for greater than 80% thoroughbred blood to produce top [now] 5\* event horses. Michael Jung outlined in Ireland last autumn – he too was looking for horses with 80% blood, claiming that they are very difficult to source in Europe.

Horse Sport Ireland has announced a thoroughbred percentage grant scheme of €300 to the first 200 breeders that register a foal with more than 70% Thoroughbred blood in 2020. The mares must be inspected by a Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) approved studbook (for inspections available this autumn see page 2) and the stallions which cover these mares must also be Approved in a DAFM approved studbook. In the event that Horse Sport Ireland is over subscribed for the scheme, mares that have a significant performance record (meet HSI 2\* or above criteria) or mares that have produced performance progeny will take priority in the scheme. Breeders can check their eligibility using Irish Horse Registers online hypothetical mating which indicates the mare and the stallion's thoroughbred percentages.

Application forms may be downloaded from our website and



Photo: Alison Murphy Photography

must be received by Horse Sport Ireland by 31st October 2019.

Payment will be made in 2020, to the

breeders of qualifying foals, on registration of the foal with a DAFM studbook by 30th October 2020.

# HORSE SPORT IRELAND

## National Coaching and Breeding Conference



Richard Waygood with the British Eventing team at WEG 2018  
Photo: Sportsfot

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) is delighted to announce that the **2019 Coaching and Breeding Conference** which will take place on Tuesday the 3rd of December at Cavan Equestrian Centre. Not only will there be unmissable sessions from the industries top professionals, the conference will also feature a parade of all Irish Sport Horse (ISH) young horse champions throughout 2019 from foals to seven-year-olds.

This year, the conference features Richard Waygood who is the High-Performance Manager for the British Eventing team and the former High-Performance Manager to the British Dressage team. The event also features Judy Reynolds, the highest ranked Irish dressage rider in history and Dr. Gerd Heuschmann, equine biomechanics

specialist and veterinarian who will discuss modern versus classical training techniques.

**Richard Waygood MBE** is one of the most sought-after coaches in Great Britain. He is the Team GB Eventing High Performance Manager, the current team and individual WEG Gold medallists. Richard was also High-Performance Dressage Manager to Team GB from 2010 – 2016, leading them to a team and individual Olympic Gold medal in London 2012 as well team Gold in the 2011 European Championships. As one of Britain's most successful military event riders, Richard competed at many top-level events, including finishing in the top-20 at Badminton. He was also appointed as Master Rider of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment, during which he was awarded an MBE.

Richard will give us an insight on the importance of producing horses from novice towards Olympic level in Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing.

**Judy Reynolds** is the highest ranked Irish dressage rider in history. The Kildare born Olympian is the Irish international record holder for Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special and Freestyle to Music with *Vancouver K*. She has represented Ireland at 2 FEI World Cup Finals and the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. At Aachen CDI O5\* this year, Judy set a new Irish record in an international Grand Prix Special. While Judy became the first Irish dressage rider to reach the Freestyle to Music Final at the World Equestrian Games in 2018, she was also the first Irish rider to qualify for the final of the 2016 Olympic Games. Judy has continued her impressive form this year by finishing

Judy Reynolds competing at WEG 2018  
Photo: Erin Gilmore



third in the FEI World Cup Grand Prix in Germany. This is the first time an Irish rider has succeeded in a podium finish in a FEI World Cup in Europe.

This year we are lucky enough to see Judy demonstrate her philosophy riding two of her up and coming Grand Prix horses.

We must maximise the value of our home bred horses. Educated coaches will educate riders and horses to give breeders the highest return possible on their valuable investment.

**Dr. Gerd Heuschmann** trained as a Master Rider in Germany before qualifying as an equine veterinarian. Soon after, he became the head of the Breeding Department in the German Equestrian Federation before eventually leaving to set up his own practice in Warendorf. In 1998 he began teaching his now international lecture, *The Functional Anatomy of the Riding Horse* in the German Riding School. In 2006 Dr. Heuschmann published his book *Tug of War* which highlights the damaging effect of incorrect training methods and in 2008 released his DVD *If Horses Could Speak*, based on this book. In 2012 he published another book *The Balancing*

Act which emphasises the importance of being a responsible rider. The book highlights the effect certain modern training techniques have on the equine anatomy.

The HSI Coaching and Breeding Conference 2019 is a must attend for all equine professionals; riders, coaches, competitors, instructors, equine students and anyone with an interest in horses.

**Tickets are pre-paid only and places must be booked in advance. Please ensure to book your place early as places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.**

3 CPD points will be allocated to HSI Accredited Coaches in attendance at this event.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 3rd December 2019

**TIME:**  
9am – 5pm

**VENUE:**  
Cavan Equestrian Centre

**TICKETS:**  
€50 (includes lunch)

Please contact **Briona** or **Catherine** on +353 45 854533  
or email [bhoban@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:bhoban@horsesportireland.ie)

Alternatively, you can book online via the HSI website

<https://www.horsesportireland.ie/hsi-coaching-courses-sign-up-form/>

*This year's Coaching and Breeding Conference is a fantastic opportunity to delve into the minds of some of the industry's most successful professionals. Be it athletes, coaches or breeders there is something for everyone at this year's conference. We are also privileged to be celebrating multiple successes of Irish Sport Horses throughout the year which will prove an exciting occasion not to be missed.*

**Comdt. John Ledingham Hon,  
Coaching Chairman**

*We are delighted to welcome such a high calibre of internationally renowned professionals to the HSI Coaching and Breeding conference this year. It promises to be a very informative day with first hand insight into correct young horse development and high performance experiences from our expert panel. We celebrate the art of coaching, training and the Irish Sport Horse's contribution to a vibrant rural economy. It promises to be an entertaining, enlightening and educational day.*

**Alison Corbally Horse Sport Ireland's  
Director of Breeding and Programmes**





# HORSE SPORT IRELAND

# Online Registration Services

Horse Sport Ireland has further developed their suite of online services.

**H**orse Sport Ireland (HSI) through the Irish Horse Register (IHR) platform provides online membership to the Irish Horse Board, which affords members reduced prices for foal registration with Horse Sport Ireland studbooks. If you would like to become a member go onto the IHR online website and follow the instructions. Following registration, you will be issued with your share certificate and then be entitled to all membership discounts and benefits.

HSI are delighted to expand their suite of online services, launching the **online foal registration option** for Irish Sport Horse, Irish Draught Horse and Irish Sport Pony studbooks. Applicants who complete foal registration online will incur the standard foal registration fee after 31st October while paper-based applications will increase, as normal, after 31st October (table 1).

In order to register for a studbook passport both the sire and the dam must be registered in the relevant studbook. HSI will automatically issue a foal kit to the registered owner of the dam on receipt of a correctly completed covering certificate. The passport process can also be initiated by completing a mare declaration online.

## ONLINE MARE DECLARATION

Online mare declarations can be completed by following the steps outlined in the printed flowchart or listed below:

- 1) Login to their IHR online horse database profile
- 2) Click the online services menu and select "mare declarations"

If the mare is registered with the IHR she will appear, otherwise breeders can choose to search or manually input mare details. IHR will prompt the applicant to complete four additional

steps to finalise the online mare declaration.

## FOAL KIT

The HSI issued foal kit contains a marking chart, DNA hair sample bag, an information leaflet and return envelopes (Horse Sport Ireland and Weatherbys). The applicant must call their vet to insert an passport issuing organisation (PIO) issued microchip and complete the marking chart. The vet will attach the microchip bar code to the bottom of the marking chart.

### **Marking charts must be completed by a qualified veterinary surgeon.**

The vet will then take a hair sample from the foal for DNA profiling and place it in the sample bag. If the foal's dam has not been DNA typed, there is an additional hair sample bag contained for the dam. All DNA sample bag(s) must be sent to Weatherbys Ireland for DNA testing in the Wetherby's addressed envelope. Where applicable, the dam's DNA hair sample bag should also be included and sent to Wetherby's Ireland. Weatherbys Ireland will return the DNA profile to HSI for studbook pedigree verification.

The owner must send a **correctly completed marking chart, and the correct fee (only if paper application – fees will be taken online for online registrations)** must be returned, to HSI, in the HSI addressed envelope.

## ONLINE FOAL REGISTRATION

To complete an online foal registration, breeders must log on to their IHR Horse Database account and click register an animal; this will create a digital foal record. Applicants will then be prompted by the IHR online platform to complete the following:

- 1) Enter the covering serial number (printed on the marking chart) **OR** the dam's name which will load the dam/sire details.
- 2) Enter 'animal' (foal) details such as name, prefix etc.
- 3) Complete owner details, the passport will be posted to the address provided

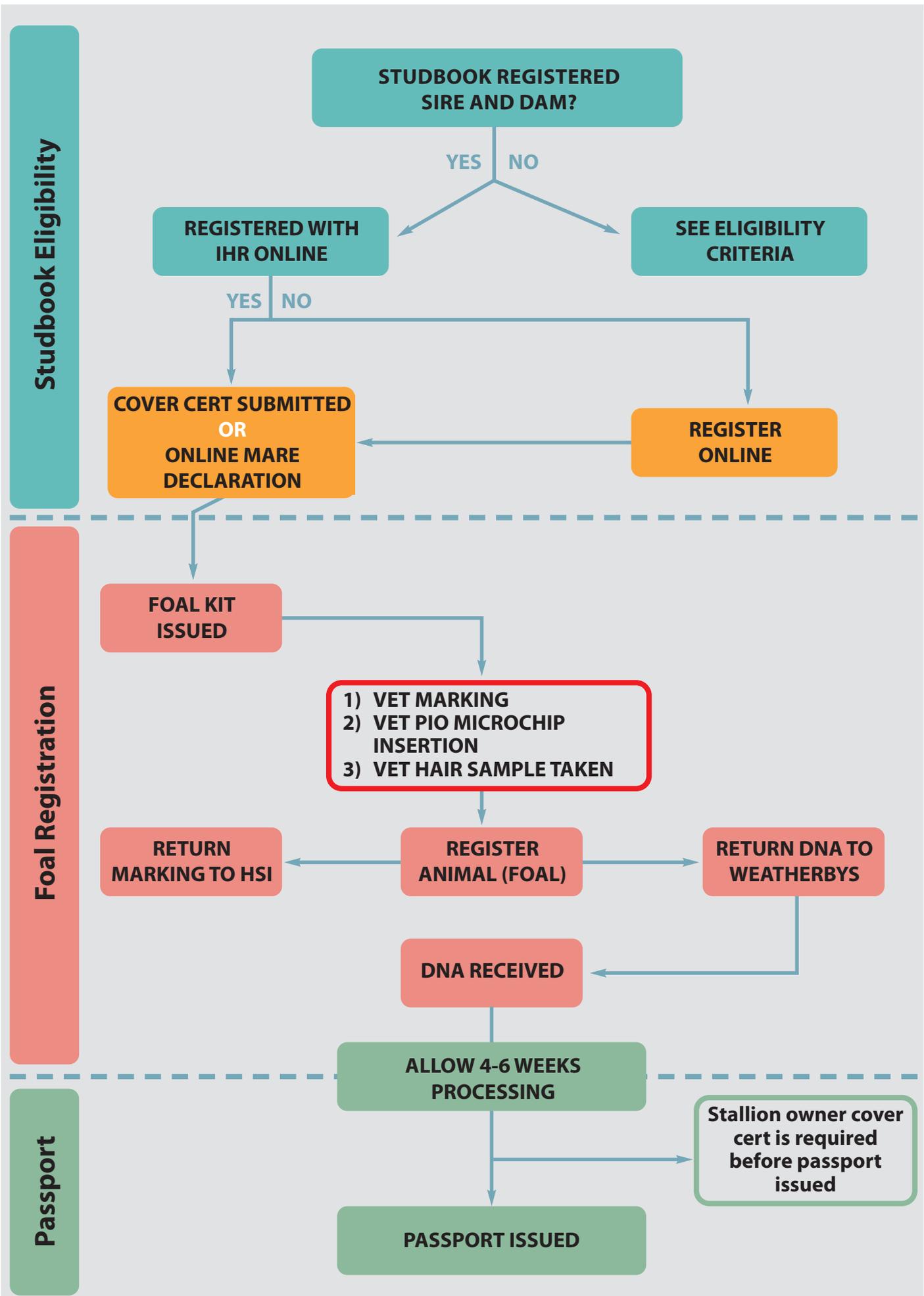
Review all information entered and if satisfied, click the pay option. If payment is successful, the applicant can return to the screen and view all existing online registrations.

Registrations can be edited until they are processed by HSI, once processing is complete the information will be **read-only**.

Registration progress can be tracked on the IHR website for updates on passport processing, estimated at 4 – 6 weeks. HSI would like to remind applicants that a valid covering certificate is required prior to passport issue. Following correct completion of all stages of registration and processing, HSI will issue the foal's passport to the dam's owner in the post.

**TABLE 1. FOAL REGISTRATION**

PROCESS: Inclusive of 23% VAT	IHB Member Fee	Non-Member Fee
Registration of Foals up to December 31st (online payment only)	€62 / £56	€98 / £90
Initial Registration of Foals after 31st October	€80 / £73	€117 / £107
POSTAGE		
Standard Post (Ireland & N Ireland)	€3 / £3	
Registered Post (Ireland & N Ireland)	€10 / £10	
Standard Post (Outside Ireland)	€5 / £5	
Registered Post (Outside Ireland)	€11.50 / £11.50	



# Breeders Success Celebrated at the ISH Series Final



The Irish Sport Horse studbook were delighted to invite all participating breeders of the 2019 studbook series to attend a celebration of breeding success at the Tattersalls summer show. Over 90 breeders attended a reception at the show grounds and were invited to complete a course walk lead by Comdt. John Ledingham and International course designer Tom Holden on the Sunday (21st July) of the show.

Bernie Pender breeder of *Madgeslane Caprice* (ISH) said, "I was delighted to receive the invitation for the breeder's reception and course walk in Tattersalls at the weekend. It was a great experience and I was so happy to be included and recognised as a breeder. I found the course walk insightful and beneficial. It was an ideal opportunity to catch-up after the course walk, with other breeders, over a bite of the lovely food which was also supplied by the ISH Studbook. It was a great idea."

Ann Gannon, breeder of the recent Junior European Show jumping

Champion, *AHG Whiterock Cruise Down* (ISH) was invited as a special guest to receive an award from Horse Sport Ireland's Director of Breeding and

Programmes, Alison Corbally, for Rocky's dam, *Whiterock Touch* (ISH). As a result of her three successful progeny, *Whiterock Touch* (ISH) is now classified





as a **'Select 5\* Mare'** in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Aside from Kate's Rocky, she has also bred *Whiterock Lucky Lady* (ISH), 2005, Filly by *Ard VDL Douglas* (KWPN) who was 4th CSI4\* Hickstead, the British Speed Derby 2017 when ridden by Derek McCoppin and *Ready To Rock* (ISH) by *Coever's Diamond Boy* (ISH) the CIC1\* UK-Based event mare.

Ann is no stranger to breeding successful horses, she has already registered over forty horses with the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. *AHG Whiterock Cruise Down* is the ideal representative sport horse production in Ireland; he was produced in Ireland by the Derwin's through the Irish Sport Horse Studbook series and RDS classes and went on to win the Gold medal with Kate, an Irish-based rider, at the Junior European Showjumping Championships this year. This kind of success epitomises every breeder's dream; to breed an Irish horse who is produced in Ireland, ridden by an Irish rider, winning gold at the highest level of international competition.

Ann said after the reception "I had the most enjoyable day and I would like to thank Alison Corbally and the breeding staff in Horse Sport Ireland. It was so nice to be able to put faces to names of HSI staff that we deal with on a regular basis. We, as breeders, put in a long hard slog year in year out, and days like last Sunday don't come around too often. It's great as a breeder to see all our efforts being recognised and it's lovely to be brought back into the fold, years after progeny are sold, when we get to see and be recognised for the fruits of our labours. Thank you to all involved for a fantastic day and for including me on Rocky's journey".

Andrew Hughes said, "What a positive initiative by the breeding

department in Horse Sport Ireland. It was a great opportunity for breeders and owners to hear Comdt John Ledinghams views on the course and why Tom Holden builds the course the way he does. It would also encourage producers to include their horses in this ISH showjumping series as we gained an understanding of how clever course designing instils confidence in our young horses."

Following the course walk and award presentation, the final of the 7-year-old Studbook series competition got underway. *HHS Fast Forward* (ISH) by *Heritage Fortunus* (HANN) out of *China Cavalier* (ISH) by *Cavalier Royale* (HOLST) bred and owned by Marion Hughes and ridden by Michael James Pender jumped double clear in a time of 39.07 seconds to claim the 7-Year-Old Final.

*Dawsons Flex* (ISH)(TIH) by *Flex A Bill* (ISH) out of *Carnalway Gold* (RID) by *Kildalton Gold* (ID), bred by Victor Bennett, owned by John Kearney won the 6-year old class. In the 5-Year-old final, *Oisín Alyward* jumped the quickest double clear to win, riding

*Madges Lane Emma* (ISH) by *Emerald Van'T Ruytershof* (BWP) out of *Courage Cruise* (ISH) by *Courage II* (HOLST) bred by Jackie Lee and owned by Barry O'Connor.

The Tattersalls show brought to an end this year's studbook series where the overall league winners were presented. The 5-year-old Irish Sport Horse Studbook series league champion was *Castle Lux Clover* (ISH) by *Boherdeal Clover* (ISH) out of *Cloonagh Luxury* (ISH) by *Lux Z* (HANN), bred by Jennifer Devlin, owned by Anne Marie D'Arcy and ridden by Sean Kavanagh.

This year the overall 6-year-old Irish Sport Horse Studbook Series champion was *Orestus Clover* (ISH), a mare by *Orestus* (KWPN) out of *Optimistic Clover* (ISH) by *Clover Hill* (ID), bred and owned by Ralph Morgan and ridden by Jessica Burke.

The 7-Year-old ISH Studbook show jumping series league champion was *BBS Mcgregor* (ISH), a gelding by *Cardento* (HOLST) out of *Random Chance* (ISH) by *Mark Twain* (TB), bred and owned by Marguerite Ryan and ridden by Jack Ryan.



# Breeders Success Celebrated contd...



# Young Event Horse (YES!) Series 2019

*Greenhall Granuaile (ISH) and Sarah Ennis –  
Winners of the Young Event Horse Series  
Five Year Old League.  
Photo: Ian Heslin.*



The Young Event Horse Series (YES!) continues to develop the natural talents and skills of both Irish horses and riders. The brainchild of Harold McGahern and Col. Ronnie McMahon, their vision was to establish a basic standard of training and a systematic programme of assessment to promote the education for horses and riders in the skills required for success in national and international horse trials. The series consists of competitions which are specifically designed towards education, preparation and testing in a constructive and progressive manner.

The scheduling of YES! events encourages producers and riders to focus on achieving specific training and development objectives, sets targets to be aimed for and provides important timelines and milestones for

competitors to meet, in the hope of qualifying for the prestigious Dublin Horse Show. Receiving constructive feedback, from independent judges, identifies areas to concentrate on for continuous improvement in performance. Attendance throughout the series allows progress to be progressively assessed and measured.

Horse Sport Ireland are delighted to continue to support the YES! series which assists breeders to produce and add value to their young horses in Ireland. It further supports the national breeding programme through a specific form of performance testing which demonstrates to breeders in Ireland the modern-day requirements of a potential international competition horse.

The YES! qualifiers and the Dublin

Horse Show Young Event Horse classes present an excellent opportunity to showcase Irish future event horses. Potential buyers, from home and abroad, are presented with the highest standard of horse in a professional manner. There is now a clearer understanding of what is expected from breeders and producers and the standards which must be achieved in order to be an attractive proposition for investors.

The Young Event Horse Series could not continue without the support of Horse Sport Ireland and Royal Dublin Society. Each year these organisations, through funding and practical support, assist the organisers in continuing with their quest to identify the best of the best future event horses.

The legacy of Harold and Ronnie lives on.

The league winners from the four qualifiers are as follows:

## 5 YEAR OLDS

Placing	Horse	Sire	Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider
1st	Greenhall Granuaile (ISH)	Frankfort Boy (IRE) (TB)	Greenhall Indicator (ISH)	Derry Rothwell	Joan O'Connor	Sarah Ennis
2nd	Ranga Tanga Roo (ISH)	Sibon W (KWPN)	Saraha's Glory (ISH)	Paudie Fuller	Mary Leonard	Fraser Duffy
3rd	Fernhill Kilbunny (ISH)	Hermes De Reve (BE) (SF)	Pleasant Star (IRE) (TB)	Gerald Allen	Carol Gee/Deirdre Lannigan	Fraser Duffy
4th	MMF Churchill (ISH)	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	ON KEY (IRE) (TB)	James Nash	MiMi Falb	Steven Smith
5th	Beyond the Mist (ISH)	Dignified Van't Zorgvliet (BWEB)	Ballyeden Hero (ISH)	Marie & Peadar Carter	Tom & Carol Henry	Michael Ryan
6th	Fairytale (ISH)	Robin De La Maison (IRE) (TB)	Monicas Dream (ISH)	Deirdre Connolly	Deirdre Connolly	Alice Copithorne

## 4 YEAR OLDS

Placing	Horse	Sire	Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider
1st	Mr Quality Cruz (ISH)	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Miss Carnival Cruise (ISH)	Liam Byrne	Jessica Finnegan	Emma Jackson
2nd	Kilcannon It's a Gamble (ISH)	Tolan R (KWPN)	Luxury Cruise (ISH)	Jim Mone	Mary Bolger	Jason Higgins
3rd	MRF Tiffin (ISH)	Metropole (KWPN)	Brokagh Classic Lady (ISH)	Mike Comerford	Susan Fitzpatrick	Linda Murphy
4th	Reenmore Riley (ISH)	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Harlequin Night (ISH)	Maura Crowley	Maura Crowley	Alice Copithorne
5th	Major Cross (ISH)	Insatiable (IRE) (TB)	Cross of Mye (ISH)	Michael Murphy	Ian Cassells	Ian Cassells
6th	Valcruz (ISH)	Valent (KWPN)	Cruisann (ISH)	Mary McCann	Philip Rosbotham	Colin Halliday











# HORSE SPORT IRELAND SPONSORED CLASSES

## Stenaline Dublin Horse Show 2019 - Entries

### YOUNG EVENT SERIES – 5 YEAR OLD

HORSE	SIRE	DAM	DAMSIRE	BREEDER	OWNER	RIDER
SOME TUNE	MUSICAL PURSUIT (GB) (TB)	NAUTIIMP (ISH)	NAUTILUS (KWPN)	PATRICK DILLON	JOHN BANNON	JOHN BANNON
FAIRYTALE	ROBIN DE LA MAISON (IRE) (TB)	MONICAS DREAM (ISH)	MALTRISRIKER (KWPN)	DEIRDRE CONNOLLY	DEIRDRE CONNOLLY & ALICE COPITHORNE	ALICE COPITHORNE
RANGA TANGA ROO	SIBON W (KWPN)	SARAHS GLORY (ISH)	LUX Z (HANN)	PAUDIE FULLER	CLARE CORBALLUS	FRASER DUFFY
A CLASSIC SPORTSFIELD	MERMUS R (KWPN)	CAVALIER CLASSIC (ISH)	HIGH ROLLER (ISH)	SIOBHAN MCGUINNESS	PAUL DONOVAN	CORENTIN GAUTIER
SPORTSFIELD TRUE DELIGHT	PORSCH (BWP)	TATTYGARE GOLDEN DELIGHT (ISH)	EUPHEMISM (TB)	JOHN JAMES HURST	PAUL DONOVAN	PAUL DONOVAN
TOP NOTCH SPORTSFIELD	VANCOUVER (KWPN)	BALLINAMONAPARK HONEY (ISH)	IROKO (WESTF)	VAAHE BOGOSSIAN	PAUL DONOVAN	PAUL DONOVAN
OUT OF PRINT	OUT OF TOUCH (ISH)	PRINTERS FIRST EDITION (BHD)	PRIMITIVE RISING (USA) (TB)	MICHELLE DENNIGAN	NICOLA ENNIS	NICOLA ENNIS
MMF CHURCHILL	O.B.O.S. QUALITY 004 (OLD)	ON KEY (IRE) (TB)	SHERNAZAR (TB)	JAMES NASH	MIMI FALB	STEVEN SMITH
SHANACLOUGH QUALITY CLOVER	O.B.O.S. QUALITY 004 (OLD)	SHANACLOUGH CLOVERTONE (ISH)	CLOVER CLON VII (WNTR)	JOHN GLYNN	JOHN GLYNN	JESSICA O'DRISCOLL
CAPRIO	CAPRI VAN OVERIS Z (ZANG)	CHATSWORTH TASSETT (ISH)	TASSETT (CAN) (TB)	JOHN MCDONALD	SANDRA HAMILTON	COLIN HALLIDAY
BEYOND THE MIST	DIGNIFIED VAN'T ZORGVLIET (BWP)	BALLYEDEN HERO (ISH)	CULT HERO (CAN) (TB)	MARIE PEADER CARTER	CAROL & TOM HENRY	MICHAEL RYAN
HANSLOUGH DIAMOND	S CREEVAGH FERRO EX SIEBE (KWPN)	NANCY'S DIAMOND (ISH)	FURISTO'S DIAMOND (ISH)	ROBERT JENKINSON	EMMA JACKSON	EMMA JACKSON
CASTLEBRIDGE ODE	ORESTUS (KWPN)	BELLA DONNA VAN DE ZUUTHOEVE (BWP)	THUNDERVAN DE ZUUTHOEVE (BWP)	OWEN KAVANAGH	SEAN KAVANAGH	STEPHEN HOLLAND
FERNHILL KILBUNNY	HERMES DE REVE (BE) (SF)	PLEASANT STAR (IRE) (TB)	KASMAYO (GB) (TB)	GERALD ALLEN	DEIRDRE LANIGAN	FRASER DUFFY
KEN BLACK	KILLINICK BOUNCER (IDC1)	CHURCH LADY (TB)	SNURGE (TB)	MICHAEL J KAVANAGH	ADO MORAN	CIARAN MORAN
KILNAMAC OSCAR	LUX Z (HANN)	KILNAMAC SALLY (ISH)	CLOVER HILL (IDC1)	JAMES J RYAN	JONNY MULLIGAN & ANDREW GRAHAM	JONNY MULLIGAN
GREENHALL GRANUAILE	FRANKFORT BOY (IRE) (TB)	GREENHALL INDICATOR (ISH)	LIMMERICK (HOLST)	DERRY ROTHWELL	JOAN O'CONNOR	SARAH ENNIS
BALLYGREEN THE KINGS GENERAL	KINGS MASTER (ISH)	BALLYGREEN ANOUSCHKA (ISH)	ORBIS (USA) (TB)	DAVID ASP COSBY	LAWRENCE PATTERSON	EMMA JACKSON
CLARAGH OLALA	O.B.O.S. QUALITY 004 (OLD)	CAHERLINE KITTY (ISH)	MASTER IMP (TB)	JOSEPH HENRY O'REILLY	NICHOLAS POMEROY	MICHAEL RYAN
CROWN CRUISE	LOUGHEHOE GUY (ISH)	CROWN CRUISER (ISH)	CRUISING (ISH)	PATRICK KEANE	WILLOW SPORT HORSES & EVELYN O'NEILL	DAISY DUGGAN

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# Increase in Irish Draughts at AIRC Riding Clubs Festival



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The number of Irish Draughts competing the Horse Sport Ireland sponsored class was up on the previous year at the Association of Irish Riding Clubs Festival at Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath on Sunday 9th June last.

16 Irish Draughts were entered in the Horse Sport Ireland showing class where Stine Anderson's *Ballycoolan Yeats*, a four-year-old grey gelding, claimed the honours after impressing the judges Mary Ann Casey and Louise Duffy. *Harmon Yeats* ridden by Muireann O'Toole was given the nod for reserve champion.

*Ballycoolan Yeats*, who was bred by Vivienne Bradley, was also named as reserve in The Eddie Fowler Championship for the best of breeds while also won the Four-Year-Old class.

## By DAVID ABBOTT

Anderson said afterwards, "We had a great day at the AIRC Riding Clubs Festival as there was a really good atmosphere and as it was my first time being at this show where everyone was very helpful and friendly."

"*Ballycoolan Yeats*, who is owned by Fintan Flannelly, has an amazing temperament, is very clever and just a lovely horse to work with and produce. I'm looking forward to the future with him," she added.

Meanwhile in the performance class, *Phillistown GVP*, improved on its fifth placing last year after catching Gordon Bryans attention to win the class ahead. The 11-year-old grey gelding, who was bred by Clodagh Mitchell, was ridden by Hollybrook's Claire Fannin.

Fannin, who was delighted with the win said, "He really loves his performance classes and we had a great spin around the track. It was really great to see the high number of Irish Draughts entered in the class and we were delighted to have won on the day. Many thanks to judge Gordon Bryan."

Elsewhere, Leonie Irwin was rewarded with a special Horse Sport Ireland award for her eight-year-old Irish Draught, *Edenagor Kate*.

The Marie McGroarty bred chestnut mare claimed the award after the Border Counties rider achieved an impressive 83.61% in their dressage competition, the highest percentage of any Irish Draught in the individual dressage competitions at the show.

# Selective Breeding

## – The Only Way Forward –

Hugh Suffern



**Hugh Suffern** from Tullyraine Equine Clinic has a longstanding successful career as an FEI vet and Team veterinarian, he chats to HSI's **Sonja Egan** about prevalent clinical issues effecting the sport horse population.

**S**elective breeding is not a new concept and was first applied across many European studbooks around the time of the industrial revolution. Government inputs and policy-making came under extreme scrutiny from European breeders however, these programmes successfully created a commercial market for the performance and leisure horse. Lameness is arguably the largest factor impacting equines sport and performance at all levels from riding school pony to Olympian. However lameness isn't a diagnosis and equally maintaining soundness isn't black and white. However, there are steps breeders can take to minimise risk and safeguard their horses and progeny.

Selective breeding can mean various things: breeding to improve health, animal welfare, lineage preservation and performance potential. All of the above are integral to developing and improving the Irish sport horse herd. During this interview we discussed why selective breeding should be the minimum best practice standard applied to producing sport horses. Touching on the contribution of mares to performance bloodlines, the prospects of increasing thoroughbred percentage blood and the direct impact abnormality retention through breeding has on market value.

### WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF SELECTIVE BREEDING FOR THE IRISH SPORT HORSE?

Hugh initially comes at this highlighting the common sense aspect. Simply, it important we breed from the best to produce the best. "If you a breed from an animal with no pedigree and no knowledge of its health status, you are less likely to produce a top sport horse." He discusses how breeding should be done with purpose, in that if you intend to breed a showjumper or eventer you need to choose parents who have that performance record.

This is particularly formative at the moment while Ireland seek to maintain position at the world breeding federation sport horse studbook rankings. The Irish Sport horse's eventing record is unsurpassed and gradually improving in showjumping, Suffern argues we need to look at the big picture too.

"It cannot be forgotten that Ireland is also a top producer of simply nice horses, horses that perform day in and day out for amateur owners and it is important to protect and maintain that."

### CONSIDERATIONS FOR STALLION HEALTH

Horse Sport Ireland is not isolated from experiencing scrutiny associated with strict inspection guidelines for studbook approval. Hugh outlines however that this is vital and a hugely important aspect of informed selective breeding practice.

"Irish studbook stallions that are Approved are fairly screened to eliminate unsoundness that have some degrees of heritability, such as osteochondritis (OCD), wind problems and navicular. IHB can come under pressure from people regarding strict approval criteria, however these soundness issues are heritable so there is a chance that they can be passed on."

Many owners may choose to breed from foreign stallions due to the more precocious young stock. These arguments are certainly valid but Suffern outlines it really is a case of *caveat emptor* when importing foreign semen. It is much more difficult to judge the true suitability of a stallion from a distance.

"Marketing and advertising of these sires will always highlight positive points. Breeders buying and importing foreign semen will have to ask

themselves, how will this stallion complement my mare's conformation? What is his bone like? Conformation? Is it a small or a big horse? Does the horse have clean wind? OCD chips? It's difficult to see these things from a distance so you must proceed with caution and do a complete background check – you cannot avoid the fact that stallions inspected under Irish inspection system undergo full vetting."

Bearing in mind the incoming initiative to increase thoroughbred blood percentages, I asked Hugh how breeders could judge the suitability of a thoroughbred sire to complement their mares and sporting prospects of their progeny.

He described how it is never straightforward and there appears to be disjoint between awareness of outcomes using sprinters versus middle distance stallions. He suggests there appears to be a draw towards sprinter types when they are not necessarily the best for the job.

Sprinters by nature are bulky due to the dense number of fast twitch fibres required for an explosive bout of exercise; they are built for speed over a short distance and often only raced as two and three year olds. This may be the muscular image desired for a sport horse, but he notes that sprinters tend to experience greater exercise-related abnormalities versus their middle distance counterparts. Longevity however, has to be part of the package for middle-distance and stayers due to the athletic demands.

"Sprinters are bred purely for explosive power, they don't require durable conformation...just sprint short distances and quite often only as 2/3 year olds. Wind is less of an issue in middle distance horses who also need sustainable conformation to train longer and older. They tend to have better wind and overall lower percentage of wind issues; middle distance is best influence for sport horses."

### WHAT ABOUT THE MARES?

The thoroughbred percentage can also be reached through dam lines, where breeders are increasingly cognisant of dam line performance and breeding.

What can breeders do to maintain robustness from the mare's perspective?

"That's a good point, the genetic



profile of the animal comes jointly from mare and stallion. So if you're breeding from a mare that has a laryngeal neuropathy, there's a high chance the progeny will too.

Prevalence of OCD is also a risk, poor navicular x-rays and so on. It is vitally important you look at good stallions but mares also have a significant part to play. Even aside from soundness, temperament and attitude – if you breed simply because she's unrideable the progeny may be fine but they could also inherit those traits."

Suffern states that it is as important for a mare to undergo veterinary inspection.

### THE MARKET EFFECT

Hugh and I had previously touched on the value of the 'good' Irish horse for amateur performance. This is arguably the largest market worldwide for the Irish horse. Studbook rankings are important in maintaining exposure and popularity of the breed. However, the presence of abnormalities in horses; be it conformation, OCD, wind and unsoundness have a significant impact on the market value of the animal.

Breeders often express frustration

over small chips or slight wind noise which have no tangible impact on performance, but it cannot be argued that as soon as those issues are highlighted by vetting there is an impact on financial return for the breeder/owner.

"Buyers either looking to produce or investing in a young horse, any abnormality will be a deal breaker or reduce the price. Regardless of the arguments about performance decrements these hypothetical insignificant abnormalities will drastically effect price the breeder receives for the horse."

### SUMMARY

Selective breeding is a case of quality over quantity and will improve the value, welfare and performance record of the Irish Sport Horse breed. The development of technology and clinical tools has improved decision making regarding what is a good or poor breeding pair.

It is important that we bear this in mind going forward, knowing there is no such thing as perfect but also aware that we can do our bit to minimise heritable defects.



# Stallion Selections 2019

## Irish Sport Horse Studbook

### APPROVED



**GLEN MOSS (IRE) (TB) (Approved)**

2009 by *Moss Vale* (IRE) (TB) out of *Sail with the Wind* (GB) (TB) by *Saddlers' Hall* (IRE) (TB).  
**Breeder:** Rathbarry Stud      **Owner:** Thomas McMahon  
 Upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the timeform criteria.



**CORPORAL VDL (WESTF) (Approved)**

2006 by *Cardento* (HOLST) out of *Gudvya* (RHEIN) by *Grosso Z* (HANN)  
**Breeder:** Josef Hupen  
**Owner:** VDL Stud  
 Upgraded to Approved in the ISH studbook based on his own showjumping performance.

### PRELIMINARY APPROVED



**CHACCO'S CHARLIE PS (MECKL)**

2013 by *Chacco-Blue* (MECKL) out of *Chakira Z* (ZANG) by *Charlie Z* (ZANG).  
**Breeder:** PS Pferdehaltung Gmbh  
**Owners:** Matt Garrigan & PS Pferdehaltung Gmbh  
**Inspection Scores:** Conformation 80/100, Movement 75/100, Athleticism 80/100.



**GANESH HERO Z (ZANG)**

2014 by *Gemini* (AES) Clone of *Gem Twist* (TB) out of *Hiamant Van't Roosakker* (BWP) by *Diamant De Semilly* (SF)  
**Breeder:** Gerry Marron & Luc Henry **Owner:** Luc Henry  
**Inspection Scores:** Conformation 75/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 75/100.

### PASSED STAGE 1

HORSE	YOB	SIRE	DAM	DAMSIRE	OWNER	BREEDER
<b>Ballyfore Amuzed</b> (ISH)	2015	Pollux De Muze Z (ZANG)	Ballycoolan Flight (ISH)	Errigal Flight (ISH)	Elaine O'Neill	Elaine O'Neill
<b>Democrat</b> (ISH) (TIH)	2008	Simply Javlin (ISH) (TIH)	Dunmull (ISH)	Clover Echo (ISH) (TIH)	Lee Johnston	F.L. McDowell L Johnston
<b>Indigo VDL</b> (KWPN)	2013	Inshallah De Muze (BWP)	Becherry (HANN)	Stakkato (HANN)	Ivor Broderick	VDL Stud
<b>Lord Latino</b> (KWPN)	2016	Connect (HOLST)	Zatina (KWPN)	Timeless (KWPN)	Shane Nolan	Th. B. Van Mispelaar



# THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK SERIES

## Charting 10 years of successful breeders – 2008-2018

The Studbook Series was established in 2001 to provide a platform for owners, breeders and riders to produce and showcase the best of Irish Sport Horse youngsters in Ireland. The aim of the series is to provide a training and competition platform for breeders to produce young horses, thereby adding value to them, here in Ireland. We have taken a look back over the last 10 years of the series, identifying the most successful breeders, owners and horses over this period.

The Studbook series runs over eight, 2-day show jumping competitions in different venues starting in April and culminating in July. The classes are age and height appropriate for 5, 6, and 7-year-olds who are registered in the Irish Sport Horse studbook. The structure of the competition allows young horses to gain valuable experience over progressively challenging and competitive tracks designed by designers such as Tom Holden, John Doyle and Eduardo Petrovic. The series also provides the studbook with an opportunity to carry our research on the traits and progress of studbook horses.

The pulse of the series remains with participating breeders; each year following the young horse championships in Lanaken, Belgium, HSI meet with breeder and rider stakeholders who have participated in the league. Breeders and riders provide HSI with vital feedback regarding course design, materials, host venues, and SJI articles under which the studbook series is run. The feedback derived from the breeder/rider focus group, alongside advice from the chef d'équipe Comdt. John Ledingham, provide the grounding for changes implemented in the series the following season. Based on breeder/rider feedback form 2017, the 2018 series saw the introduction of an open water jump and two-phase aspect in the first four legs of the competition. Additionally the series provides young Irish riders the opportunity to produce young horses at top venues, were HSI provide videos and interviews of the winning rounds to showcase the best in Irish breeding. The intent is to improve the profile of the breeders, riders and producers – this further enhances HSI's aim to increase the number of Irish sport Horses produced in Ireland, ridden by Irish riders and going on to win at international level. Successful horses who have recently graduated through the studbook series include:

*Castlefield Vegas* bred by John Clarke and owned by Martin Egan, won the 2018 European Junior Championship Showjumping Gold Medal and has since been successful on the Irish Nations Cup Team.

*AHG Whiterock Cruise Down* won the 2015 6 year old class in the RDS and more recently 2019 European Junior Championship Showjumping Gold Medal. He was bred by Ann Gannon owned by Francis Derwin and is ridden by Kate Derwin.

### PARTICIPATION TRENDS

The 5 year old class is the most popular maintaining almost 50% of all competition horses engaged in the series. This demonstrates the marketable value of a participating 5-year-old horse– many of these horses are sold before they can engage in the next age grouping. Approximately 15% of horses compete in the series as 5 and 6-year-olds again reiterating that their success in this level of competition is desired by the market. While almost 14% of horses compete in the series as 5, 6 and 7-year-olds.

### BREEDER METRICS

Marion Hughes of Hughes Horse Stud (HHS) Co. Kilkenny tops the leader board for the total number of horses (33) entered since the inauguration of the series (Figure 1). She is followed by the late Ita Brennan (21 horses) of Co. Kilkenny, notable horses include *MHS Going Global* ridden by Greg Broderick who competed in the Studbook series as a 7 year old. Greg Broderick has also been the top rider/ producer for Dr Noel Cawley of Co. Kildare who has jointly entered 21 horses over the series duration. *Rincarina* is one of Dr. Cawleys prolific broodmares which competed in the studbook series as a 7 year old, more recently her filly foal (*Carina*) won the 2019 Foal championship for the top Showjumping type filly.

Lady Georgina Forbes of Co. Longford takes up the fourth position with her impressive Castleforbes line who horses have competed at the Olympics and in major international competition. Judy Murphy of Co. Louth in fifth. Murphy's Javas sport horses have been successful both in Ireland and abroad, many competing on the American circuit up to CSI 4\*. Justin Burke is tied with Murphy for fifth and as also bred 14 horses engaged in the series over the 10 year period. Burke won the second place at the 2018 HSI international Breeder Prizes for *Luibanta BH* as the second highest ranking Irish-Bred showjumper.

Figure 1. Studbook Series Top 6 Breeders by Number of Entries

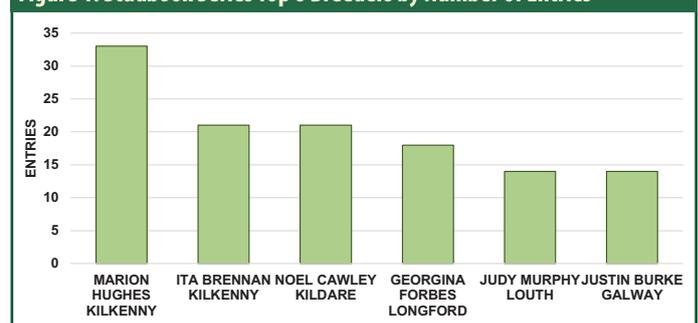


Figure 1: Breeders with the greatest number of horses entered in the ISH studbook series from the 2008-2018 period.



# Young Handlers reflect on the Championship and their progress



It was the day before the big wind hit the 2018 National Ploughing but the sun shone on a wonderful new horse competition at the heart of the still pristine Screggan, County Offaly complex.

This was the first running of Horse Sport Ireland's Young Handlers Championship which is designed to assist in the development of the skills necessary to prepare and present horses for show and sale.

Out of five qualifying rounds held during the summer at Fingal, Roscommon, Clarecastle, Adamstown and Dunmanway a total of 26 finalists went forward to compete for €10,000 in prize money and the honour of being crowned junior and senior champions.

Horse breeder Andrew Hughes, showing expert Tiernan Gill and Teagasc's Declan McArdle did the judging. Afterward, Andrew Hughes commented, "It is a fantastic initiative and the horsemanship on the day was of a very high standard."

Tiernan Gill noted, "It provided great exposure for the young handlers."

Having watched every moment of

## By MICHAEL SLAVIN

the final myself, I can certainly concur with those sentiments and add that it proved to be a beautiful attraction and a real gem in the National Ploughing programme. It clearly emphasised that the Irish Sport Horse industry is not just about riding horses but also about breeding, handling and producing them as well. These young finalists exemplified those virtues to the full.

### THE JUNIORS

A total of 12 Juniors ranging in age from 14 to 19 had qualified. With exceptional poise each one of them not



only showed their horse or pony, on the triangle but also had to answer questions, produce a video and give a presentation on a stallion of their choice.

Recalled from the initial 12 Juniors were: David Brown from Kildare with *KBS Quality Gen* (ISH) by *OBOS Quality*; Catherine Gorton from Galway with the Connemara gelding *Castle Dartagon*; Eimer Furling of Wexford with *Thistle town Olympia* (ISH) by *Olympic Lux*; Abby Stafford from Dublin with the mare *Cianna Z* by *Candillo Z*; Ciara Mullen of Dublin with the Connemara *King Boy* and 16-year-old Katie Dineen, who emerged as Junior Champion with the part-bred Welsh mare *Kilmacbea Floss*.

Following her win a delighted Katie said, "Floss went a dream for me, I now want to spend my life with horses."

Almost a year on from that happy moment Katie's mind has not at all changed. I caught up with her as she showed a two-year-old old Welsh pony at Ballyvorney Show.

"My mind still goes back to that moment and the whole week after. It was such a great experience. The event

itself was very professionally run with no waiting around and plenty of information available to the public. It was great to hear my name called out. I am still in Junior year but I hope to go on and do Equine Studies."

That is just the kind of outcome envisioned from this initiative!

## THE SENIORS

From the group of 14 Senior finalists the judges brought back Aidan Williamson from Cork with *Greenhall Miss R* (ISH) by *Mermus R*; Roisin McGrath of Kilkenny with the Connemara mare *Mahanagh Heather*; Denis O'Driscoll from Dunmanway with the RID mare *Gairdin Mor Cailin*; Amy Finn from Kilkenny showing the TIH mare *Goldfield Fantasy*; Cork's Brian O'Neill with the *Big Sink Hope* mare *Killnaglass Isabelle* (ISH) and Lorcan Glynn of Roscommon, who took the Senior crown and the €1,500 first prize with his homebred three-year-old filly *Crannaghmore Pearl* by *Near Dock* (TB).

Speaking with great clarity after his win 20-year-old Lorcan, who is going into his final year for a BS in Agricultural and Environment Studies at GMIT Mountbellew, declared "I hope to pick a good stallion and breed from this filly to keep the homebred line going."

Well he has kept his promise for when I spoke with him recently he was able to report that *Crannaghmore Pearl* is indeed in foal to the Thoroughbred *Elusive Emir*.

"He is getting great stock so I chose him." But that is not all Lorcan is doing. When we talked, he was in the process of preparing five horses for Dublin Horse Show. Included among them is a new mare that he qualified for the Irish Field Breeders with her *Sligo Candy Boy* foal. He and his family now stand two good Connemara stallions while they continue with their cattle suckler herd enterprise as well.



Looking back to the Ploughing Championship Final Lorcan recalls, "It was great to be a part of something that was well-run and in which you knew just what you had to do."

Both Lurcan and Katie certainly did it well as they got this new Championship off to a great start.

The Young Handler Championships continues in 2019, three qualifiers have already been completed and two more

regional qualifiers will take place. The top three placings in each section will advance to the final at the National Ploughing Championships on 17th September 2019. At the Final there is a €5,000 prize fund available and additionally this year the senior winner will be awarded a week stay at a top Irish riding and producing yard and the junior winner will receive a family pass to the Horse of the Year Show 2019.



## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUNG HANDLER QUALIFIERS

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	VENUE	DATE	CLOSING DATE
<b>REGION 5</b> Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Roscommon	Roscommon Agricultural Show, Athlone Road, Roscommon	<b>Saturday</b> 17th August 2019	<b>Saturday 12th August 2019</b> Entries directly to the show: Ursula Hannon at <a href="mailto:ursulahannon1@gmail.com">ursulahannon1@gmail.com</a> or via the website: <a href="http://www.roscommonagriculturalshow.com">www.roscommonagriculturalshow.com</a>
<b>REGION 4</b> Mayo, Galway, Clare	Creagh Equestrian Centre, Ballinasloe, Galway	<b>Saturday</b> 31st August 2019	<b>Tuesday 27th August 2019</b> Entries directly to the show: <a href="mailto:nicola.shannon@yahoo.co.uk">nicola.shannon@yahoo.co.uk</a> or call <b>085-7816665</b>

# IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

## Young Breeders Compete at the World Championships



The World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses, World Championship of International Young Breeders, took place at 'Stadl Paura Pferdezentrum' in Austria on the 19th and 20th of July. One hundred and forty one individual competitors, representing 19 Studbooks competed. Nineteen senior (20-25yrs) teams and eighteen junior teams (16-19yrs) were fielded. A maximum of four individuals within an age class may represent a given Studbook, with the three best scores counting towards team score.

The competition itself comprises of 5 elements (Theory exam; Assessment of Athleticism – jump and movement; Assessment of Conformation; and Presentation of a horse in hand). An additional element is turnout of a horse as a team which is not part of the overall team ranking scores.

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook entered both a junior team (Ellie Duggan; Michelle Dunne; Dan Geaney and Edward Hennessy) and a senior team (Sarah Brashaw; Amy Finn; Nicole

Groyer and Conor Mahon). Against some very stiff competition Amy Finn finished 8th rank overall in the senior age category (72 competitors), and 8th position in the discipline of conformation. Michelle Dunne ranked 5th in the discipline of 'In Hand Presentation', following a professional delivery of her skills against 68 other competitors in the junior age class.

The German Hanoverian Studbook were outright winners of both age classes and overall World Champions. The Austrian AWÖ Studbook and event team leader Verena Nowak provided a warm welcome and a great show of Austrian culture and tradition as part of the overall event. The World Championship will take place in Holland (KWPN Studbook) in 2021.

Wendy Conlon, equine specialist with Teagasc and team manager of the Irish Young Breeders said; "Immense credit goes to all of the team members who picked up a special award commending their team spirit and fair play principles from the organisers."

The ISH Young Breeders Programme is a joint programme between Teagasc and Horse Sport Ireland's Irish Sport Horse Studbook aimed at those aged 14-25 years of age who are interested in assessing, exhibiting and breeding performance horses. The programme is supported by the many professional farms which open their gates permitting their horses to be scrutinised. Trainers Tiernan Gill, Jack Doyle, Andrew Hughes and Philip Scott provide a font of knowledge.

Director of breeding and programmes in Horse Sport Ireland Alison Corbally said: "The Irish Sport Horse Studbook is delighted to financially support the training and travel for this team of Young Breeders as it is an exceptional opportunity to learn new skills and meet like-minded young breeders from abroad. These contacts will no doubt be very useful in the future."

For all Young Breeders interested in the 2020 programme please visit [www.teagasc.ie/youngbreeders](http://www.teagasc.ie/youngbreeders)



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# HORSE SPORT IRELAND

## Foal Championships 2019

The Horse Sport Ireland foal qualifiers will begin on the 1st of August at Bridestown Towers Equestrian Centre, Co. Cork. There will be five additional qualifiers across the region before the culmination of the championships in Cavan Equestrian Centre. The aim is to identify, evaluate and reward breeders who have bred a foal that has the potential to be competitive at the highest level in the disciplines of showjumping or eventing. The foal championships have a prize fund of almost €24,000.

Each regional qualifier has separate categories and sections for horses and ponies for potential showjumping foals and potential eventing foals. Four foals from each regional qualifier will advance to the final; the best show jumping type and the best eventing type in each category (horse and pony). HSI are pleased to include a prize at each of the qualifiers for the best traditionally-bred (TIH) foal in the horse sections.

Champions will be named and paraded at the final in both horse and pony sections where €6,900 will awarded across categories. There will be a champion show jumping foal for both horses and ponies as well as a champion eventing foal in both categories. Additionally there be a €1,000 awarded for the overall best traditionally-bred (TIH) foal in the horse section. The final will be held in Cavan on 22nd October, 2019.

All foals will be required to be marked, microchipped and



Photo: Laurence Dunne

have an application for a studbook passport submitted. Following feedback from breeders in 2019 we will video each of the foal qualifiers and owners can purchase their promotional video at a nominal fee of €15 which can be used by the owner for marketing purposes.

All classes will run on a pre-entry basis. Entries will not be taken by the show/venue and will be required 2 weeks prior to the event.

See below the dates and venues for the remainder of the series.

Applications go directly to the venue.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	VENUE	DATE	CLOSING DATE
<b>REGION 5</b> Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Roscommon	Roscommon Agricultural Show, Athlone Road, Roscommon	<b>Saturday</b> 17th August 2019	<b>Saturday 17th August 2019</b> Entries directly to the show: Ursula Hannon at <a href="mailto:ursulahannon1@gmail.com">ursulahannon1@gmail.com</a> or via the website: <a href="http://www.roscommonagriculturalshow.com">www.roscommonagriculturalshow.com</a>
<b>REGION 2</b> Tipperary, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny	Wexford Equestrian, Tomhaggard, Co. Wexford	<b>Tuesday</b> 27th August 2019	<b>Tuesday 13th August 2019</b> Entries directly to the show: <a href="http://www.wexfordequestrian.ie">www.wexfordequestrian.ie</a> or call 086-3902309
<b>REGION 4</b> Mayo, Galway, Clare	Creagh Equestrian Centre, Ballinasloe, Galway	<b>Thursday</b> 5th September 2019	<b>Thursday 22nd August 2019</b> Entries directly to the show: <a href="mailto:creaghequestriancentre@googlemail.com">creaghequestriancentre@googlemail.com</a> or call 086-2254227
<b>REGION 1</b> Wicklow, Louth, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath, Dublin	Coilog Equestrian Centre, Kilmeague, Co Kildare	<b>Tuesday</b> 10th September 2019	<b>Tuesday 27th August 2019</b> Entries directly to the show: <a href="mailto:info@coilog.com">info@coilog.com</a> or call 045-860842
<b>REGION 5</b> Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Roscommon	Tubberbride Stables, Co. Sligo	<b>Monday</b> 23rd September 2019	<b>Monday 9th September 2019</b> Entries directly to the show: <a href="mailto:noleenkerins14@gmail.com">noleenkerins14@gmail.com</a> or call 087-6712200

# 2019 ISH Studbook Young Horse Eventing Series

*Camilla Speirs and BT Juste Capitaine (ISH)  
competing at Killossery Lodge.  
Photo: Equuspix.*



The first five legs of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Young Horse Eventing series took place at Rosanna on the 19th May, Killossery Lodge on the 8th June, Grove on the 23rd June, Ballindenisk on the 14th of July and Vesey Lodge on the 3rd August. As in previous years, the four year old series will consist of four legs with scores from all legs to count in the league. The five and six year old series will consist of six legs with all legs to count in the league. The final leg of this league will be held at Tattersalls on the 18th August.

## **Alison Corbally, HSI, Director of Breeding and Programmes stated:**

*We are delighted to continue the ISH Young Horse Eventing league for 2019. The aim of the ISH Young Horse League is to further assist in the progressive production of young event horses within the country. This series, which has been running for six years, has continued to grow and is now a very popular and competitive series on the eventing calendar. We wish all the producers and riders the best of luck through the remainder of the series this year.*

**For more information please visit:**

**<http://www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding/ish-studbook-eventing-series/>**

# Irish Draught Studbook

**2018**

## AT A GLANCE

**834**

Irish Draught horses registered as foals in 2017

**888**

Irish Draught registered as foals in 2018

**76%**

of Irish Draught mares covered by Irish Draught stallions

**202**

Irish Draught stallions with progeny in 2018

**167**

Irish Draught stallions with pure-bred Irish Draught progeny in 2017

Average mean kinship values for active ID broodmares stable at

**3.5%**

In-breeding level for active ID broodmares has slightly increased to

**0.96%**

## HSI updated Genetic Diversity information

Horse Sport Ireland has released a list of Irish Draught Stallions of Concern. In addition, genetic diversity information will be updated in the online IHR for all Irish Draught horses. This has been based on a recent research report on the genetic diversity within the studbook in Ireland comprising breeder representative consultations and updated analyses of genetic diversity within the studbook of origin. This report is available on the HSI website.

Three measures of genetic diversity have been implemented following breeder representative consultations. These are mean kinship values, whether a stallion is from a threatened stallion line and whether a horse is an outcross to the dominant sires identified by breeders' representatives as Milestone, Pride of Shaunlara, King of Diamonds, Errigal, Mountain Heather and Ben Purple. The mean kinship value at which a horse's lineage is considered to be of concern has been increased from those under 2.0% to those under 2.5%. Two outcross stallions were breeding in 2018: Bellamont and Clonakilty Hero with only one outcross foal registered, a filly.

Mean kinship values are calculated as the average of the relationships between a horse and each female member of the potential breeding population (mares breeding within the last 5 years and fillies up to the age of four). Mean kinships may change over time in line with breeding patterns. The figures increase if bloodlines are increasing in prevalence in the breed and decrease if bloodlines are under threat. For example, the threatened line stallion Fintan Himself has produced over 150 purebred foals and consequently his mean kinship figure has increased from 1.65 to 2.70.

Analyses of the progeny and grand progeny of sires on the 2005 Rare Bloodline lists show that all rare bloodlines highlighted since the introduction of genetic diversity analysis in 2005 have descendants actively breeding, though not all have stallion sons. However, although the rare bloodlines identified in Ireland in 2005 are still present, some are critically threatened.

HSI research into equine genetics is supported by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and this support is appreciated.

### ACTIVE IRISH DRAUGHT STALLIONS OF CONCERN STANDING IN IRELAND

ALLEN ROCK	CLOVER SKIPPY	LUKE SKYWALKER
ALLYS BRIDGE	COGAN MOUNTAIN	MILLHOLLOW STROLLER
BALLINEEN IT'S WILLIAM	COME T	MIZEN GOLD
BALTYDANIEL ARTHUR	COOLCRONAN WOOD	MOUNTAIN PEARL
BALTYDANIEL GOLDEN BOY	COOLOO CREST	PENMERRYLS RHYTHM & BLUES
BELLAMONT	FINTAN HIMSELF	SHEANS CLOVER BOY
CALLOWS COMET GOLD	HARKAWAY LIONHAWK	SI GAOITHE
CLEW BAY BOUNCER	HUNTINGFIELD HEATHCLIFF	SONRISE GENESIS
CLONAKILTY HERO	HUNTINGFIELD RULER	TREANLAUR ROCKY
CLONEYHEA PADDY	HUNTINGFIELD SUNNY C	TULLYCOMMON BOY
CLONEYHEA SPELLBOUND	KILTYBANE NALDO	YOUNG COOLEHANE

# HSI Coaching Programme



## – Changes for 2020



The HSI Coaching Programme has been in existence for over twenty years and has overseen the development of some of Ireland's top equestrian coaches; from grassroots to high performance. A comprehensive review has been taking place throughout 2019 and significant improvements for the highly successful programme will come into effect in 2020. Development work has continued on the Level 1 and Level 2 throughout the year and these changes are scheduled to come into effect from January 1st.

The Level 1 will undergo considerable changes and will cater for both grassroots coaches and those

wishing to pursue a high-performance coach career. All candidates will be required initially to attend a set number of course contact days and will complete a set of compulsory modules. One of two pathways will then be chosen; National Development Coach (NDC) or Level 1 Coach and a further set of modules will be completed before

candidates sit a practical assessment.

The National Development Coach (NDC) will be suitable for all High Performing coaches at grassroots level. This pathway will be suitable for all coaches who wish to achieve a

reputable qualification at this level. The Level 1 Coach pathway caters for aspiring High Performance coaches and will include coaches who can provide evidence that demonstrates they are currently working with students at Level 1 competition standard. These coaches will also be assessed but will have a separate assessment process and standard to be met.

The Level 2 Coach course has also been reviewed. There will be minor changes made to the assessment process and the dressage standard expected will be raised from elementary to medium to bring it in line with the standards in show jumping (1.20m) and eventing (CCI3\*L) at this level.

For further information, please contact **Catherine Flanagan** or **Briona Hoban** at [bhoban@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:bhoban@horsesportireland.ie) or call **+353 45 854533**.

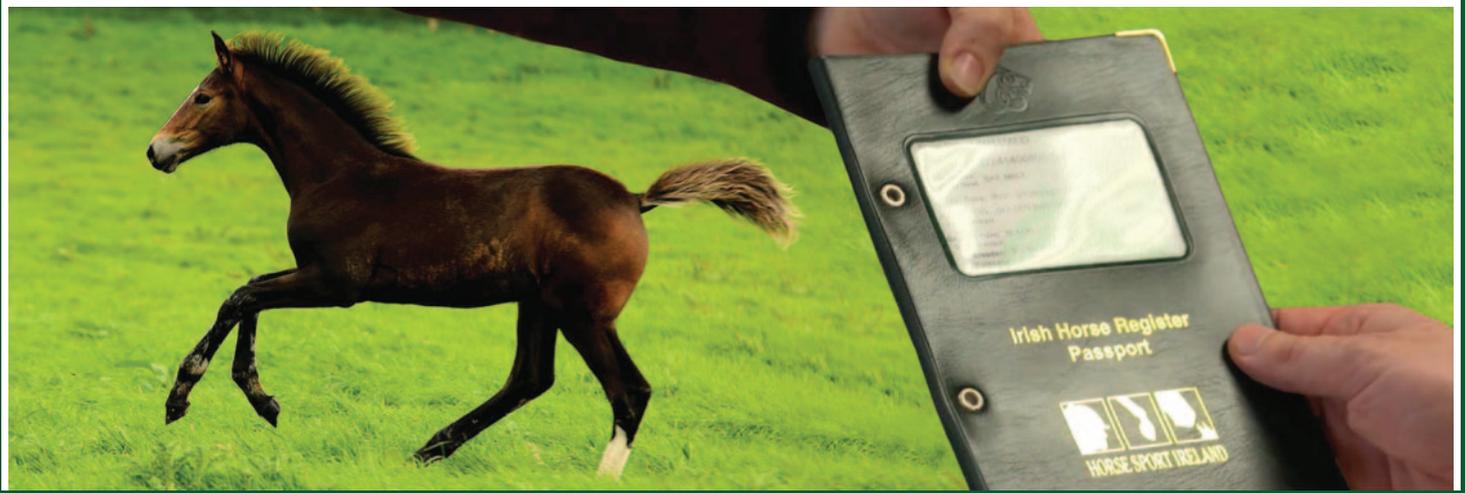
### UPCOMING COURSE DATES 2019

#### HSI INTRODUCTION TO COACHING

<b>10th September</b>	Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath
<b>1st October</b>	Gurteen College, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
<b>5th November</b>	Portmore International Equestrian Centre, Co. Antrim

#### HSI CROSS COUNTRY / EVENTING COACH

<b>22nd October</b>	Grange Farm, Co. Meath
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# REGISTER YOUR FOAL WITH THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK



## VANIR KAMIRA (ISH)

Winner of the 5\* Mitsubishi Badminton Horse Trials 2019

Ridden by Piggy French (GBR)  
2005 mare by CAMIRO DE HAAR Z (ZANG)  
out of FAIR CALEDONIAN (WNTR)  
by DIXI (BEL)(TB)



**LEADING  
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22 OUT OF THE  
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**2018  
Gold Medallist  
World Breeding  
Showjumping  
Championships**

## UPPERCOURT CAPPUCINO (ISH)

5-year-old World Champion at the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken 2018.

Ridden by Richard Howley (IRL)  
2013 gelding by PACINO (BWP) out of UPPERCOURT POSH (UNK), by OBOS QUALITY 004 (OLD). Breeder: Paul O'Byrne

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FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses – Le Mondial du Lion d'Angers, France



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