



## Embryo Transfer Scheme 2025

(\*Applicants who have received funding for this scheme before, please see **Appendix 1A** before completing)

Horse Sport Ireland are delighted to re-launch the Embryo Transfer (ET) scheme in 2025. This initiative is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine under National Breeding Services. Applications will be deemed to be invalid if they are incomplete or do not contain the relevant supporting documentation. Applications must be submitted online only. Queries may be submitted for the attention of ET Schemes, Horse Sport Ireland, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co Kildare, W91 TK7N. Phone. Tel: 045 854800; Email: [schemes@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:schemes@horsesportireland.ie)

Before completing this application form, please read the Eligibility Criteria (Appendix 1), the Donor Mare Performance and/or Progeny Performance Criteria (Appendix 2) and ensure that you have submitted all of the supporting documentation outlined in the checklist (Appendix 3).

2025 Deadlines	
Closing	60-D Scan returned
<b>18/07/2025</b>	<b>18/09/2025</b>

### Appendix 1: Terms and Conditions of the HSI Embryo Transfer Scheme (ET Scheme)

- **Applicants must be the registered owner of the donor mare(s) subject to the application and ownership of the animal cannot be changed for the purpose of gaining entry onto the scheme.**
- For equines registered in dual ownership, permission in writing or email correspondence must be received by HSI from the non-applicant owner.
- Proof of completion of 2024 Equine Census must be uploaded as part of the application process. Applications are not valid without proof of same.
- Scheme approval/ payment of funds will not occur in the absence of this written or email permission.
- Applicants must provide their own IBAN payment details during the application process, no other IBANs will be accepted. **An IBAN may only be used for two applications, as per T&Cs, and must be that of the applicants.**
- Applicants must be resident on the island of Ireland (includes Northern Ireland).
- An applicant can apply for up to two Embryo Transfers (ET's).
- Native/rare breeds can apply and be assessed on their rarity, horse must be registered in the main section of a DAFM approved studbook and have a kinship value of less than 1.25.
- In 2026 the donor mare may be required to be classified (inspected) in a DAFM approved studbook.
- This scheme operates on a first come first served basis up to the maximum allocation facilitated by the existing budget allocation. Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to close the scheme prior to the advertised deadline.
- Provision of funding is subject to a complete feedback form on completion of the scheme.
- Please note that applicant and horse application data will be shared with the relevant studbook to confirm breed, studbook, ownership, and any other relevant eligibility.
- As per conditions in 2024 there is requirement successful applicants must provide Horse Sport Ireland with proof of registration of the foal in a Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (DAFM) Approved Studbook. Foals must obtain a passport before 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of birth or within 6 months following the date of its birth, whichever occurs later. **If this is not provided the applicant will be exempt from this scheme for the following three years (2025-2027).**



- **Donor mares must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:**
  - Be registered/endorsed in a DAFM Approved studbook.
  - Be three years old or more.
  - Meet veterinary requirements of the initial examination at the \*Designated Veterinary Clinic as required.
  - Provide verified results demonstrating that the mare meets the performance and/or progeny performance criteria outlined in Appendix 2. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the donor mare meets the performance requirement. Applications received without verified results will not be processed.
- The Embryo Transfer procedure **MUST** be carried out at a veterinary clinic which is designated for this scheme and **MUST** take place in 2025, and an application must be submitted before the associated tranche deadlines.
  - The verification of pregnancy must be received by HSI by the associated '60-D Scan returned' deadline.
  - ***The veterinary clinic must provide an image of the 60D scan, clearly indicating the foetus and stating the pregnancy status- this must be dated.***
- HSI will consider pony embryo transfer applications on a case-by-case basis in accordance with equivalent pony performance criteria.
- Semen used for the embryo transfers **MUST** be from Stallions which are Approved in a WBFSH/DAFM Studbook, or a Pony Studbook approved by DAFM.
- HSI reserve the right to use performance standard equivalents.
- The recipient mare must meet the veterinary requirements of the initial examination at the Designated Veterinary Clinic as required (this includes checking the mare's microchip).  
Recipient mares are required to be registered and if no microchip is located the veterinary surgeon during the initial examination will have to insert a microchip and complete markings for registration.
- In order to draw down the **€1,500** payment per embryo applicants **MUST**
  - submit proof of payment for the Embryo Transfer procedure by the '60-D Scan returned' tranche deadline for the relevant application tranche.
  - **AND**
  - A zootechnical certificate for the Embryo signed and stamped by the Designated Veterinary Clinic by the '60-D Scan returned' tranche deadline for the relevant application tranche.
  - **AND**
  - Confirmation that the recipient has been **scanned 60 days in foal**, signed and stamped by a Veterinary Surgeon by the '60-D Scan returned' tranche deadline for the relevant application tranche.
  - **AND**
  - Submission of payment details of the applicant **ONLY**
  - **AND**
  - Completion of Feedback form
  - Payment will not be issued until receipt of valid copy of the paid invoices, receipts, and 60D scan/ image of scan from veterinary clinic.
    - All receipts/invoices must clearly indicate: Company/supplier name and address, receipt ID number, date of issue, date of payment, ET horse details (name/UELN/Chip number) itemised breakdown of services including unit prices and the amount paid.



- Once the above supporting documentation has been received payment of €1,500 (vouched) will be transferred to account details provided in 2025.
- Applicants must be prepared to provide Horse Sport Ireland with a Tax clearance certificate should the sum of their approvals and or prize money equal €5,000 or more. If a tax clearance cert cannot be furnished on request, grants cannot be provided. [CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY.](#)

**By submitting an application, I declare that:**

- I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this scheme in their totality
- I provide my informed consent to participate in this scheme
- I understand that HSI may use the pseudo-anonymised detail in the scheme for research purposes including but not limited to scientific publication
- I understand that HSI will publish a list of awardees (forename, surname, county and mare name) on the HSI website
- I understand that drawdown of funding is subject to the completion of scheme feedback.
- I understand that applicant details and results will be shared as necessary with the DAFM studbook of origin/endorsed DAFM studbook.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicants must comply with Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine legislation for equine foal passport registrations to be eligible to participate in future Embryo Transfer Schemes. Proof will be required.

Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to use performance equivalents and will consider breeding values from other studbooks on a case-by-case basis.

Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to change, amend or update scheme terms and conditions. In the event of same, existing applicants will be notified.

Applicant and horse application data will be shared with the relevant studbook to confirm breed, studbook, ownership and any other relevant eligibility.

**Appendix 1A: Declaration or verification of registration of foals participating in the HSI Embryo Transfer Scheme 2023**

Please submit a veterinary declaration in relation to the foal or proof of the foal's passport (e.g. photo of front page or foal registration number) if you received funding from the Embryo Transfer Scheme in 2023.

\*Designated Veterinary Clinics for this scheme are:

<b>Clinic</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
GCS Veterinary	Gowran, Co. Kilkenny	056-7733546
John Haughey	Carrickview Stud, Armagh, N	0044-7810855087
Katarzyna Engiel-Murray	Co. Roscommon	085-1976413
Kilcash Equine Clinic	Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	052-6139461
Larry Dunne	Ballyorney, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow	01-2867146
Rua Equine Ltd	Cookstown, Co. Tyrone	004473 87808990
Waterside Equine Repro Services		087-1351359
WeCare Veterinary	Meadowbrook house, Killeen, Oldtown	085-7299290
Rockmount AI Centre	Co. Galway	091-739685
Animal Reproductive Technologies	Co. Kilkenny	087-2127865
SES Equine Veterinary Services	Co. Wicklow	087-6036006



## Appendix 2: Donor Mare Performance and/or Progeny Performance Criteria

	Mare own Performance	Mare Progeny Performance	Mare is Full/Half-sister to one or more animals that meets the following
Show jumping	<p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 4* level (Grand Prix or Nations' Cup class or equivalent<sup>2</sup>) or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO3* level<sup>6</sup> or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>Has a minimum Estimated Breeding Value (EBV-SJ) of 130 or pedigree index.</p>	<p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* level<sup>6</sup> or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level<sup>9</sup> or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 double clear rounds at National 1.45m level<sup>3</sup> or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p>	<p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 4* level (Grand Prix or Nations' Cup class or equivalent<sup>2</sup>) or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO3* level<sup>6</sup> or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p>
Eventing	<p>2 MERs<sup>15</sup> at CCI4*-L level<sup>11</sup> or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 MERs<sup>15</sup> at CCI4*-S /EI120 level or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 MERs<sup>15</sup> at CCI3*-S /EI115 level or higher</p>	<p>1 progeny with 2 MERs<sup>15</sup> at CCI3*L /EI115 level or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>1 progeny each with 2 Top 25% finishes at CCI3*L level or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>1 progeny each with 2 Top 25% finishes at CCI3*-S level or higher</p>	<p>2 MERs<sup>15</sup> at CCI4*-L level<sup>11</sup> or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 MERs<sup>15</sup> at CCI4*-S /EI120 level or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 MERs<sup>15</sup> at CCI3*-S /EI115 level or higher</p>
Dressage	<p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>	<p>1 progeny with 2 CDI/CDIO3* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>1 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>	<p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>



### **Appendix 3: Checklist**

- ✓ Online application completed in full and receipted email with details received.
- ✓ Supporting documentation showing proof that the donor mare meets requirements outlined in Appendix 2 is supplied.
- ✓ The Veterinary Clinic used for the Embryo Transfer is a Designated Clinic for this Scheme.
- ✓ The applicant is the registered owner of the donor mare (s).
- ✓ The Embryo Transfer has taken place within the specified time frame (in 2025 and an application submitted before the 18<sup>th</sup> of July).
- ✓ The stallion used is Approved in a WBFSH studbook or a DAFM approved studbook.