



**Horse Sport Ireland**  
**Board Summary Report of Key Decisions from the**  
**January 2026 Board meeting**

Dear Affiliates, Stakeholder Groups and members of the Equestrian Community,

As part of the Board & Management of Horse Sport Ireland's ongoing commitment to improve transparency, the Board have approved a Transparency Policy that involves:

- Circulation to Affiliates and Stakeholders of key decisions after each board meeting that are relevant to the Affiliates.
- Publishing of meeting notes with stakeholders and of Advisory Forums after those meetings have occurred. This will include "bi-lateral" meetings between Affiliates/Stakeholders and Horse Sport Ireland.

The Board of Horse Sport Ireland held its most recent board meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in HSI Head Office, Naas.

Recent resolutions taken and discussions on this occasion relevant to the equestrian community are listed below.

1. The Board approved the Annual Assurance Statement to Sport Ireland. This is an important Governance compliance requirement in keeping with the Sport Ireland Governance Code for Sports Bodies.
2. The Board received an update on the Strategic Planning process and reviewed a working draft document. It is expected that the Strategic Plan will be completed by March and launched in March/April time period.
3. The Board discussed affiliate engagement and the Advisory Forums and importance of encouraging and achieving strong engagement from all stakeholders.
4. The Board were updated on National Breeding Schemes and the Breeding Grant Scheme 2026 approvals were presented to the Board. Letters of Offers to individual shows are issuing shortly. Further details of the approved Shows will be publicly announced in the coming weeks.
5. The Board were advised that the DAFM Studbook Services contract had been signed and executed from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.
6. The Board were updated on HSI attendance at the Oireachtas Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to discuss passports.
7. The Board were updated on CapallÓir, the HorseSource.ie Search functionality.

8. The Board received copies of the minutes of recently held Advisory Forum meetings which have now been uploaded to the HSI Website.

Regards,

Horse Sport Ireland Communications Team