



Mare Breeding Package

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) are delighted to launch new subsidised Mare Breeding Package Scheme in preparation for the breeding season in 2026. This scheme is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under National Breeding Services.

This scheme is open to all active breeding studbook registered mares carrying their own pregnancy in the sport horse sector (performance, rare and leisure studbook breeds) during the 2026 covering season. This scheme is open to all studbook registered mares (horses or ponies) and subsidises the cost of the pre-breeding scanning and health screening along with the post cover scans up to the 28-day scan. Breeders can apply for a maximum of 2 mares for one breeding cycle.

Applicants will be asked for their details, the screening vet, and to upload the relevant veterinary reports and receipts to draw down a maximum of €200 per horse subsidy following a valid and approved online application.

Mare Breeding Package Includes:

1. Pre breeding screening (including CEM, EIA, EVA screening) and Ultrasound (US) scan
2. Post cover US check to confirm ovulation
3. 14-day pregnancy scan
4. 28-day pregnancy scan

SCHEME DEADLINES		
	Application closing	Return of invoices and documentation
DATE	June 26 th 2026*	24 th July 2026
*Subject to availability under the maximum budget allocation, this scheme may close earlier owing to demand.		

Terms and conditions:

- Reproductive scanning and sampling must be completed by a qualified veterinarian.
 - It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the screening vet with **the linked [ULTRASOUND FINDINGS FORM](#)** for vet completion and for the applicant to return to HSI.
 - Funding will not be paid where this form is not completed/returned.
 - The swabs and time pointed scans must be carried out by the same screening veterinarian.
 - This scheme is open to one breeding cycle per mare up to a maximum of 2 mares.
 - The CEM, EVA and EIA screening completed by an ISO17025 accredited lab is mandatory – no funding will be paid in the absence of this screening and related results.



- Where the mare is noted as not in foal at a scan earlier than the 28-day scan the funding will be provided pro-rata on a quarterly basis (25%, 50%, 75% etc.)
 - The full payment up to the receipt amount will be provided if the mare is found to be not in foal at the 28-day stage.
 - Scans must occur within the day ranges (i.e. 14, 28 days ± 3 days)
- Mares must be studbook (main or supplementary section) registered with a breed recorded.
- Mares carry their own pregnancy, must be actively breeding or planning to breed.
- Vets cannot avail of funding to carry out scans on their own horses.
- Applicants must be resident on the island of Ireland (inc. Northern Ireland).
- Applicants must be the registered owner of the mare in the application.
- Proof of [Equine Operator Profile \(EOP\) \(ROI\)](#) or [Equine Establishment Number \(EEN\) \(NI\)](#) must be uploaded as part of the application process.
 - Applications are not valid without proof of same.
- Thoroughbreds will be considered if they have been proven to have bred a sport horse, or they are planning to breed a sport horse (paid cover cert).
- Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to close applications at an earlier date owing to maximum budget allocation.
- Applicants must provide the veterinarian reports and receipts to draw down the subsidy of €200.
- Applicants will not be accepted if the mare's identification on the veterinarian reports and receipts do not match the identity on the equine's passport, microchip number and the application provided.
- Applicants understand that funding is not guaranteed until after approval.
- 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.
- Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to refuse any applicant from participation on the scheme.
- Horse Sport Ireland will provide the application details and results of this scheme, where relevant, to the studbook of origin of the equine in question. This does not impact your rights under GDPR.
 - I confirm that I have reviewed Horse Sport Ireland's Data Protection and Privacy policies (available at www.horsesportireland.ie or on request) and I note that Horse Sport Ireland only process personal data for legitimate business purposes and/or where required by law. All processing will have due regard to the DPA 2018 and GDPR 2016. I note that this personal data may include sensitive personal data, as defined within the DPA and GDPR, the processing of which requires my explicit consent. I note that Horse Sport Ireland and selected/approved veterinary clinics/laboratories will always honour the rights and freedoms of the data subjects, as long as there is no other overriding law which limits those privileges.



By completing an online application, the applicant declares that:

- The particulars I submit are true and accurate in every respect. In the event of any becoming inaccurate updated revised particulars will be furnished immediately in writing to Horse Sport Ireland (“HSI”).
- I confirm that I am the registered owner of the horse subject to the application and reference that this ownership statement is made in compliance with [SI 201 of 2016](#) and a false, misleading or incomplete declaration is liable to the penal provisions of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013. If there are any agreements with third parties, HSI must be made aware of this prior to the screening of the horse(s) under this scheme.
- 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 and provide consent for my equine’s data to be used for classification and studbook purposes, including but not limited to publication.
- I understand and provide consent for my equines’ veterinary data to be used for research purposes, including but not limited to scientific publication.
- I understand that a positive for a notifiable disease is required by law to be notified to the relevant authorities.
- I understand that HSI will publish a list of awardees (forename, surname, county and equine name) on the HSI website.
- I understand that drawdown of funding is subject to the return of relevant scheme documentation and completion of scheme feedback.

Applicant Checklist	
These details must be submitted prior to funding drawdown.	
Studbook Passport	Applicants must be the registered owner of the equine
Sampling Results (EVA, EIA, CEM)	Results/the lab report must identify equine via passport UELN/Microchip/Reg number and clearly indicate the samples taken and their results result.
Ultrasound results	The linked ultrasound scan form identifying the mare, fully completed by the screening vet.
Receipts	Receipts from the Veterinary Practice for the scanning and health screening included within the mare package identifying the relevant dates, financial information and mare screened.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Scheme FAQs