

**IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE SELECTIONS**

These mare selections will offer owners an evaluation of their breeding stock. Irish Draught Horse mares of 2 years old or older are invited for Selection where they will be assessed on their pedigree, conformation and movement. A veterinary examination will be carried out on the mares. The owners of mares that are classified as 'RID' or 'AID' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland are also invited to have their mares linear profiled. A linear profile will be completed to provide owners with a detailed description of their mare's strengths and weaknesses which will be invaluable when making future breeding decisions. A merit system will provide additional merits for mares that meet the veterinary and Selection requirements. Mares that meet the requirements of the Selection will be classified in CLASS 1 and those mares which achieve average scores of 80 or higher for conformation and movement will be awarded an additional 'Bronze' merit in 'Conformation and Movement'. Mares may have their athleticism assessed by means of a loose jumping demonstration. Mares that achieve a score of 70 or higher in their athleticism demonstration may receive a 'Bronze' merit in 'Athleticism'. These merits will assist mare owners with demonstrating the added value of their mare when selling them or their progeny.

**CONDITIONS OF IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE SELECTIONS**

1. Closing date for receipt of applications is **TWO working weeks prior to the inspection dates** ;
  - Online 'Application for Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Selections 2026' and accompanying documentation if necessary (naming, change of ownership, import notification forms);
  - Selection Fee of **€85** (€130 late application fee).
  - Loose jumping demonstration (optional) **€10**
2. **Eligibility for Class 1 Selection:** Irish Draught Horse mares must be registered in the Main Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland and be sired by a stallion that is classified as 'CLASS 1 (RID)', 'CLASS 2 (Section 1 – S1)', 'RID GB', 'Grade 2 Great Britain (G2 GB)' or 'RID CAN' and out of a dam that is classified as 'RID', 'CLASS 1', 'CLASS 2', 'AID' or 'GRADE UP' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook OR during the period outlined in [section 5.1.4](#) for horses that meet the Irish Draught amnesty requirements. The amnesty clause pertains to mares that are by a Class 4 Irish Draught stallion or are out of a Class 4 Irish Draught mare, are also deemed eligible to be presented for inspection for Classes 1, 2, and 3 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook. The progeny of Irish Draught Horse

- stallions/mares of CLASS 3 (Section 2 – S2) in the Irish Draught Studbook are not eligible for Selection.
3. **Eligibility for Grade Up Register Selection:** To be eligible for classification in the Supplementary (Grade-Up Register) Section of the Irish Draught Studbook, mares must be classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook; and have one parent (either the dam or the sire) classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook as CLASS 1 (RID), 'RID GB' or 'RID CAN' and one parent that is registered in the Main Section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, and have three grandparents classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook as CLASS 1 (RID), 'RID GB' or 'RID CAN' and one grandparent classified in the Main Section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as a Thoroughbred, Connemara Pony or Irish Sport Horse with recorded pedigree of Thoroughbred/Irish Draught/Connemara Pony descent. Please Note: Horses that are eligible for classification in the Main Section of the Irish Draught Studbook cannot be classified in the Supplementary Section (Grade Up Register) of the Studbook. Mares that are classified in the Supplementary Section (Grade Up Register) will retain their original classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and their passports will reflect that they are also classified in the Supplementary Section (Grade Up Register) of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.
  4. All mares must be aged three years or over.
  5. All mares must be named prior to Selection. In instances where the mare is unnamed you should immediately submit the passport and [a naming application](#) with the appropriate fee.
  6. All mares will be measured at the Selection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of mare classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.
  7. Mares must be accompanied by an up-to-date adult passport. Owners of mares with registration certificates issued by any other registration authority must obtain an adult passport from the breed society prior to Selection. Mare passports which are issued by a studbook authority other than Horse Sport Ireland must contain up-to-date markings and written descriptions corresponding to the mare presented, and such passports must be endorsed by the studbook concerned, as appropriate. Mares must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the Selection including the athleticism phase where appropriate.
  8. Mares must be fit to be handled at the Selection, including handling by veterinary surgeons appointed by Horse Sport Ireland.
  9. Mare owners must have all the necessary equipment at the Selection.

10. Mares may be photographed at the Selection and these photographs may be used in Irish Draught Horse/Horse Sport Ireland publications or websites.
11. Linear profiles and DNA may be used for research and publication purposes by HSI and by third parties including but not limited to Department of Agriculture Food and Marine and National Breeding Services.
12. Blood and urine samples may be taken on the day of Selection and are subject to the HSI National Anti Doping and Equine Controlled Medication rules (see [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie)).
13. Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to terminate or refuse to carry out a selection of any mare which is not in a suitable condition for Selection, or in instances where it may be unsafe to proceed with the Selection of any mare.
14. If the mare subject to this application cannot attend due to unforeseen circumstances, they may defer a maximum of two times before having to pay the inspection fee again.

**Failure to satisfy the above conditions will result in a mare being disqualified from Selection/classification.**

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE MARES FOLLOWING SELECTIONS**

1. Mares that meet the veterinary requirements and achieve minimum required scores in conformation, Type and movement will be classified as 'CLASS 1' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.
2. 'CLASS 1' mares that achieve average scores of 80 or higher for movement and conformation will be awarded a 'Bronze' merit in 'Conformation & Movement'.
3. 'CLASS 1' mares that participate in the loose jumping phase of the Selection and achieve a score of 70 or higher will be awarded a Bronze Merit in showjumping.
4. 'CLASS 2' mares are eligible for merit based on the performance of their progeny only.
5. Mares that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the Selection requirements for Class 1 will be classified as 'CLASS 2' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.
6. Mares that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified in 'CLASS 3' of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF RID AND AID MARES FOLLOWING LINEAR PROFILING**

1. Mares that are classified as 'RID' in the Irish Draught Studbook in Ireland will be classified as 'CLASS 1' following the Linear Profiling process.
2. Mares that are classified as 'AID' in the Irish Draught Studbook in Ireland will be classified as 'Grade Up' following the Linear Profiling process.
3. 'RID' or 'AID' Mares that are presented for linear profiling with an obvious veterinary condition will be disqualified.

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF CLASS 1 AND GRADE UP REGISTER IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE MARES FOLLOWING PRESENTATION FOR JUMPING MERITS**

1. 'CLASS 1' mares that participate in the loose jumping phase of the Selection and achieve a score of 70 or higher will be awarded a Bronze Merit in showjumping.
2. 'Grade Up register' mares that participate in the loose jumping phase of the Selection and achieve a score of 70 or higher will be awarded a Bronze Merit in showjumping.
3. 'CLASS 1' mares that participate in the loose jumping phase of the Selection and do not achieve a score of 70 or higher will remain classified as 'CLASS 1'.
4. 'Grade Up register' mares that participate in the loose jumping phase of the Selection and do not achieve a score of 70 or higher will remain classified as 'Grade Up register'.
5. 'Class 1' mares that are required to undergo a veterinary Selection after being presented with an obvious veterinary condition will be classified as 'Class 3' if they fail to meet the veterinary requirements.
6. 'Grade Up register' mares that are required to undergo a veterinary Selection after being presented with an obvious veterinary condition will retain their original classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they fail to meet the veterinary requirements.

**Note: Class 1 Irish Draught mares or Grade Up register mares will not be required to undergo a veterinary examination unless the mare is presented at Selection with an obvious veterinary condition. Mares that are presented with an obvious veterinary condition will be required to undergo a complete veterinary examination.**

#### **SELECTION APPEALS PROCEDURES**

##### Mare Selection Appeal:

Owners who are not satisfied with the results of the mare Selection will be given the opportunity to re-present the mare on one occasion for a repeat Selection at the next available Selection date.

Owners that do not wish to re-present the mare for a repeat Selection and owners who are not satisfied with the results of the repeat Selection can make a formal Appeal to Horse Sport Ireland and will have their horses assessed by a different panel of inspectors.

**The decision of the Appeal Panel shall be final.**

##### Veterinary Examination Appeal:

Owners of mares that do not meet the requirements at the veterinary examination can appeal the results of the examination providing they apply to Horse Sport Ireland to have a veterinary examination as required, carried out by the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin within one month of the results of the Selection.

In exceptional circumstances the studbook veterinary advisor may permit the mare(s) to attend a Horse Sport Ireland designated clinic, which is not the owner/mare's own vet. These requests must be made in writing and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The examination will only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the mare was failed at the initial Selection and the cost of the examination must be borne by the owner of the mare.

**The decision of the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin shall be final.**