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CONDITIONS OF IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STALLION SELECTIONS

Applications for selection should be returned before the closing date. All Applicants must supply the following;

- Completed and signed 'Application for Irish Draught Horse Studbook Stallion Selections 2027 and accompanying documentation as necessary;
- A certificate confirming that the stallion has had his SNP DNA profile recorded at Weatherby's Scientific, OR A hair sample must be submitted for SNP DNA profiling.
- The appropriate Application Fee.
- 'HSI Veterinary Screening Examination of Stallions' completed in full and signed and stamped by a HSI Designated Clinic.
- A set of x-rays completed to the specification defined in the stallion veterinary report form and taken by a veterinary surgeon listed on the Horse Sport Ireland Designated Clinics list (within the previous 6 months)
- A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) within the previous 3 months.
- A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA), within the previous 3 months.
- A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM), within the previous 3 months.
- A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Fragile Foal Syndrome (FFS),

1. **Class 1 Inspection:** Irish Draught Horse stallions must be registered in the Main Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and be sired by a stallion that is classified as 'Class 1' or 'Class 2' and be out of a dam that is classified as 'RID', 'Class 1', 'Class 2' or 'Grade-Up' (AID) in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.
    a. The amnesty clause pertains to stallions and 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 amnesty does not extend to foals with a birthdate in that period wherein the amnesty applies. The amnesty does not apply to those out of class 3 parents.
2. All stallions must be born before 1 January 2025.
3. All stallions **must be named** and in the correct ownership.
4. Stallions must be accompanied by an up-to-date adult passport. Owners of stallions with registration certificates issued by any other registration authority must obtain an adult passport from the relevant breed society prior to selection. Stallion 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 stallion presented, and such passports must be endorsed by the studbook concerned, as appropriate.
    a. The applicant is liable for any and all fees occurred in the process of ensuring the passport is correct and eligible.
5. Stallions must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the selection including the loose jumping phase. Full details of the selection are outlined in the procedures and guidelines.
6. Welfare is paramount in all selections, where an animal is deemed unfit or incapable or participating in any aspect of the selection the studbook may remove the animal from the selection without refund to the applicant or studbook classification.
    a. Stallions must not have their whiskers shaved/cut, evidence of same will incite expulsion from the process without refund or classification.

7. Stallions must be fit to be handled at the selection, including by veterinary surgeons appointed by Horse Sport Ireland.
8. Stallion owners must have all the necessary equipment (i.e. tack, lunge whips, lunge lines, etc.) at the selection. For all ridden elements of these selections, riders must wear appropriate competition riding attire (hat, jodhpurs, boots, etc.).
    a. Those presenting/handling stallions in-hand must be dressed appropriately and must wear protective footwear (i.e. boots) and gloves. The studbook reserves the right to refuse entry to presenters/handlers who are unsuitably presented.
9. All stallions will be measured at the selection, and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification.
10. Where the veterinary examination of a stallion is not completed to the satisfaction of the veterinary surgeon(s), it will be classified in the Irish Horse register as a stallion which has not passed the veterinary examination. Stallions which have been classified under a previous application may be downgraded if the selection and veterinary examination procedures are not completed under the current application.
11. All stallions will be photographed at the selection, and these photographs may be used in Horse Sport Ireland publications and websites. Stallions that are not photographed at the selection may be deemed not to have completed the selection process and HSI reserves the right not to classify these stallions.
12. It is intended to publicly announce the provisional results of the stallion selection and the veterinary examination on the day of selection and confirmed results will be subsequently published in Horse Sport Ireland publications and websites.
13. Substances that are listed on the FEI 'Equine Prohibited Substances List' (see www.feicleansport.org) are prohibited during the stallion selection process. Blood and/or urine samples will be taken on the day of selection and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI 'Equine Prohibited Substances List' (see www.feicleansport.org). Blood and/or urine samples may also be stored and used for the purpose of research.
14. HSI reserves the right to terminate any selection at any stage for animal welfare, health and/or safety reasons.
15. The Studbook vet may take additional hair samples during the selection veterinary assessment to ensure the stallion meets the studbook SNP DNA testing requirements.
16. I accept that stallion linear profiles and genomic profiling may be used for research and publication purposes by HSI and by third parties including but not limited to Department of Agriculture Food and Marnie and National Breeding Services.
17. HSI reserves the right to change Terms and Conditions at any time.
18. **Refunds will not be provided after the date the applicant submits the X-Rays to the studbook for review.**
    a. In the case where a stallion is injured and cannot attend inspection, they will be allowed to defer until the following year.
    b. In the case where a stallion passes away before they can complete inspection, refunds will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Applicant may be required to submit proof of death.

Failure to satisfy the above conditions will result in a stallion being disqualified from selection/classification.

SECOND SELECTIONS/APPEALS/VETERINARY APPEALS

Stallion Selection Second Selection/Appeal:

Owners will be given the opportunity to re-present the stallion on one occasion for a second selection at the next scheduled selection date. The appropriate application form must be completed and returned with the application fee to HSI.

Owners that do not wish to re-present the stallion for a second selection and owners who are not satisfied with the results of the second selection can make a formal Appeal to Horse Sport Ireland, under the HSI studbook rules. Appeals will be held at the next available stallion selection date, with an alternate selection panel and will incur a fee of €1,500 + VAT.
If owners choose to appeal the result of the first selection, they are subsequently not allowed to apply for a second scheduled selection.
The result of the Stallion Selection Appeal shall be final.

Appeal of Veterinary Examination Result:
Applicants whose stallions do not meet the veterinary requirements at the HSI Stallion Classification Veterinary Examination, can appeal the results of the examination providing they apply to Horse Sport Ireland to have a clinical veterinary re-examination carried out by the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them. No appeal will be considered at the Stallion Selections at Cavan. Please see list of Unsuitable Conditions.

The re-examination will only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion was failed at the initial selection and the cost of the re-examination must be borne by the applicant.
The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

Appeal of X-Rays Examination Result:
Owners of stallions that do not meet the veterinary standards on selection of the radiographs by the Veterinary Advisory Panel appointed by Horse Sport Ireland, can appeal the findings of the selection providing they apply to Horse Sport Ireland within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them.
The appeal may involve the examination of the original X-rays by the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin or, if deemed necessary, the stallion may be required to undergo further X-rays at the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin. The full cost of the re-examination must be borne by the applicant.
The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to request the re-examination of any stallion by the HSI designated vet that displays symptoms of lameness or any unsuitable conditions as described in Appendix 3, on the day of the studbook inspection

CONDITIONS OF STALLION CLASSIFICATION

1. Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) are authorised to procure a SNP DNA profile for my horse (as identified above) for identification and administration purposes within the Irish Horse Register (IHR). I understand that HSI will store the DNA profile within the IHR reference database (that is Weatherbys Scientific on behalf of the Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse Studbooks). I will provide HSI with the required sample (blood or hair) from the horse in accordance with Irish Horse Register administration, stallion inspection protocols and reference database systems. I understand that HSI may use the DNA profile and/or sample for bona fide studbook administration associated with the IHR Studbooks and any other purpose within the purview of the applicable European and Irish Legislation including population research, as amended from time to time.
2. All stallions will have to be named prior to the selection.

3. Stallion coverings are submitted online via HorseSource. Stallion owners/custodians are obliged to:
    - Maintain up to date and complete records is submitted coverings;
    - Submit the covering record to Horse Sport Ireland.
    - Noting that recording and submission of covering detail should not be conflated with fees. The studbook will not adjudicate over the payment/not of covering fees.
    - DNA verification of parentage takes precedence over the cover cert record.
4. The stallion owner must permit Horse Sport Ireland to take blood samples on request. Horse Sport Ireland may change the rules from time to time regarding the testing of various conditions and diseases.
5. Stallion owners/custodians must notify Horse Sport Ireland of the death of the stallion by means of a veterinary certificate.
6. Stallion owners/custodians must inform Horse Sport Ireland if the health or general condition of the stallion deteriorates to the extent that the stallion is unfit or unsuitable for breeding.

Failure to satisfy the above conditions may result in a stallion's classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook / Irish Sport Horse Studbook being revoked.

CLASSIFICATION IN THE IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK FOLLOWING SELECTION

1. Following the Irish Draught Horse stallion selections stallions that meet the veterinary requirements and that achieve a minimum score of 70 (out of 100) in Conformation, 65 in Type, 70 in Movement and 65 in Athleticism will be classified as 'Class 1'. Such stallions may also achieve a 'Bronze' merit in the discipline of show jumping providing they undergo the athleticism assessment under saddle (within the selection or in competition) and achieve a score of 70% or over.
2. Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the selection requirements will be classified as 'Class 2'.
3. Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Class 3.

Note: Stallions that meet the requirements for 'Class 1' classification can opt to have their stallion's athleticism assessed under saddle as a four-year-old or older. Stallions will be assessed over a course of fences at 1.00m level and will be awarded a 'Bronze' merit if they achieve above average scores (over 70%) at this athleticism assessment.

CLASSIFICATION IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK FOLLOWING SELECTION

1. Irish Draught stallions that are classified as 'Class 1' following selection will be classified as 'Not Approved 1 (NA1)' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.
2. Irish Draught stallions that are classified as 'Class 2' following selection will be classified as 'Not Approved 1 (NA1)' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.
3. Irish Draught stallions that are classified as 'Class 3' following selection will be classified as 'Not Approved 2 (NA2)' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: Irish Draught stallions classified in Class 1 or Class 2 of the Irish Draught Studbook are eligible for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as 'Approved' on receipt of a completed application form, providing they meet the following criteria which are equivalent to the Irish Draught Studbook merits of Gold or Silver based on achievements in show jumping, eventing or dressage:

- ***Show jumping:*** A stallion that achieves four double clear rounds under SJI rules at 1.20m or above ***OR*** produces three distinct progeny that each achieve two double clear rounds at 1.20m or above.
- ***Eventing:*** A stallion that has completed three events at CNC* with a clear round show jumping and acquires no jumping faults in the cross country phase ***OR*** on completion of one CNC* and one CC1*/CIC* with a clear round show jumping and acquires no jumping faults in the cross country phase ***OR*** produces three distinct progeny that each has completed two events at CNC* with a clear round show jumping and acquires no jumping faults in the cross country phase or has completed one CNC* and one CC1*/CIC* with a clear round show jumping and acquires no jumping faults in the cross country phase.
- ***Dressage:*** A stallion that achieves three scores of above 64% at elementary level ***OR*** produces three distinct progeny that achieves three scores of above 64% at elementary level.

Note: The above criteria are subject to change in conjunction with future amendments to the Irish Draught Horse Rules.

C1 / C2 Irish Draught Stallions (in the ID Studbook) are eligible for classification in the ISH Studbook as 'Approved' providing they meet the following criteria[1]:

Stallions must be presented for linear profiling

	Own Performance
Showjumping:	A stallion that achieves four double clear rounds under SJI rules at 1.20m at classes with a minimum prize fund of €250 or above
Eventing:	A stallion that has completed 3 events at EI110 with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC **OR** completes one EI110 and either one CCI*/CIC* (up to 2018) or one CCI2*-S/L (from 2019) with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC
Dressage:	A stallion that achieved 3 scores of above 64% at elementary level

[1] Equivalent to Gold/Silver merits based on SJ, Eventing, Dressage.

	Progeny Performance[2]
Showjumping:	A stallion that produces 3 progeny that each achieve 2 double clear rounds at 1.20m level or above
Eventing:	A stallion that produces 3 progeny that each has completed 2 events at EI110 with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC **OR** has completed one EI110 and either one CCI*/CIC* (up to 2018) or one CCI2*-S/L (from 2019) with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.
Dressage:	A stallion that has produced 3 progeny that achieve 3 scores of above 64% at elementary level.

[2] Includes progeny registered in the Irish Draught Horse Studbooks and in other studbooks

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