CONDITIONS OF IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK STALLION SELECTIONS

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

- Completed and signed 'Application for Irish Sport 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 qualified Veterinary Surgeon from the list of Horse Sport Ireland Designated Clinics.
- 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. Irish Sport Horse stallions must be registered in the Main Section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and be sired by a stallion that is classified as 'Approved', 'Supplementary Approved (SA)', 'Preliminary Approved (PA)', 'Stage 1 (ST1)' or 'Not Approved 2 (NA2)' in the Studbook. Foreign Bred sport horse stallions must be registered in the Main Section of a Studbook that is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH).
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 / athleticism phase. Full details of the selection are outlined in the procedures and guidelines.
6. Welfare is paramount to 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 handling 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 must be photographed at the selection and these photographs may be used in Irish Sport Horse/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 HSI Irish Sport Horse/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.

Please note: Horse Sport Ireland will not issue classification of stallions until all payment/application requirements are met.
For stallions that apply and meet the Stage 1 requirements, the Stage 2 assessment fee will have to paid at the inspection before their ridden assessment is facilitated.

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 carried out at a Designated Clinic, 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.

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.

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 IHR 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 in 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 Sport Horse Studbook being revoked.

CLASSIFICATION OF SPORT HORSE STALLIONS FOLLOWING STAGE 1 SELECTIONS

1. Following the Stage 1 selection Irish Sport Horse and foreign bred stallions will be classified as 'Stage 1 (ST1)' if they pass the veterinary selection or 'Not Approved 2 (NA2)' if they do not meet the required standards of the veterinary examination.

2. Stallions that achieve a qualifying score at the Stage 1 selection are eligible to participate in Stage 2 of the selection process.
3. Stallions that do not meet the required standard at Stage 1 selection and pass the veterinary examination cannot participate in Stage 2 or Stage 3 of the stallion selection process but can subsequently be upgraded to 'Approved' if they meet the following performance requirements:

- Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage.

OR

- Have produced two progeny that have jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage.

CLASSIFICATION OF SPORT HORSE STALLIONS FOLLOWING STAGE 2 SELECTIONS

1. Following the Stage 2 selection stallions will be classified as 'Preliminary Approved (PA)' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they achieve a qualifying score in athleticism at the Stage 2 selection and meet the veterinary criteria and will remain in 'Preliminary Approved (PA)' until they are a maximum of 14 years of age.
   From 6 years of age onwards their classification will be reviewed based on their own performance and their progeny performance. If they meet the performance criteria they will be classified as "Approved" and if they do not meet the performance criteria they will be classified as "Not Approved 1 (NA1)".
2. Stallions that do not meet the required standard at Stage 2 selection and meet the veterinary requirements will retain their classification of "Stage 1 (ST1)". "Not Approved 1 (NA1)" & Stage 1 (ST1) stallions can subsequently be upgraded to 'Approved' if they meet the one of the following performance requirements:

- Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage.

Or

- Have produced two progeny that have jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage.

3. Stallions that do not meet the required standard at Stage 2 selection and do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as "Not Approved 2 (NA2)".

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

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please note: 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.