

Embryo Transfer Scheme 2020 Eligibility, Terms & Conditions

(*If you've received funding before for this scheme before please see **Appendix 1A** before completing)

Please note that the closing date for receipt of applications is **5.00pm on Friday 28th August 2020**. Applications will be deemed to be invalid if they are incomplete or do not contain the relevant supporting documentation. Applications must be submitted to Lorraine McMahon, Horse Sport Ireland, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co Kildare, W91 TK7N. Phone. Tel: 045 854517; Email: lmcmahon@horsesportireland.ie.

Before completing this application form please read the Eligibility Criteria (Appendix 1), the Donor Mare Performance and/or Progeny Performance Criteria (Appendix 2 a or 2b for TIH applicants if oversubscribed) and ensure that you have submitted all of the supporting documentation outlined in the checklist (Appendix 3).

Appendix 1: Terms and Conditions of the HSI Embryo Transfer Scheme

- **Applicants must be the registered owner of the donor mare(s) subject to the application.**
- Applicants must be resident in the Republic of Ireland.
- Donor mares must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
 - Be registered/endorsed in a DAFM approved studbook.
 - Be three years old or more.
 - Meet veterinary requirements of the initial examination at the *Designated Veterinary Clinic as required.
 - Provide verified results demonstrating that the mare meets the performance and/or progeny performance criteria outlined in Appendix 2. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the donor mare meets the performance requirement. Applications received without verified results will not be processed.
- Traditional Irish Horse donor mares must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
 - Be registered/endorsed in a DAFM approved studbook.
 - Be three years old or more.
 - Meet veterinary requirements of the initial examination at the *Designated Veterinary Clinic as required.
 - Provide verified results demonstrating that the mare meets the performance and/or progeny performance criteria outlined in Appendix 2a if oversubscribed.

Appendix 1 Continued: Terms and Conditions of the HSI Embryo Transfer Scheme

- The Embryo Transfer procedure **MUST** be carried out at a veterinary clinic which is designated for this scheme and **MUST** take place after the 1st March and an application must be submitted before the 28th August 2020 and the verification of pregnancy must be received by HSI by 30th October 2020.
- In exceptional circumstances HSI will consider applications on a case by case basis from overseas veterinary clinics where the donor and recipient mares are based in Ireland.
- HSI will consider pony embryo transfer applications on a case by case basis.
- Semen used for the embryo transfers **MUST** be from Stallions which are Approved in a WBFSH/DAFM Studbook or a Pony Studbook approved by DAFM.

- Semen used for the Traditional Irish Horse embryo transfers **MUST** be from Stallions recorded as Traditional/TB which are Approved in a WBFSH/DAFM Studbook or a Studbook approved by DAFM.
- In the event of oversubscription to the program the awarding of the grant will be allocated to the donor mare with the best performance ratings or EBV's and also to ensure that a sufficient balance across the disciplines is achieved.
- HSI reserve the right to use performance standard equivalents.
- The recipient mare must meet the veterinary requirements of the initial examination at the Designated Veterinary Clinic as required (this includes checking the mare's microchip). Recipient mares are required to be registered and if no microchip is located the veterinary surgeon during the initial examination will have to insert a microchip and complete markings for registration.
- In order to draw down the €600 payment per embryo applicants **MUST**
 - submit proof of payment for the Embryo Transfer procedure by the 30th October 2020, **AND**
 - A zootechnical certificate for the Embryo signed and stamped by the Designated Veterinary Clinic by the 30th October 2020, **AND**
 - Confirmation that the recipient has been scanned 60 days in foal, signed and stamped by a Veterinary Surgeon by the 30th October 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must comply with Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine legislation for equine foal passport registrations to be eligible to participate in future Embryo Transfer Schemes. Proof will be required.

*Please note that there is a maximum amount of ET Scheme applications approved for each category -High performance animals and Traditional animals. The Traditional animal applications will be required to submit performance information if the category is oversubscribed. To allow for maximum uptake of the Scheme the categories may be amalgamated.

Appendix 1A: Declaration or verification of registration of foals participating in the HSI Embryo Transfer Schemes 2017, 2018 & 2019

- Please submit a veterinary declaration in relation to the foal or proof of the foal's passport (e.g. photo of front page or foal registration number) if you received funding from the Embryo Transfer Scheme in 2017, 2018 or 2019.

*Designated Veterinary Clinics for this scheme are:

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| • Andrea Carli, Animal Reproductive Technologies, Co. Kilkenny. | T. 087-2127865 |
| • Carmel Welsh, Kilcash Equine Clinic, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. | T. 052-6139461 |
| • Katarzyna Engiel-Murray, Co. Roscommon. | T. 085-1976413 |
| • Larry Dunne, Ballyvorney, Co. Wicklow. | T. 01-2867146 |
| • Philip McManus, Glenina Vet Clinic/Rockmount AI Centre, Co. Galway. | T. 091-752014 |
| • Tim Brennan, Gowran Castle Stud, Gowran, Co Kilkenny. | T. 056-7726836 |

Appendix 2: Donor Mare Performance and/or Progeny Performance Criteria

	Mare own Performance	Mare Progeny Performance	Mare is Full/Half-sister to one or more animals that meets the following
Show jumping	<p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 4* level (Grand Prix or Nations' Cup class or equivalent²) or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO3* level⁶ or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Has a minimum Estimated Breeding Value (EBV-SJ) of 130 or pedigree index.</p>	<p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* level⁶ or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level⁹ or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 double clear rounds at National 1.45m level³ or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p>	<p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 4* level (Grand Prix or Nations' Cup class or equivalent²) or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO3* level⁶ or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p>
Eventing	<p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI4*-L level¹¹ or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI4*-S /EI120 level or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI3*-S /EI115 level or higher</p>	<p>1 progeny with 2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI3*L /EI115 level or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>1 progeny each with 2 Top 25% finishes at CCI3*L level or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>1 progeny each with 2 Top 25% finishes at CCI3*-S level or higher</p>	<p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI4*-L level¹¹ or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI4*-S /EI120 level or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI3*-S /EI115 level or higher</p>
Dressage	<p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>	<p>1 progeny with 2 CDI/CDIO3* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>1 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>	<p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>

Appendix 2 (a): Donor Mare Performance and/or Progeny Performance Criteria for Traditional Irish Horses if oversubscribed

	Mare own Performance	Mare Progeny Performance	Mare is Full/Half-sister to one or more animals that meets the following
Show jumping	<p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO3* level⁶ or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 double clear rounds in National (1.30m or higher) which can be verified by SJI records</p>	<p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level⁹ or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 double clear rounds at National 1.45m level³ or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>1 progeny with 2 double clear rounds in National (1.30m or higher) which can be verified by SJI records</p>	<p>2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO3* level⁶ or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 double clear rounds in National (1.40m) or Premier GP (1.50m) which can be verified by SJI records</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 double clear rounds in National (1.30m or higher) which can be verified by SJI records</p>
Eventing	<p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI4*-S /EI120 level or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI3*-S /EI115 level or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 top 10% finishes at CCI2*-S level or higher</p>	<p>1 progeny each with 2 Top 25% finishes at CCI3*-L level or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>1 progeny each with 2 Top 25% finishes at CCI3*-S /EI115 level or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>1 progeny with 2 top 10% finishes at CCI2*-S level or higher</p>	<p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI4*-S /EI120 level or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 MERs¹⁵ at CCI3*-S /EI115 level or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 top 10% finishes at CCI2*-S level or higher</p>
Dressage	<p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>	<p>1 progeny with 2 CDI/CDIO3* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>1 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>	<p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO4*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 placings at CDI/CDIO3*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>2 placings at CDI2*level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher</p>

Appendix 3: Checklist

- ✓ Section 1 and 2 of the application are completed in full and Section 3 is signed/dated.
- ✓ Supporting documentation showing proof that the donor mare meets requirements outlined in Appendix 2 is supplied. Only required from the Traditional category if oversubscribed.
- ✓ The Veterinary Clinic used for the Embryo Transfer is a Designated Clinic for this Scheme.
- ✓ The applicant is the registered owner of the donor mare (s).
- ✓ The Embryo Transfer has taken place within the specified time frame (after the 1st March and an application submitted before the 28th August).
- ✓ The stallion used is Approved in a WBFSH studbook or a DAFM approved studbook.