

HSI Stallion Health Screening Scheme 2022

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) are delighted to offer subsidised reproductive health screening/sampling in conjunction with the HSI designated clinics and Stallion Radiography Veterinary Panel for all stallions active in the sport horse sector during the 2022 covering season. This scheme is funded the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will include screening for sport horse sector stallions standing in Ireland for:

- Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA),
- Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA),
- Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) and,
- Fragile Foal Syndrome (FFS) where applicable.

The safeguarding of the equine national health status and the reproductive health of stallions is of vital importance. As part of the Horse Sport Ireland Code of Practice, this reproductive health screening should be undertaken annually. Further, an increasing number of breeders (mare owners) have been requesting stallion owners for this information. Therefore, Horse Sport Ireland is now assisting all stallion owners to fulfil their recommendations for the 2022 breeding season.

All horses testing negative will have their status published online in 2022.

Stallion owners can sign up for the scheme using an online form available at:

<https://www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding/initiatives> and will receive a reference code by return email.

Scheduling of the screening is the responsibility of the stallion owner and selected designated clinic or veterinary practice. This scheme operates on a first come first served basis up to the maximum allocation facilitated by the existing budget allocation. Horse Sport Ireland will subsidise the cost of screening/sampling up to a maximum of €180 (ex VAT).

At the screening, all stallions will be required to be identified, measured, confirmed as entire and accompanied by their passport. As part of the terms and conditions of the scheme, all results will be shared with the stallion owner and Horse Sport Ireland by the veterinary clinic and Horse Sport Ireland may subsequently publish all negative results.

What data will be collected?

Stallion owners will be required to provide the following details in an *online application*:

Breeder/owner

- Name
- Postal address
- Mobile
- Email
- Statement of informed consent

Stallion

- Name
- UELN
- Breed
- Sire
- Dam
- Studbook

Applications to the scheme should be made directly online at Horse Sport Ireland. All online applicants will receive an email containing their application confirmation.

Sampling

Upon receipt of a valid online application, Horse Sport Ireland will send an approval email to the stallion owner and veterinary clinic. Horse Sport Ireland will subsidise the cost of screening/sampling up to a receipted maximum of €180 (ex VAT).

Analysis

Swabs will be collected at a designated veterinary clinic and sent to an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory for analysis to determine the EVA, EIA and CEM status of the animal, as well as FFS if applicable.

How will your data be used?

Information and data gained from participation in the Stallion Reproductive Health Screening scheme will be used to support breeder decision making. The owner of each stallion will receive the result of the test directly from the veterinary clinic, and the information will be shared with Horse Sport Ireland. All horses testing negative will have their status published online up to 31st December 2022.

The results of all the stallions tested will be retained on Horse Sport Ireland's database for research and information purposes after this initial scheme. The Horse Sport Ireland Stallion Reproductive Health Screening scheme will help develop and maintain scientific knowledge in the area, which is currently lacking in Ireland and continental Europe.

Stallion owner information

This information will be collected through the online application. A local copy of the data will be held indefinitely on the password protected Horse Sport Ireland database, this will be protected by Horse Sport Ireland's existing data security policies details of which can be found in [HSI's Data Protection](#) and [Privacy Policies](#).

Data Statement

Pursuant to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016, my consent is required for Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) to process personal data which it may have in its possession concerning me including disclosure to third parties such as, but not limited to, HSI's Registration Unit Administrators, HSI's Breeding Department, the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM) and DAFM approved Studbooks. I confirm that I have reviewed HSI's Data Protection and Privacy policies, and I note that HSI will only process my personal data for legitimate business purposes in relation to the Stallion Reproductive Health Screening scheme, studbook 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 HSI will honour my rights and freedoms at all times, including my rights as a data subject, as long as there is no overriding law which limits those

privileges. I consent to the processing of any information relating to me, either contained in this form or otherwise, for the purpose of administration services relating to the Stallion Reproductive Health Screening scheme. I note that HSI may use the horse data supplied for studbook purposes, national breed improvement research and future promotion of the breed and that it may be used in HSI publications, media outlets and online platforms.

Result provision

HSI will report the results directly back to the applicant and the relevant studbook for inclusion on the horses' zootechnical certificate. Where a notifiable disease is found testing laboratory and veterinary practice are obligated to report all cases to the DAFM.

All breeding animals/animal products (semen) must be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate under the [regulation \(EU\) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament](#).

Publication

The data will be published in the stallion book and IHR online where results are negative, to provide mare owners with the reproductive health status of active covering stallions.

What are the risks of taking part in this scheme? Applicants are asked to provide informed consent on the terms and conditions document as part of the application process.

Confidentiality may be a concern for some participants, however appropriate data security and safety measures have been put in place to protect ensure confidentiality (see previous question).

Can you change your mind at any stage and withdraw from the scheme? Applicants are free to withdraw from the scheme until the samples have been collected by the relevant vet clinic. The veterinary clinic will send the sample to an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory who will report the results directly back HSI. HSI will provide laboratory report on a per stallion basis to applicants.

In the event of a positive result, please be informed that vets are obliged to inform the Department of Food, Agriculture and the Marine as these are Notifiable Diseases.

The Notification of Diseases Affecting Terrestrial Animals Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 130 of 2016), amended by S.I. No. 408 of 2017, provide the basic legislation for the control and eradication of animal diseases. The following diseases, if suspected or confirmed, must be notified to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in accordance with the Regulations.

In relation to FFS, Horse Sport Ireland will report the results directly back to the applicant and the relevant studbook for inclusion on the horses' zootechnical certificate. All breeding animals/animal products (semen) must be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate under the regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Colts/Stallions must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
 - Be registered/endorsed in a DAFM approved studbook.
 - Be actively covering since 2019 inclusive.
 - Stallions must be standing in Ireland and available to cover in 2022. Applicants must provide the stallion's UELN at the time of application.
- Applicants must be resident on the Island of Ireland (inc. Northern Ireland).
- Applicants must be the registered owner or keeper of the animal.
- Applicants may apply for a maximum of 2 stallions.
- Animals must be registered/endorsed in a DAFM-Approved studbook.
- All applications must be submitted before the 30th of September 2022 and all screenings must be completed and returned to HSI before the 15th of October 2022.
- Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to close the applications before the advertised date.
- Applicants will pay their selected veterinarian and Horse Sport Ireland will reimburse applicants up to a maximum of €180 (ex VAT) upon receipt of evidence of payment and copies of each stallion's screening results.
- Horse Sport Ireland will provide the results of this scheme, where relevant, to the studbook of origin of the equine in question.
- Drawdown of funding is subject to the completion of scheme feedback.
- This scheme operates on a first come first served basis up to the maximum allocation facilitated by the existing budget allocation.
- 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.
- 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 HSI 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 HSI and selected/approved veterinary clinics will honour the rights and freedoms of the data subjects at all times, as long as there is no other overriding law which limits those privileges.

I hereby warrant, represent and agree as follows:

1. 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").
2. I am not aware of any matter or circumstance that might affect or be relevant to the testing of my 2022 stallion/s for EVA, EIA, CEM or FFS that I have not disclosed in writing to HSI.
3. Any details/materials which may be furnished by me with the application are solely owned by me (or where I apply as agent, by the owner(s)) and no third-party consent or authority is required for the use thereof by HSI.
4. I confirm that am the registered owner of the stallion subject to the application and 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 stallion under this scheme.

5. All equines included in the scheme must be entire males, standing in Ireland and available to cover mares in 2022.
6. I agree to indemnify HSI on demand in full against any loss, claim or damage arising in the event of any breach of the foregoing warranties or any of them.

I hereby confirm, agree and acknowledge as follows:

1. HSI are hereby irrevocably authorised to screen my stallion for EIA, EVA, CEM and FFS through the registered clinics and for sample testing at an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory. The laboratory will return these results back to HSI for provision to the owner.
2. HSI will publish negative results on the zootechnical certificate and breeding publications in such a manner as they may deem fit, whether in Irish Sport Horse Studbook/Horse Sport Ireland publications and website or otherwise and to provide the result of EIA, EVA, CEM and FFS testing of your stallion to the relevant studbook (including in cases where they are not registered in HSI studbooks) and any other information furnished above or pursuant to this application, without being under any obligation to do so.
2. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing I agree to be bound by the result provided by HSI testing Laboratory referred to above in the event of any dispute arising in relation to this application or any selection or classification pursuant thereto.
4. I understand that HSI may use the laboratory results for bona fide studbook administration and national breed improvement purposes associated with Horse Sport Ireland.
5. In the event of the stallion being sold or otherwise disposed of to procure that the purchaser/acquirer is bound by the terms hereof insofar as any obligation herein is continuing or un-discharged.
6. (In the case of multiple owners) each of the above warranties, representations and agreements are deemed to be made by or on behalf of each owner on a joint and several basis.
7. By completing this form, I agree to provide Horse Sport Ireland with access to the information I have supplied in this form. This is in accordance with [HSI's Data Protection](#) and [Privacy Policies](#) (see below). Each applicant must review the data processing information contained within the Stallion Reproductive Health Screening scheme application form and confirm that they understand how their data will be processed.
8. I confirm I have read, understood and agree to the terms of the HSI Stallion Reproductive Health Screening scheme and how my data will be processed, shared, stored and retained.

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

The following practices based in Ireland are approved to take carry out Stallion Health Screening on behalf of Horse Sport Ireland:

Practice:

Annsfort, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary (Will Lalor)	M. 087 9959118
Ballybrown Equine Clinic, Ballybrown, Clarina, Co Limerick.	T. 061-353296
Borovalley Veterinary Clinic, Ballybrennan, Clonroche, Co. Wexford.	T. 05392-47849
Clinic na gCapall, Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow	T. 059-9722677
Clontubrid, Freshford, Co Kilkenny. (Edwina Farrell)	M. 087-2446362
Corrin Veterinary Centre, Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork.	T. 025-32766
Gowran Castle Stud, Gowran Castle, Gowran, Co Kilkenny.	T. 056-7726836
Kedrah House Stud, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.	T. 052-7441790
Kilcock Veterinary Hospital, Summerhill Road, Kilcock, Co. Meath.	M. 086-2522665
Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow (M. P. Keane)	M. 087 818 8441
Lisnagh, Carnew Rd, Gorey, Co. Wexford. (O'Doherty & Merrigan)	T. 053-9421724
Deravarra Equine Clinic, Westmeath (Mark Fagan)	M. 0872734141
Ratoath Veterinary Clinic, Ratoath, Co. Meath.	T. 01-8256213
Rinnwood House, Oranmore, Co. Galway. (Ned O'Flynn)	T. 091-794836
Tireragh Veterinary Clinic, Dromore West, Co. Sligo.	T. 096-47455
Tower Equine Hospital, Caherlag, Glanmire, Co. Cork.	T. 021-4353358
Troytown Equine Hospital, Green Rd., Co. Kildare.	T. 045-521686
Tullyraine Equine Clinic, 37 Quarry Road, Banbridge, Co. Down.	T. 028 40624566