

HSI Future Breeding Horse Breaking and Schooling Scheme 2022

Horse Sport Ireland are delighted to re-launch the breaking and schooling scheme for owners of future breeding performance sport horses including fillies, young mares and stallions. The aim of this initiative is to incentivise Irish breeders to produce future breeding horses through a designated training pathway and in so doing add value to them, provide additional information to their owners and breeders as to their negative and positive traits and ultimately to ensure that more informed breeding decisions are made. This scheme includes breeders and owners of Native Rare Breeds (Irish Draughts, Connemara Ponies and Kerry Bog Ponies), aiming to purpose these equines, incentivise their production and retention as future breeding horses. This initiative supports identifying target populations and purposes for which to market their horses and ponies and adds overall a value and appeal to Native Rare Breeds in Ireland. This scheme is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine.

The Horse Sport Ireland scheme is open to breeders/owners with young horses intended for breeding aged between three and six years of age. The breaking option within the scheme is open to breeders/owners with young fillies and stallions born in 2018 or 2019 and sent for training to a producer selected by the breeder with a proven track record in the breaking of young horses. The schooling for competition option is open to breeders/owners with mares and stallions born between 2016 and 2018 who have not yet started competing and are sent for training with a producer selected by the breeder who must be approved on an existing list of producers. For smaller Native Rare breeds and ponies, producers will be selected on the basis of their skill in a specific discipline (ie., pony size, driving, showing). Breeders may apply for up to two horses to participate in the scheme but only one option (breaking or schooling for competition) may be selected for each horse.

Breeders/owners will have the opportunity to apply to participate in the scheme by completing an online application. HSI will reimburse breeders with funds towards six weeks training with a producer to break their young horse up to a maximum of €1,000 per horse for Native Rare Breeds (i.e., Irish Draught/Kerry Bog Pony/Connemara Pony) or €800 per horse for all other DAFM registered/endorsed studbook breeds following receipt of a valid application which is subsequently approved prior to the training period. Prior to reimbursement, the following must also be supplied: an invoice from the producer, video evidence of the horse's progress (before and after videos). Ponies are eligible to receive funding under the scheme but must be registered/endorsed in a DAFM Approved Pony Studbook.

This HSI scheme has a number of objectives:

1. Support the production of Irish bred fillies to determine their suitability as performance and breeding animals.
2. Support the production of a small number of stallions to determine their suitability as performance and breeding animals.
3. Incentivise breeders to invest in the production of their future breeding horses.
4. This scheme helps breeders to identify horses suitable for breeding retention and or the marketplace.

5. This scheme adds value to the equine through formal production and market purposing.
6. Supports the market purposing of rare breeds – this is an issue as defined by the Kerry Bog Pony cooperative society.
7. This scheme supports rural spread and dissemination of funding to producers, suppliers, breeders, venues, and equine related breeding business nationwide.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Applicant hereafter pertains to the breeder/owner of the horse(s) funded under this scheme.
- Horse hereafter pertains to both horses and ponies.
- Mares and stallions must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
 - Be born in 2018 or 2019 to avail of the breaking option, or, be born in 2016, 2017 or 2018 to avail of the schooling for competition option;
 - Be registered/endorsed in a DAFM approved studbook;
 - Sires must have an Approved/Preliminary Approved or Recognised/Preliminary Recognised or Class 1 classification in a DAFM-WBFSH Approved studbook;
 - Be accompanied by a letter from a veterinary surgeon to confirm that stallions are entire;
 - Have not yet been registered to compete with an affiliated sport organisation.
 - Native Rare Breeds must be registered in the Connemara pony, Irish Draught or Kerry Bog Pony studbooks with a full recorded pedigree.
- Applicants and producers must be resident in Ireland (including Northern Ireland).
- Applicants must be the registered owner of the animal at the time of application.
- All applications must be submitted before the **30th September 2022** and all invoices must be submitted by the 4th November 2022. This deadline will not be extended and no late submissions will be accepted.
- Applications must be submitted and approved before the start of the training period.
- This scheme operates on a preferential basis, please see terms below.
 - Fillies/Mares who have been approved for and completed the associated screening under the HSI X-Ray Screening Scheme in 2021 OR 2022
- The scheme may be closed ahead of the advertised deadline if the maximum allocation facilitated by the existing budget allocation has been reached.
- Application numbers are limited to two horses per applicant.
- Horses who were broken/schooled under the 2020 or 2021 scheme are not eligible for funding under the 2022 initiative.
- The selection of a producer is at the discretion of the applicant; Horse Sport Ireland accept no liability for potential damage arising during or related to the funded period.
- Producers must not be close family members of the applicant, breeders/co-owners of the young horse, employees of the applicant, or operating from the same premises as the applicant.
 - Producers are permitted to have a maximum four horses approved in the scheme in training at any given time.
 - Nominated producers must produce the horse, no other rider/producer is acceptable
- Applicants must be satisfied as to the skills, knowledge, experience and facilities of their selected producer to care for their horse appropriately and to produce it in an appropriate manner.

- Nominated Breaking/Producing professionals' option must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Riders that have qualified a horse for the final in RDS SJ 5, 6 or 7 year olds in the last 3 years;
 - Riders that have qualified a horse for the final day of any leg in the ISH Studbook Show Jumping Series in the last 3 years;
 - Riders that have competed a horse for the final in RDS Young Event Horse class in the last 3 years;
 - Riders that have recorded a MER at CCI2*L in the last 3 years;
 - Riders that have qualified a horse for the World Breeding Championships for Young horses in Lanaken or Lion d'Angers;
 - Producer and underage rider combinations that have qualified a pony for the RDS in the last 3 years.

OR

- Producers for ponies and Native Rare Breeds will be selected based on their skill set in specific discipline (i.e., pony size, driving, showing etc) and must have relevant producing and competing experience (Kerry Bog Pony Society showing and Dublin Horse Show equivalents for Irish Draught and Connemara Ponies)
 - Nominated Breaking/Producers must provide verification of qualification for the Connemara Performance hunter class in the RDS Dublin Horse Show OR the Clifden High Performance Final Or a top 5 placing in a RDS/Clifden pony showing class in the last 3 years
 - Nominated Breaking/Producers must provide verification of qualification for the Performance Irish Draught class in the RDS Dublin Horse Show OR a top 5 placing in a RDS Irish Draught showing class in the last 3 years
 - Equivalents are in place for Kerry Pony Nominated Breaking/Producers outlined in Appendix 1.
- HSI reserve the right to refuse an applicant/producer based on the information provided.
- HSI will reimburse the pre-approved costs of six weeks of training to break the young horse up to a maximum of €1,000 for Native Rare Breeds or €800 for all other DAFM studbooks (Including training, livery and associated equine health/management costs i.e., farrier, dentistry, vet; all receipts must be submitted with the invoice) upon receipt of a copy of the invoice from the producer and video evidence of the young horse's progress.
- All invoices and receipts must be provided by **4th November 2022** prior to the provision of payment.
- Video evidence must be submitted to the online portal by the applicant to HSI and should include one video in the first week of training showing the horse's starting point and one video towards the end of the training showing the horse's progress.
- If videos are not submitted and/or the horse is not progressing to a sufficient standard Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to withhold/refuse payment.

- All information and videos provided to HSI may be retained by HSI for research and studbook purposes.
- The applicant and producer are responsible for all insurance costs and liability for both horse and producer i.e. to cover any personal accident/injury and or horse accident/injury. Horse Sport Ireland will not be liable for any damages or losses incurred by applicants or producers during the training period.
- Horse Sport Ireland will not be party to any contracts or agreements entered or between breeders/owners and producers.
- Horse Sport Ireland will have no role to play in the event of any disputes between breeders/owners and producers arising from participation in this scheme.
- Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to use performance/classification equivalents as appropriate.
- Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to reject any application.
- Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to permit veterinary equine identification and welfare spot checks for any applicants horses at producers yards onsite to ensure that the horses entered into the scheme are the same horses present for training.
- Horse Sport Ireland will provide the results of this scheme, where relevant, to the studbook of origin of the equine in question.
- In 2022, the drawdown of funding is subject to the completion of scheme feedback.

By signing this form, I declare that:

- **I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this scheme in their totality**
- **I provide my informed consent to participate in this scheme**
- **I am satisfied as to the skills, knowledge, experience and facilities of my selected producer to care for my horse appropriately and to produce it in an appropriate manner and I understand that I, the applicant, accept liability and responsibility for any damages or losses occurring to i) the producer ii) the horse(s) during or related to the funded period.**
- **I understand and provide consent for my equine's data to be used for research and studbook purposes, including but not limited to publication**
- **I understand that if I do not adhere to the schemes terms and conditions, I will not receive funding, even if my horse has been broken by my chosen producer.**
- **I agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Horse Sport Ireland against all liabilities, losses, costs, demands, orders, recommendations, determinations, judgments, damages, actions, expenses, fines, penalties, interest, reasonable legal costs and expenses and all claims howsoever and whenever incurred by the Company:**
 - i. **relating to any income tax, PRSI, levies, contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution, assessment or claim arising from or made in connection with either the provision of the Services; and/or any payment or benefit claimed or received by any person engaged by me (or associates) in connection with the performance of the Services, where such recovery is not prohibited by law:**

- ii. **as a consequence of any allegation or claim related to employment or alleged employment, transfer or employment, worker status or worker remuneration brought by me, or by any person or persons procured by me in the provision of the Services whether under contract, in equity, at common law or pursuant to statute (including, without limitation pursuant to the Unfair Dismissals Acts 1977 to 2007), or otherwise;**
 - iii. **relating to injury, loss or damage caused by an act or omission by me or by any person or persons procured by the me in the provision of the Services;**
- I/we understand that pursuant to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016, customer consent is required by the data controller, Horse Sport Ireland, to process personal data which it may have in its possession **including direct disclosure** to third parties (data processors) such as, but not limited to selected/approved producers for the purpose of the HSI Future Breeding Horse Breaking and Schooling Scheme 2022.
 - I/we understand that selected owners are responsible for administration services relating to the HSI Future Breeding Horse Breaking and Schooling Scheme on behalf of HSI and are responsible for the processing of any information relating to that scheme, either contained within the application form or otherwise. I note that selected producers will only process this data for the purpose of administration of the HSI Future Breeding Horse Breaking and Schooling Scheme 2022.
 - 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 producers 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.

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1 Kerry Bog Pony Producer Criteria

Kerry Bog Ponies Criteria

Ponies to be 4 years old and upwards.

Ridden Ponies

To be ridden by a child in a safe manner.

Walk, trot, canter, stand still and back. Jump cross poles.

Pony to attend and compete at a show or take part in pony club activities.

Video evidence of above necessary.

Driven Ponies

To stand still unattended. To walk, trot a figure of eight, stand still, back and walk forward answering to voice commands.

To be safe in traffic and at a show.

Video evidence of above necessary.

Trainer/Producer

To be selected by the owner of the pony.

Ponies to be selected by HSI based on applications and adherence to the criteria for qualification.

Ponies to be assessed by HSI based on video evidence prior to payment.