



HSI Future Breeding Horse Schooling (I) Scheme 2023

Horse Sport Ireland are delighted to re-launch the schooling scheme for owners of future breeding performance sport horses including fillies, young mares and stallions. This scheme is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (DAFM) by National Breeding Services. The aim of this initiative is to incentivise Irish breeders to produce future breeding horses through a designated training pathway. This scheme aimed to add value to these young equines while providing information to their owners regarding their positive and negative traits, to aid breeders with informed decision making.

Schooling (I)

The Horse Sport Ireland scheme is open to breeders/owners with young horses intended for breeding aged between four and six years of age. The schooling for competition option is open to breeders/owners with mares and stallions born between 2019 and 2017 and are sent for training with a producer selected by the breeder who must be approved and meet the specific criteria. 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) on a case-by-case basis. Breeders may apply for up to two horses to participate in the scheme. Horses that have been started under the 2023 starting scheme are not permitted to be schooled in 2023.

Breeders/owners will have the opportunity to apply to participate in the scheme by completing an online application only. **HSI will reimburse breeders with funds towards eight weeks training with a producer to school their young horse up to a maximum of €1,500 per horse/pony** 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

Tranche one (T1)			Tranche two (T2) *		
Opening	Closing	Invoices returned	Opening	Closing	Invoices returned
19/05/2023	03/07/2023	31/08/2023	-	-	-
* Tranche two will only open if the allocation has not been filled during Tranche one. Applicants approved in T1 must return their invoices before the T1 deadline. T1 invoices will not be accepted in T2.					

- 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 2019, 2018 or 2017;
 - 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 Approved studbook;
 - Be accompanied by a letter from a veterinary surgeon to confirm that stallions are entire;
 - Native Rare Breeds must be registered in the Connemara Pony, Irish Draught or Kerry Bog Pony* studbooks with a full recorded pedigree.
- *See Appendix 1 for further KBP criteria.
- 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 **3rd of July 2023 and invoices returned on or before the 31st of August 2023. Invoices received thereafter will not be funded.** 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 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.
- Applicants can have a maximum of two horses over both Schooling Schemes.
- 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 the owner/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 starting/schooling 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 Producing professionals' qualification 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 HSI 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 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 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 Producers outlined in Appendix 1.
- HSI reserve the right to refuse an applicant/producer based on the information provided. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- HSI will reimburse the pre-approved costs of eight weeks of training up to a maximum of €1,500. This may include training, livery and associated equine health/management costs (dentistry, saddle fitting, farriery and feeding costs) and associated livery costs (producer fee, entry fees, arena hire, etc.) all receipts must be submitted with the invoice. Payment will not be issued until receipt of valid copy of the invoices, receipts and video evidence of the young horse's progress.
- All invoices and receipts must be provided by **31st August 2023** 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.
- Animals may be required to be inspected from 2024.
- Horse Sport Ireland will provide the results of this scheme, where relevant, to the studbook of origin of the equine in question.
- For inclusion of equines registered in dual ownership, permission in written or email correspondence must be received by HSI from the non-applicant owner. Scheme approval/ payment of prize funds will **not occur** in the absence of this written or email permission.
- In 2023, the drawdown of funding is subject to the completion of scheme feedback.
- Approved equines must release permission to their genotype and linear profile (if not existing in HSI) for the purposes of research into traits and breed improvement.
- Approved equines must release permission to access equine genotype and bar chart (linear profile) (if not existing in HSI) for the purposes of research into traits and breed improvement.
- Applicants must be prepared to provide Horse Sport Ireland with a Tax clearance certificate should the sum of their approvals and or prize money equal €10,000 or more. If a tax clearance cert cannot be furnished on request, grants cannot be provided. [CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY.](#)

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 understand that the drawdown of funding is subject to the completion of scheme feedback.**
- **I understand that HSI will publish a list of awardees (forename, surname, county and mare name) on the HSI website**
- **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 2023.**

- **I/we understand that selected owners are responsible for administration services relating to the HSI Future Breeding Horse 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 Schooling Scheme 2023.**

- **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.

Appendix 1 Kerry Bog Pony Producer Criteria

Kerry Bog Ponies Criteria

Ponies to be 5 to 8 years old.

Mares, colts/stallions, and geldings are permitted.

Inspections may be required from 2024.

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.