



HSI Future Breeding Horse Starting Scheme 2023

Horse Sport Ireland are delighted to re-launch the starting (breaking) 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. In 2023 the scheme will be split into three distinct categories - a starting (breaking) scheme and two schooling levels. Continuity will be allowed across the schemes, but not in the same year.

The aim of this initiative is to incentivise Irish breeders to produce future breeding horses through a designated training pathway. This adds value to these young horses while providing information to their owners regarding their positive and negative traits, and aids breeders with informed decision making.

Successful applicants are eligible to receive up to €1000 in receipted training and associated expenses over a 6-week period pending compliance with the relevant conditions.

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.

Breeders may apply for up to two horses to participate in the scheme but only one option (starting or schooling) may be selected for each horse per annum.

Horses must be DAFM approved studbook registered/endorsed OR WBFSH studbook registered and Irish bred. 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.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

There will be two tranches and associated deadlines:

Tranche one			Tranche two*	
Opening	Closing	Documents submitted		
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/fillies and entire colts/stallions must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
 - born in 2019 or 2020 to avail of the starting option.
 - Horses must be DAFM approved studbook registered/endorsed **OR** WBFSH studbook registered and documented in their passport as Irish bred.
 - Native Rare Breeds must be registered in the Connemara pony, Irish Draught or Kerry Bog Pony studbooks with a full recorded pedigree.
 - Sires must have an Approved/Preliminary Approved or Recognised/Preliminary Recognised or Class 1 classification in a DAFM-WBFSH Approved studbook;
 - Stallion/colts applications must be accompanied by a letter from a veterinary surgeon to confirm that they are entire;
 - Have not yet been registered to compete with an affiliated sport organisation.
 - Must submit 2 videos to the online HSI portal documenting progression (starting week 1- end 6 weeks).
 - Costs must all be receipted, itemised and submitted at the above stated deadlines, late invoices will not be accepted or funded.
- Applicants and producers must be resident in Ireland (including N. Ireland).
- Applicants must be the registered owner of the animal at the time of application.
- Training must begin within 10 days of the approved application.
- 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.
- 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 under the 2021 or 2022 scheme are not eligible for funding under the 2023 starting (breaking) initiative.



- In 2024 mares may be required to be classified (inspected) in a DAFM approved studbook.
- All applications must be submitted before the **3rd of July 2023**.
- All documents must be submitted before the **31st of August 2023**.
- 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.
- 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.](#)
- 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
- Ownership of the animal cannot be changed between family members for the purpose of gaining entry onto the scheme.
- Cannot be produced at the same address as the owner.
- Approved equines must release permission to access equine genotype (if not existing in HSI) for the purposes of research into traits and breed improvement.
- 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.
- 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 up to a maximum of €1,000. 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 **the above dated tranche deadline** 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 applicant's 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.

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

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____



Appendix 1 Kerry Bog Pony Producer Criteria

Kerry Bog Ponies Criteria

Ponies to be 4 to 6 years old

Mares, colts/stallions, and geldings are permitted.

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.