



CONDITIONS OF IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STALLION SELECTIONS

1. (a) **Option 1.** Applications for selection should be returned before the closing date, for applicants having the stallion undergo veterinary examination at a clinic, other than one of the Designated Veterinary Centres, and must supply the following:
 - Completed and signed 'Application for Irish Draught Horse Studbook Stallion Selections 2024 and accompanying documentation as necessary,
 - A certificate confirming that the stallion has had his SNP DNA profile recorded at Weatherbys Scientific,
 - The appropriate Application Fee,
 - 'HSI Veterinary Screening Examination of Stallions' completed in full and signed and stamped by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon,
 - A set of x-rays completed to the specification defined in the stallion veterinary report form and taken by a veterinary surgeon listed on the Horse Sport Ireland Stallion X-Ray Panel (within the previous 6 months)
 - A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) within the previous 3 months.
 - A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA), within the previous 3 months.
 - A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM), within the previous 3 months.
 - A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Fragile Foal Syndrome (FFS),

Please note the stallion will undergo a full veterinary examination at Cavan Equestrian Centre

- (b) **Option 2.** Applications for selection should be returned before the closing date, for applicants having the stallion examined at a Designated Veterinary Clinic, and must supply the following:
 - Completed and signed 'Application for Irish Draught Horse Studbook Stallion Selections 2024 and accompanying documentation as necessary;
 - A certificate confirming that the stallion has had his SNP DNA profile recorded at Weatherbys Scientific,
 - The appropriate Application Fee.
2. **Class 1 Inspection:** Irish Draught Horse stallions must be registered in the Main Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and be sired by a stallion that is classified as 'Class 1' or 'Class 2' and be out of a dam that is classified as 'RID', 'Class 1', 'Class 2' or 'Grade-Up' (AID) in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.
3. All stallions must be born before 1 January 2022.
4. All stallions **must be named**. The passport and fee for naming this stallion may be submitted with this application.
5. Stallions must be accompanied by an up-to-date adult passport. Owners of stallions with registration certificates issued by any other registration authority must obtain an adult passport from the relevant breed society prior to selection. Stallion passports which are issued by a studbook authority other than Horse Sport Ireland must contain up-to-date markings and written descriptions corresponding to the stallion presented, and such passports must be endorsed by the studbook concerned, as appropriate.
6. Stallions must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the selection including the loose jumping phase. Full details of the selection are outlined in the procedures and guidelines.
7. Stallions must be fit to be handled at the selection, including by veterinary surgeons appointed by Horse Sport Ireland.
8. Stallion owners must have all the necessary equipment (i.e. tack, lunge whips, lunge lines, etc.) at the selection. For all ridden elements of these selections, riders must wear appropriate competition riding attire (hat, jodhpurs, boots, etc.).
 - a. Those presenting/handling stallions in-hand must be dressed appropriately and **must wear protective footwear (i.e. boots) and gloves**. The studbook reserves the right to refuse entry to presenters/handlers who are unsuitably presented.



9. All stallions will be measured at the selection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification.
10. Where the veterinary examination of a stallion is not completed to the satisfaction of the veterinary surgeon(s), it will be classified in the Irish Horse register as a stallion which has not passed the veterinary examination. Stallions which have been classified under a previous application may be downgraded if the selection and veterinary examination procedures are not completed under the current application.
11. All stallions will be photographed at the selection and these photographs will be used in Irish Draught Horse/Horse Sport Ireland publications and websites. Stallions that are not photographed at the selection may be deemed not to have completed the selection process and HSI reserves the right not to classify these stallions.
12. It is intended to publicly announce the provisional results of the stallion selection and the veterinary examination on the day of selection and confirmed results will be subsequently published in HSI Irish Draught Horse/Horse Sport Ireland publications and websites.
13. Substances that are listed on the FEI 'Equine Prohibited Substances List' (see www.feicleansport.org) are prohibited during the stallion selection process. Blood and/or urine samples will be taken on the day of selection and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI 'Equine Prohibited Substances List' (see www.feicleansport.org). Blood and/or urine samples may also be stored and used for the purpose of research.
14. HSI reserves the right to terminate any selection for health and/or safety reasons.
15. The Studbook vet may take additional hair samples during the selection veterinary assessment to ensure the stallion meets the studbook SNP DNA testing requirements.

Failure to satisfy the above conditions will result in a stallion being disqualified from selection/classification.

SECOND SELECTIONS/APEALS/VETERINARY APEALS

Stallion Selection Second Selection/Appeal:

Owners will be given the opportunity to re-present the stallion on one occasion for a second selection at the next scheduled selection date. The appropriate application form must be completed and returned with the application fee to HSI.

Owners that do not wish to re-present the stallion for a second selection and owners who are not satisfied with the results of the second selection can make a formal Appeal to Horse Sport Ireland, under the HSI studbook rules. Appeals will be held at the next available stallion selection date, with an alternate selection panel and will incur a fee of €1,500 + VAT.

If owners choose to appeal the result of the first selection, they are subsequently not allowed to apply for a second scheduled selection.

The result of the Stallion Selection Appeal shall be final.

Appeal of Veterinary Examination Result:

Applicants under Option 1, whose stallions do not meet the veterinary requirements at the HSI Stallion Classification Veterinary Examination carried out at the Stallion Selections at Cavan, can appeal the results of the examination providing they apply to Horse Sport Ireland to have a clinical veterinary re-examination carried out by the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them.

Applicants under Option 2, whose stallions do not meet the veterinary requirements at the HSI Stallion Classification Veterinary Examination carried out at a Designated Clinic, can appeal the results of the examination providing they apply to Horse Sport Ireland to have a clinical veterinary re-examination carried out by the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them. No appeal will be considered at the Stallion Selections at Cavan.

The re-examination will only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion was failed at the initial selection and the cost of the re-examination must be borne by the applicant.

The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.



Appeal of X-Rays Examination Result:

Owners of stallions that do not meet the veterinary standards on selection of the radiographs by the Veterinary Advisory Panel appointed by Horse Sport Ireland, can appeal the findings of the selection providing they apply to Horse Sport Ireland within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them.

The appeal may involve the examination of the original X-rays by the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin or, if deemed necessary, the stallion may be required to undergo further X-rays at the University Veterinary Hospital, Dublin. The full cost of the re-examination must be borne by the applicant.

The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to request the re-examination of any stallion by the HSI designated vet that displays symptoms of lameness or any unsuitable conditions as described in Appendix 3, on the day of the studbook inspection

CONDITIONS OF STALLION CLASSIFICATION

1. Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) are authorised to procure a SNP DNA profile for my horse (as identified above) for identification and administration purposes within the Irish Horse Register (IHR). I understand that HSI will store the DNA profile within the IHR reference database (that is Weatherbys Scientific on behalf of the Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse Studbooks). I will provide HSI with the required sample (blood or hair) from the horse in accordance with Irish Horse Register administration, stallion inspection protocols and reference database systems. I understand that HSI may use the DNA profile and/or sample for bona fide studbook administration associated with the IHR Studbooks and any other purpose within the purview of the applicable European and Irish Legislation including population research, as amended from time to time.
2. All stallions will have to be named prior to the selection.
3. Covering Books will be supplied to stallion owners/custodians each year by Horse Sport Ireland. Stallion owners/custodians are obliged to:
 - Maintain up-to-date and complete records in the Covering Books;
 - Submit the Certificates provided in the Covering Books of all mares covered by the stallion by 1st October in the year of covering;
 - Submit the Covering Books to Horse Sport Ireland on demand.
4. The stallion owner must permit Horse Sport Ireland to take blood samples on request. Horse Sport Ireland may change the rules from time to time regarding the testing of various conditions and diseases.
5. Stallion owners/custodians must notify Horse Sport Ireland of the death of the stallion by means of a veterinary certificate.
6. Stallion owners/custodians must inform Horse Sport Ireland if the health or general condition of the stallion deteriorates to the extent that the stallion is unfit or unsuitable for breeding.

Failure to satisfy the above conditions may result in a stallion's classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook / Irish Sport Horse Studbook being revoked.

CLASSIFICATION IN THE IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK FOLLOWING SELECTION

1. Following the Irish Draught Horse stallion selections stallions that meet the veterinary requirements and that achieve a minimum score of 70 (out of 100) in Conformation, 65 in Type, 70 in Movement and 65 in Athleticism will be classified as 'Class 1'. Such stallions may also achieve a 'Bronze' merit in the discipline of show jumping providing they undergo the athleticism assessment under saddle (within the selection or in competition) and achieve a score of 70% or over.
2. Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the selection requirements will be classified as 'Class 2'.
3. Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Class 3.

Note: Stallions that meet the requirements for 'Class 1' classification can opt to have their stallion's athleticism assessed under saddle as a four-year-old or older. Stallions will be assessed over a course of fences at 1.00m level and will be awarded a 'Bronze' merit if they achieve above average scores (over 70%) at this athleticism assessment.



CLASSIFICATION IN THE IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK FOLLOWING SELECTION

1. Irish Draught stallions that are classified as 'Class 1' following selection will be classified as 'Not Approved 1 (NA1)' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.
2. Irish Draught stallions that are classified as 'Class 2' following selection will be classified as 'Not Approved 1 (NA1)' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.
3. Irish Draught stallions that are classified as 'Class 3' following selection will be classified as 'Not Approved 2 (NA2)' in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: Irish Draught stallions classified in Class 1 or Class 2 of the Irish Draught Studbook are eligible for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as 'Approved' on receipt of a completed application form, providing they meet the following criteria which are equivalent to the Irish Draught Studbook merits of Gold or Silver based on achievements in show jumping, eventing or dressage:

- **Show jumping:** A stallion that achieves four double clear rounds under SJI rules at 1.20m or above **OR** produces three distinct progeny that each achieve two double clear rounds at 1.20m or above.
- **Eventing:** A stallion that has completed three events at CNC* with a clear round show jumping and acquires no jumping faults in the cross country phase **OR** on completion of one CNC* and one CC1*/CIC* with a clear round show jumping and acquires no jumping faults in the cross country phase **OR** produces three distinct progeny that each has completed two events at CNC* with a clear round show jumping and acquires no jumping faults in the cross country phase or has completed one CNC* and one CC1*/CIC* with a clear round show jumping and acquires no jumping faults in the cross country phase.
- **Dressage:** A stallion that achieves three scores of above 64% at elementary level **OR** produces three distinct progeny that achieves three scores of above 64% at elementary level.

Note: The above criteria are subject to change in conjunction with future amendments to the Irish Horse Register Rules.

C1 / C2 Irish Draught Stallions (in the ID Studbook) are eligible for classification in the ISH Studbook as 'Approved' providing they meet the following criteria¹:

Stallions must be presented for linear profiling

	Own Performance
Showjumping:	A stallion that achieves four double clear rounds under SJI rules at 1.20m at classes with a minimum prize fund of €250 or above
Eventing:	A stallion that has completed 3 events at EI110 with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC OR completes one EI110 and either one CCI*/CIC* (up to 2018) or one CCI2*-S/L (from 2019) with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC
Dressage:	A stallion that achieved 3 scores of above 64% at elementary level

¹ Equivalent to Gold/Silver merits based on SJ, Eventing, Dressage.

	Progeny Performance²
Showjumping:	A stallion that produces 3 progeny that each achieve 2 double clear rounds at 1.20m level or above
Eventing:	A stallion that produces 3 progeny that each has completed 2 events at EI110 with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC OR has completed one EI110 and either one CCI*/CIC* (up to 2018) or one CCI2*-S/L (from 2019) with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.
Dressage:	A stallion that has produced 3 progeny that achieve 3 scores of above 64% at elementary level.

² Includes progeny registered in the Irish Draught Horse Studbooks and in other studbooks

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST****OPTION 1.**

This application must be returned by the closing date and if you have opted for Option 1 should include:

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- A set of x-rays completed to the specification defined in the 'HSI Veterinary Screening Examination of Stallions' form and taken by a veterinary surgeon listed on the Horse Sport Ireland Stallion X-Ray Panel within the previous 6 months,
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- A certificate confirming that the stallion has been tested for Fragile Foal Syndrome (FFS),
- The appropriate application fee.

OPTION 2.

This application must be returned by the closing date and if you have opted for Option 2 should include:

- A certificate confirming that the stallion has had a SNP DNA profile recorded at Weatherbys Scientific,
- The appropriate application fee.

Please note: Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to request the re-examination of any stallion by the HSI designated vet that displays symptoms of lameness or any unsuitable conditions as described in Appendix 3, on the day of the studbook inspection.