

Reproductive Health Screening Scheme 2024

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) are delighted to offer a subsidised reproductive health screening/sampling in for all active breeding animals in the sport horse sector during the 2024 covering season. This scheme, which is funded the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (DAFM) under National Breeding Services was previously open to stallions in 2021. In 2024, the scheme has been expanded to include mares. This scheme is open to all horses or ponies registered in a studbook and will subsidise the cost of pre-breeding screening up to a maximum of €50.

The pre-breeding screening must include testing for sport horses as follows:

- Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA),
- Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA),
- Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM)

All applications and screening documentation must be submitted to HSI before the 24th of April 2024.

The safeguarding of the equine national health status and the reproductive health of stallions and mares is of vital importance. [DAFM has notified the equine industry of an EVA vaccine shortage](#) for the 2024 breeding season. Protecting the national herd against these equine diseases is vital to preserve our high health status and to maintain our ability to safely breed, transport and participate in national and international competition.

As part of the Horse Sport Ireland [Code of Practice](#), this reproductive health screening should be undertaken annually and ahead of breeding. Mare and Stallion owners should always request proof of health status ahead of breeding. All imported semen must be accompanied by a health certificate and zootechnical certificate, [please CLICK HERE](#) for more details on preparing to breed.

Mare and stallion owners can sign up for the scheme using an online form [available at HERE](#). Applicants will be asked for their details and to upload the relevant veterinary reports and receipts to draw down the €50 per horse subsidy.

Applicants should ensure that they are using the same laboratory in their regular pre-breeding screening. Laboratories report results slightly differently. It is recommended to remain with the same laboratory to allow a horse's report to be easily compared after each screening.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Sampling must be completed by a qualified veterinarian.
- Samples must be tested in an [ISO 17025 accredited laboratory](#).
- Mares and Stallions must meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - Be registered in a studbook with a breed recorded.
 - Breeding recorded in an identity document is not sufficient.
 - Be actively breeding or planning to breed.

- Stallions must be standing in Ireland and available to cover in 2024.
- Mares must be at stud in Ireland in 2024.
- Applicants must be resident on the Island of Ireland (inc. Northern Ireland).
- Applicants must be the registered owner of the equine(s) in the application.
- Applicants may apply for a maximum of 2 equines.
- All applications and screening documentation must be submitted to HSI before the 24th of April 2024.
- This funding is to support sport horses, thoroughbred will be considered where they have bred sport horse foals.
- Horse Sport Ireland reserve the right to close the applications before the advertised date owing to maximum budget allocation.
- The applicant must provide the itemised receipt and laboratory report during the application process.
- **Applicants will not be accepted if receipts and results do not identify the horse via its passport and microchip number and clearly indicate the screening date and result.**
- Applicants understand that submission of an application does not guarantee funding support.
- All results must be shared with Horse Sport Ireland.
- Horse Sport Ireland will provide the application details and results of this scheme, where relevant, to the studbook of origin of the equine in question. This does not impact your rights under GDPR.
- 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/laboratories 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 2024 equine's for EVA, EIA or CEM 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 I am the registered owner horse(s) subject to the application 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 horse(s) under this scheme.
5. All equines included in the scheme must be active breeding animals, at stud in Ireland and available for breeding in 2024.
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 and CEM through a suitable qualified veterinarian and for sample testing at an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory. The applicant must return these results back to HSI.
2. HSI will publish results in an anonymised manner as they may deem fit, Horse Sport Ireland publications and website or otherwise and to provide the result of EIA, EVA, CEM of your horse 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.
3. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing I agree to be bound by the result provided by the 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 equine 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 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 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 Reproductive Health Screening scheme and how my data will be processed, shared, stored and retained.

Applicant checklist	
Item	Notes
Studbook passport	Horse must be in the correct ownership
Screening Results	Must identify the horse via its passport and UELN/microchip/Reg number and clearly indicate the screening date and result.
Receipt	Itemised receipted detailing screening, payments will only be made to the receipt amount up to the maximum subsidy.

By completing an online application, the applicant declares 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 and provide consent for my equine's data to be used for classification and studbook purposes, including but not limited to publication.
- I understand and provide consent for my equines' veterinary data to be used for research purposes, including but not limited to scientific publication.
 - Separately I understand that a positive for a notifiable disease is required by law to be notified to the relevant authorities.
- I understand that HSI will publish a list of awardees (forename, surname, county and equine name) on the HSI website.
- I understand that drawdown of funding is subject to the completion of scheme feedback.

ENDS.