

Horse Sport Ireland Rules and Procedures.

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Rights and obligations of breeders

1. Breeders shall have the right to participate in a breeding programme provided that:
 - a. their breeding animals are kept on holdings located within the geographical territory of the respective breeding programme;
 - b. their breeding animals belong to the breeds covered by that Breeding Programme
2. Breeders participating in a breeding programme shall have the right:
 - a. to have their purebred breeding animals entered in the main section of the breeding book established for the breed and be provided with a zootechnical certificate.
 - b. to have their animals recorded in a supplementary section of the breeding book where established for the breed;
 - c. to participate in the performance testing and genetic evaluation for their breeding animals where available in the respective breeding programme.;
 - d. on request, to be provided, with up-to-date results of the performance testing and genetic evaluation for their breeding animals, where those results are available;
 - e. to have access to all the other services provided in relation to the breeding programme.

Rights and obligations of Horse Sport Ireland as holders of Approved Studbooks

1. Horse Sport Ireland has the right to define and carry out their approved breeding programme provided they comply with the Animal Breeding Regulations (Regulation (EU) 2016/1012) and any conditions of approval.
2. Horse Sport Ireland has the right to exclude breeders from participating in a breeding programme where those breeders fail to comply with the rules of that breeding programme or the obligations set out in these rules of procedures.

3. Horse Sport Ireland shall operate in a non-discriminatory fashion in all studbook/registration matters.

Under equality legislation discrimination based on any one of the following distinct grounds is unlawful. These grounds are:

- Gender
 - Civil status
- Family status
- Sexual orientation
- Religion
- Age (does not apply to a person under 16)
- Disability
- Race
- Membership of the Traveller community

Breeding animals entered in breeding books by listed breeding bodies, and the offspring produced from germinal products of such breeding animals, are entered or eligible for entry without discrimination on account of their country of origin, in the case of purebred breeding animals, in the breeding book of the same breed maintained by the Horse Sport Ireland.

Customer Charter

Horse Sport Ireland are committed to offering a high-quality service that meets our customers' needs. To ensure HSI provides customers with an efficient and courteous level of service, we have introduced a formalised Customer Charter and Complaints Procedure, [available here](#). The Customer Charter sets out the customer care standards you can expect from Horse Sport Ireland and details what you should do if you wish to make a complaint. If you wish to make a complaint, please write to us in any of the ways below:

- Email us at complaints@horsesportireland.ie
- Write to us at: Horse Sport Ireland, 1st Floor, Beech House, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 TK7N

Data Protection

Horse Sport Ireland operates in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016. By completing an application for a service, HSI will collect personal data about you, the applicant, and other associated data subjects. As per GDPR 2016 and DPA 2018 the Legal Basis for this processing is the Performance of a Contract. HSI take our role in protecting your data very seriously and will endeavor to honour your rights and freedoms at all times. As is required by other regulations your data will be shared with organisations outside HSI including but not limited to the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine. From time to time HSI may share some non-personally Identifiable Information (PII) with Non-Regulatory bodies within the Equine industry for studbook Administration and Breeding research purposes. HSI will only process personal data for legitimate business purposes relating

to the Irish Horse Register (IHR) and/or where required by law. All processing will have due regard to the DPA 2018 and GDPR 2016. HSI will honour my rights and freedoms at all times, including my rights as a data subject, as long as there is no overriding law which limits those privileges.

Horse Sport Ireland will not provide any genomic data to third party without the consent of the owner of the data. The DNA sample associated with an application will be used and shared for the purpose of parentage verification, markers for parentage verification may be shared with other studbooks for the purposes of registration of progeny. The genomic profiles arising will not be shared without permission but will be used for future genomic research under National Breeding Services. By agreeing to this consent statement, the customer acknowledges that they have read and understand the full terms and conditions available on the Horse Sport Ireland website.

Horse Sport Ireland accepts that the data provided to the studbook is provided in good faith and is accurate where possible, however HSI cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data nor can we accept liability for any loss resulting from any errors that might arise. Where an owner, breeder or other responsible person wants to update, amend or correct a registration they should apply in writing to the studbook, providing any corroborating evidence which may be required, together with the prescribed fee if required. Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to amend or correct the data at its own discretion. Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to verify any detail of an application or information provided to us.

In instances where Horse Sport Ireland consider that fraudulent, inaccurate or purposely misleading information is provided, the details may be referred for appropriate action which may include referral to authorities engaged in crime / fraud prevention.

For further information please refer to www.horsesportireland.ie/privacy.